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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Financial Controller - Cargo Worldwide Lanka Pvt Ltd, Colombo
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SRI LANKA

Mar 2025 - Present

As Financial Controller, I am responsible for overseeing the full spectrum of financial operations to ensure the organization's financial health, accuracy, and compliance. My role involves leading budgeting, forecasting, and financial reporting processes, while providing strategic financial insights to support executive decision-making. I manage internal controls, cash flow, and risk management, ensuring all statutory requirements and deadlines are met. Additionally, I collaborate closely with senior management to develop financial strategies that drive business growth, improve profitability, and enhance operational efficiency. With strong analytical skills and attention to detail, I play a key role in optimizing financial performance and maintaining the integrity of financial data across the organization.

Key Responsibilities

- Preparation and analysis of monthly, quarterly, and annual financial reports.
- Implementation and maintenance of robust internal controls.
- Cash flow management and working capital optimization.
- Ensuring compliance with tax, statutory, and regulatory requirements.
- Business partnering with senior leadership for strategic planning.
- Leading financial audits and liaising with external auditors.
- Identifying opportunities for process improvement and cost efficiencies.
- Overseeing the finance team to ensure accuracy and timeliness of financial data.

Business Development Executive
Hayleys Advantis Ltd (Expelogix), Colombo
SRI LANKA

Jun 2022 - Mar 2025

In my role as a Business Development Executive within the freight forwarding sector, I was responsible for driving business growth by identifying new opportunities, expanding the customer base, and strengthening client relationships. I conducted in-depth market research and trend analysis to identify opportunities for expansion into new markets, contributing to the company's strategic growth. I actively generated and managed sales leads, nurtured prospect relationships, and promoted the company's logistics and freight forwarding services. Representing the company at industry events and client meetings, I consistently worked to enhance brand visibility and market presence. My responsibilities included developing and implementing effective sales strategies, negotiating and closing deals, and ensuring high levels of customer satisfaction. I collaborated closely with sales teams and senior leadership to secure, retain, and grow key accounts, while demonstrating strong analytical skills, time management, and the ability to work independently or as part of a team.

In my role as a Finance Executive in the freight forwarding sector, I was responsible for managing a wide range of finance and accounting functions to support the company's financial integrity and operational efficiency. My key focus areas included supervising the accounts payable function, ensuring timely and accurate payments, and preparing essential financial reports for management and statutory purposes. Sep 2019 - Jun 2022 Work experience I handled all cheque payments, petty cash, cash disbursements, and bank-to-bank transfers, while also preparing detailed overhead analysis reports to support monthly review meetings at both company and group levels. I independently prepared management information reports for audits, P&L schedules, and various statutory requirements including VAT, Income Tax, PAYE, Stamp Duty, and SVAT. Additionally, I managed the preparation and posting of expense accruals, developed audit schedules for monthly expenses, and ensured compliance with tax regulations by liaising with suppliers, customers, and tax authorities. I was also responsible for resolving payment disputes, processing company credit card and mobile bill payments, and conducting physical asset verification ahead of year-end reporting.

Key Responsibilities

- Supervised Accounts Payable function ensuring accurate and timely payments Handled cheque payments, pay orders, petty cash, cash payments, and bank transfers.
- Prepared periodic overhead analysis reports for management and group-level review.
- Developed management reports for audits, P&L schedules, VAT input, and other statutory requirements.
- Prepared and posted journals for expense accruals and maintained audit schedules.
- Prepared and submitted statutory payments including VAT, Income Tax, PAYE, and Stamp Duty to Inland Revenue.
- Resolved payment disputes through effective communication with service providers.
- Prepared SVAT vouchers and ensured compliance with tax regulations.
- Maintained and processed company credit card and mobile bill payments.
- Conducted year-end physical asset verification.

As a Finance Intern, I was responsible for supporting the finance team with day-to-day operations and ensuring the accuracy of financial processes. My key tasks included preparing VAT reports and assisting with the submission and compilation of SVAT vouchers, ensuring compliance with Inland Revenue requirements through the RAMIS system. Additionally, I managed the processing of company credit card and mobile bill payments and provided support in making supplier payments. This role allowed me to gain practical exposure to key financial operations, develop attention to detail, and enhance my understanding of tax compliance and payment processes within a corporate environment.

EDUCATION

Master In Administration Specialized in Business Analytics Cardiff Metropolitan University

2024 - 2025

Successfully completed an MBA with a specialization in Business Analytics, awarded with Merit. The program equipped me with advanced knowledge in data-driven decision-making, strategic business management, and analytical tools to solve complex business problems. Through this qualification, I developed strong competencies in statistical analysis, data visualization, and business intelligence, enabling me to make informed, evidence-based decisions that drive organizational performance.

Key Areas of Study

- Business Analytics and Data-Driven Decision Making
- Strategic Management and Leadership
- Financial Analysis and Performance Management
- Data Visualization and Interpretation
- Business Intelligence and Predictive Analytics
- Research Methods and Applied Business Projects

CIMA - Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Completed CIMA up to the Operational Level and currently pursuing the remaining two levels (Management and Strategic). This globally recognized qualification has strengthened my expertise in management accounting, financial reporting, and business operations, with a strong focus on strategic decision-making and financial performance management. Through my studies, I have developed a solid foundation in financial planning, risk management, and cost control, preparing me to contribute effectively to financial and strategic aspects of an organization.

Key Areas Covered

- Management Accounting and Financial Reporting
- Budgeting, Costing, and Performance Analysis
- Business Economics and Financial Strategy
- Risk Management and Operational Decision-Making
- Strong foundation in strategic and management-level principles (in progress)

Diploma In Psychology

2025 - Present

Currently reading for my Diploma in Psychology, which provides a comprehensive understanding of human behaviour, mental processes, and psychological principles. The program covers a broad range of theoretical and applied areas, enhancing my knowledge of individual and group psychology across various settings. As part of this diploma, I am gaining insights into key fields such as child psychology, educational psychology, health psychology, and abnormal psychology. I am also developing practical knowledge in counselling psychology, applied psychology, and stress and coping management, along with an understanding of the evolving role of artificial intelligence in psychology.

SKILLS

Personal Skills

- Strong analytical thinking
- Detail-oriented
- Strategic decision-making
- Leadership and team management
- Time management

Software

- Microsoft Office

Language

- Fluent in Sinhala and English.
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REFERENCES

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DECLARATION

I hereby certify that the information provided here is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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