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I've spent 17 years in service at South Africa's revenue authority, in various roles. I've worked as a:

- Tax Auditor, unwinding complex structured finance transaction in the financial services sector;
- Policy Analyst in the Office of the Commissioner, responding to Cabinet Memoranda and providing strategy and policy advice;
- Senior Manager: Auditor General (AG) Engagement, liaising with the AGSA and Internal Audit to ensure SARS attained clean audit reports;
- Senior Specialist, leading teams in the investigations of high profile, high priority projects concerned with serious tax offences, syndicated frauds and the illicit economy.
- Senior Manger & later the Executive (Acting) over Evidence Management & Technical Support, managing a multi-disciplinary team that provided strategic, tactical information, liaison, technical & digital forensic laboratory support to investigations of serious tax offences and syndicated frauds.
- Senior Manager in Investigative Audit, managing a sub-unit responsible for in-depth audits aimed at enhancing compliance with the legislation administered by SARS.

Currently I am a Senior Manager in the Illicit Economy Unit, which executes forensic investigations, debt recovery and litigation of financial crimes (e.g. IFFs) and deters non-compliance through hard enforcement actions aimed at making it hard and costly for taxpayers who do not comply with their tax obligations.

My highest qualification is the Master of Commerce (Taxation). Other qualifications include a Certificate in Fraud Examination. I've been a student of the Academy since 2013.

When I am not working, I enjoy crafting and hiking.