



## Name:

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## Country:

South Africa

## Company:

Tessara (Pty) Ltd.

## Job Title:

Quality Management Systems Specialist

## About you...

As a young science professional (Analytical Chemist) who came out of Varsity, much of what I knew of the corporate world was what I could see, little did I know of the organisational operations and compliance that constitutes them. Joining Tessara as a junior research scientist for four years and later being in the Quality, Product Safety and Compliance field has brought a better understanding of the organisational operations from product development to product safety and regulatory compliance. This has fuelled my desire to explore more about product safety and quality in the context of global compliance.

I spend my time outside of work by mostly and most importantly going to Church. Sometimes I go out for lunch, and I read motivational business books and stories, and books about life generally, the most thrilling being the study of humanity.

## Why did you join the BRCGS Professional Programme?

Ensuring quality, product safety and compliance with applicable global standards lies at the heart of Tessara. It is for this reason that I had to join the BRCGS Professional Programme in order to protect the Uvasys brand from the product safety point of view.

## What value do you personally feel the BRCGS Professional certification brings to you?

From enhancing my global knowledge, to acquiring international recognition in product safety and quality, and belonging to a larger community of professionals, this has been an exciting and value adding part of my BRCGS Professional journey.

## How has the training helped improve operations at your site/company?

We have achieved a better audit rating, which implies improved Product Safety in the company. The training has also brought greater competency in our internal BRCGS Team, and that brings more credibility to interested parties.

## What did you most enjoy about the training?

The training techniques and delivery methods used. Most importantly, the interactive tasks provided an opportunity to share ideas amongst other participants from different industries during the entire course. This has been one of the most enjoyable parts of the programme.

## What are you most looking forward to within the Professional community?

I am looking forward to interacting with other professionals, sharing ideas on improving product safety and culture from different industries in different countries in the world.

## How do you plan to keep your skills up to date?

I will be enrolling on more training, doing E-learning and webinars, attending conferences and events to maintain my BRCGS Professional skills.

## What are your career ambitions/aims?

From Product Safety and Quality to Global Food Safety Compliance, I want to be recognised as an expert.