

# 60 seconds with...

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## What drew you to your chosen career in MBE?

I was looking for somewhere where I could do what I enjoy most about working – being involved in many different tasks, being client facing, constantly learning, driving change and developing myself. MBE ticked all of those boxes!

## What do you enjoy most about your job within MBE?

The variety of the work – no one day is the same, and being a small company you can really see your contribution and the value that it adds. I am also learning so much - that goes for technical skills as well as seeing how other people approach challenges along the way. Everyone is focused and strives to work smarter and continuously improve – it's great working with people with a Can Do attitude.

## How long have you worked in the business?

I started out in Life insurance 16 years ago in South Africa. When I moved to the UK I gained experience in General Insurance as a Pricing Consultant, working in a variety of different Personal Motor insurance, and Commercial Motor and Property insurance roles. I was also involved in Product Development and Project Management in various roles, and supporting with introducing new pricing rating engines to cope with the increased pricing sophistication of the ever changing Motor Insurance market (think Aggregators like MoneySupermarket!).

## What's your approach to working with people of different temperaments and experience?

I believe that if you are honest, genuine and in it for the client, that will get you far. Appreciate others for what they can bring to the table. And remember - every day's a school day!!!

## When you were a child, what did you want to grow up to do?

I wanted to be a ballet teacher...then my brother predicted I would study actuarial science when I was 9, as I demanded he teach me how to do his secondary school maths...!!!

## What's the weirdest / funniest thing that's ever happened at work (MBE / other!)?

At my first job, one of our departments had a new starter. On his first day in the office, after meeting the team and having some inductions in the morning, he went on lunch...never to return!