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CIILT Level 6 Advanced Diploma
in Logistics and Transport

What attracted you to apply for Aspire funding and why?

I was fortunate that my employer had provided the pathway to fund the Certificate, Diploma and Advanced Diploma in Logistics and Transport. I successfully completed both the Certificate and Diploma and then received devastating news that my post would be abolished.

I tried very hard to negotiate with my employer to continue financing my studies, however this was declined. I was so distraught that I had lost my job but also wanted so much to finish my studies and after discussing this with my tutors, I was briefed about the Aspire and applied for financial funding to complete my studies.

My application was approved and I passed the Advanced Diploma in Logistics and Transport.

What proved the biggest challenge during your studies?

The biggest challenge I faced during my studies was the broad depth and breadth of the assessment case studies. These assignments really really stretched my strategic thinking and how to apply this to my work situations.

The studies required stringent study time and was quite 'mentally painful' to push the knowledge boundaries but I developed a new skills set which has made me a better logistician.

What's been the most rewarding aspect of the course?

The most rewarding aspect of the course was the research based project which I did on 3D printing. I decided to tackle a new area that I had limited knowledge about and to explore if this emerging market could be applied to my employers supply chain. I learnt so much about the topic and it was really an amazing educational journey and learning curve.

Is there anything that surprised you about course?

The course material is so up to date with industry standards and current literature so when I was completing my case study assignments I was studying with real time information.

What new skills have you acquired as a result of the training?

The skills I have acquired from the training comes in many forms, such as I have improved my drafting skills, more knowledgeable about industry standards, I am much better in speed reading and more conversant about the logistics and transport industry.

I think the overall training has developed me to be a life long learner.

How did you find the experience

The experience was quite emotional but I always had the reassurance of my tutors who were always available to respond to my queries.

Is there anything else you would like to comment about your Aspire experience?

As I was given the opportunity to receive funding for my studies, it has motivated me to advance in the industry and apply the skills I have learnt and to become a good ambassador towards Aspire and the CIILT in general.

What advice would you give anyone considering applying for Aspire funding?

As the Aspire logo states – opportunity awaits !

The fact that Aspire is available and provides a pathway to acquire qualifications is really important and by providing learning opportunities to students and work towards excellent qualifications which is recognised by the industry companies and also organisations will know what to expect from a qualified candidate with CIILT qualifications.

I would encourage any student to apply for funding as you never know what opportunity awaits to be the next best 'aspire' logistician !