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|  | 07340257798 | [darren1996d@outlook.com](mailto:darren1996d@outlook.com)  Currently I am working at McCarthy and Stone, as an Assistant Quantity Surveyor. During this time, I have worked across a number of projects, whilst being the sole commercial responsibility for a project myself. |

Experience

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|  | February 2019 – Present (Assistant Quantity Surveyor):  During this time, I have worked across numerous projects simultaneously, ranging between £2million to £6million. The role required me to pick up the mantle of a project which was approximately halfway through completion. Doing this required me to quickly get up to speed with the budget, current costs and end of life projections.  While completing this project valued at approximately £3million I had to complete full reconciliations of previous costs, contracts and other agreements between various parties. In doing so I had a much closer contact and dealings with subcontractors and other stakeholders externally and within the business to aide my understanding of the project.  Regular site visits were a key to this, which would allow me to discuss, confirm and when required, dispute subcontractor claims. Working closely with office and site teams allowed me to discuss candidly with colleagues the operations and procedures in place, and where they needed improvement.  Coupling this knowledge with my own observations allowed me to create robust systems of record keeping which in turn proved to be useful to site teams to be aware of the works required, and the timescale which they were to be completed by.  June 2018 – February 2019 (Assistant Quantity Surveyor):  Following my joining of Amey Highways I looked at various specifications of works, within a wide array of values ranging from £100 - £400,000. This multitude of small works along with various larger schemes has allowed me to develop well-mannered approaches to dealing with large workloads whilst also delivering on tight deadlines due to political pressures of the works.  Due to the nature of the works being completed, regular checks were required on site which gave me insight and experience into completing site measurements to quantify subcontractor applications. These measurements would then be compared with subcontractor figures, on occasion these figures would not be agreeable. This would usually result in non-contractual discussions with the contractor to come to an agreeable compromise and if none could be reached then a joint measurement would be taken to come to a final resolution.  Along with this the handling of contractual documentation and discussions with subcontractors has allowed me to gain a firm understanding of how to negotiate and come to a mutually acceptable resolution either when preparing contracts or when dealing with issues which have arisen due to unforeseen complications.  September 2017 – June 2018 (Graduate Quantity Surveyor):  Once my experience gap year ended and I returned to complete the final year of my undergraduate degree I remained with Carilion on a part-time basis. Due to my reduced hours my supervisor assigned me to a more managerial position; assisting, teaching and helping the new trainees in their duties. Once the new staff members began working it was my duty to assign them with contracts which would be simple and straight forward to ensure they would be able to gain the necessary skills for potentially more difficult contracts.  During the handover period of the selected contracts I had to slowly introduce the new trainees to the procedures in place relating to contractual matters, share my knowledge of the company accounting processes to allow the trainees to carry out payments and liaise with the accounting team to create payments. Over several weeks I would review and make corrections to drafted documents created by the other trainees, acting as a buffer for the senior staff to reduce their time working directly with the trainees. This allowed the senior team to focus their attentions on the more demanding tasks presented to the department.  Once the trainees became capable of completing tasks individually with little direct assistance from myself, my duty changed to a review process of the payments to sub-contractors to reduce any possible administration delays before they were to be given to signatories to sign off.  July 2016 – September 2017 (Commercial Assistant):  After the completion of the 2nd year of my undergraduate degree (BSc) I took a work experience gap year at Carillion plc. I worked as a Commercial Assistant within the commercial department in the Rail Construction industry. My main duties during this period included reviewing and administering payments following contract guidelines, organizing reviews of works completed with engineers and other colleagues and the creation and record keeping of contractual documents.  Throughout this period I personally managed approximately 20 separate sub-contracts, the highest of which valued at around £10million and with a collective contract value of approx. £25million, in various fields of expertise. I was responsible for the day to day maintenance of contract orders and payment as laid out within the contractual agreement. |

Key SKILLS

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|  | **Negotiation**  Whilst at McCarthy and Stone I have negotiated on various aspects of the project build, from tender stage right through to final account. In doing so, I have created relationships with subcontractors to encourage a healthy discourse. Allowing any issues relating to works completed to be discussed in a timely manner whilst also maintaining cashflow forecasts and end of life projections.  **Attention to Detail**  During my time at Carillion meticulous attention to detail was required in the preparation and execution of payments. This was essential to the role as a lapse in minor details could lead to incorrect or none issue payment, severe delays in administration and possible grievances between contractors and Carillion.  **Communication and Presentational Skills**  Whilst working for such a large company as Amey, with many well experienced staff members, has allowed me to develop my communication skills and be more confident when dealing with co-workers. The regular meetings with team leaders and external specialists have also improved my ability to illustrate my position and communicate any information to the discussion which may be of importance in a professional manner. |
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Education

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| 2014 - 2018 | BSc (Hons), Accountancy and Business Finance, 2nd Class Honours (*The* University of Salford) |
| 2012 - 2014 | A - Level, Mathematics, Grade achieved: **B** (Xaverian College) A - Level, Ancient History, Grade achieved: **C** (Xaverian College) A - Level, Law, Grade achieved: **C** (Xaverian College) |
| 2007 - 2012 | GCSE, Mathematics, Grade achieved: **A** (The Barlow R.C. High School) GCSE, Biology, Grade achieved: **A** (The Barlow R.C. High School) GCSE, Chemistry, Grade achieved: **B** (The Barlow R.C. High School) GCSE, Physics, Grade achieved: **B** (The Barlow R.C. High School) GCSE, History, Grade achieved: **B** (The Barlow R.C. High School) GCSE, Geography, Grade achieved: **B** (The Barlow R.C. High School) B-TEC, I.T, Grade achieved: **B** (The Barlow R.C. High School) GCSE, English Language, Grade achieved: **C** (The Barlow R.C. High School) GCSE, English Literature, Grade achieved: **C** (The Barlow R.C. High School) |