



1. If anything was possible, what would your dream job be, and why?

I believed that after I graduated in June of last year, I could apply to any job that related to my field of study. But a few days after my graduation, I started to consider the kind of work I ought to pursue. My family encouraged me to apply to accounting firms or government offices, but I lacked the motivation to follow through on their advice.

Subsequently, I got a message from my previous virtual assistant trainer. I recalled telling her then that I wanted to work with clients overseas. I've always been curious about how accounting is done in other nations. Their work culture interests me as well. For example, in the Philippines, accountants are occasionally referred to as "corporate slaves." I'd like to travel as well and explore the wonders of other countries.

Therefore, if it's feasible, I'd like to work as an accountant abroad. It will provide me with the opportunity to learn more, see different cultures, and visit numerous nations.

2. Have you ever experienced a stressful situation in your past workplace (college if fresh graduate), what was it and how did you overcome it?

Stress is a normal component of the accounting process, but you will ultimately cope. I tried to use stress as motivation to never give up so that it wouldn't affect how well I performed in school. One instance of a scenario I experienced was when our dean and my subject instructor miscommunicated, nearly preventing me from continuing to my fourth year of college. I cried throughout the morning and night because I felt unworthy and like I had let those close to me down.

I believed at the time that I had to change schools and repeat a year. My classmates messaged me to let me know that they had made a petition to the dean before I could locate another school. Everything eventually came together, allowing me to move on to 4<sup>th</sup> year.

Stress will always be there, and we cannot control it sometimes, but how we react with stress is up to us. Things happen for a reason, and we should learn from it and make it our motivation to continue in life.

3. In your previous position, what task did you find most challenging and why? What task did you enjoy most and why?

During my On-the-Job training at an accounting firm, I had my hands-on experience of dealing with clients, doing taxes, preparation of financial statements and working with seniors. The most challenging experience for me is during the tax season. It was challenging for me as it was one of the busiest months for accountants. I had to be accurate on data entry in the BIR system also be efficient so I can finish up before the deadline. Even though it was my most challenging task, I know I have learned many things that I can apply for future jobs.



The task I enjoy the most is docket filing of client's documents. At first, I was confused about the different types of BIR Forms, but I eventually got the hang of it. It became the foundation of my knowledge and helped me get my other task easier. I also enjoyed it as I can work with various clients.

#### 4. How would your past colleagues or managers describe your work ethic?

After ending my internship, I received an evaluation from the company. I was happy with their feedback it was all positive. It was written there that they like that I am reliable with any task given to me. They also mentioned how I take initiative with work. My eagerness to learn and contribute to the organization showed. I am also never late and am willing to work late to help the team pass before the deadline.

I became close with some of my colleagues, especially those assigned to the tax department, as most are young adults. They complimented me on how I keep professional during work hours and friendly during breaks. Some of my colleagues are also my classmates and friends, so I didn't have a hard time adjusting to the work environment. Overall, I can say that I have maintained a good work ethic in terms of my task and my environment.

#### 5. What personal or professional accomplishments are you most proud of?

I was enrolled in a special science class when I was in high school. There, I get to experience doing scientific research. Since then, I have developed an interest in research. Research for some people might be boring, but for me, it is my way to contribute to the community by finding solutions to some phenomena. With that, most of my proud moments relate to research. One of them was when I participated in a research and innovation competition offered by Mapua University. During that I transitioned to college, but I had to represent my research when I was in senior. Fortunately, I passed the initial process and was able to make it to the final round. That research also helped me garner "Best in Innovation" award during our graduation in Senior High School.

I was grateful for research as it boosts my confidence and made me realize that I have potential. Also, I didn't only make myself proud but also my guardians who supported me all throughout.