



Andrew Chihwayi, an Analyst with Deloitte Private in our Darwin office, offers up some tips on researching companies, websites to use, and the importance of networks.

#### **What was your experience of the job search?**

The job search can be quite overwhelming – there is so much information out there on the internet, at careers centres, careers fairs, job adverts and so on. But I talked to a lot of people and made the most of my networks and friends to get advice and hear their experiences.

#### **What websites did you use to search for jobs?**

I found Seek useful and registered for job alerts on various sites which was invaluable. I also researched individual company websites before applying so I could make an informed decision based on what the company stands for and how they come across.

#### **Did you leverage your family and friends' networks in your job search? If so, how?**

A number of my friends influenced my decision – most of them have actually been working for Deloitte both overseas and in Australia. They obviously had an impact on my final decision!

#### **How did you decide which companies to apply to?**

This was based on reputation, company profile, training and study opportunities, and on-the-job support.

#### **Any suggestions for dealing with the rejection that can be part and parcel of the job search?**

Never give up. If you're not getting anywhere with your resume it might be time to take another look – perhaps get some recommendations from friends or family who are working in business.

## Finding the job search overwhelming?

#### **Looking back now, is there anything you would have done differently in your job search? If so, what?**

Yes – I would have spent more time preparing my application rather than waiting til the last day!

#### **Once you knew you wanted to apply for Deloitte, how did you decide which service line to apply for?**

I was attracted to audit because I have always been interested in working along the compliance lines and wanted a role that offered variety.

#### **Now you're a Deloittean, what has been one of the most interesting projects you have been involved in?**

Since joining the firm, I have clocked up close to 5 months travelling within Australia and overseas. The most interesting assignment involved travelling to East Timor. On a Monday morning I jumped on a plane and an hour later I was in another country. Within 30-40 minutes I was getting stuck into the work. It was a great experience working with people from a different culture

#### **What do you like most about working in the Darwin office?**

It's a small office and that can mean it's easier to build your reputation – sometimes I'm working on an assignment with just one partner or manager. There's a real opportunity to take on responsibility. I have only been with the firm for a short time but I have completed a few solo engagements and the feedback was really positive.

### Get to know Andrew a bit better...

#### **What's the most interesting, impressive, courageous thing you've ever done?**

Move away from my family to Australia in 2001 then move Darwin about a year ago

#### **What would you choose as your last meal?**

It's an African dish with sadza, vegies (okra) and cow intestines actually! I am salivating already

#### **Who do you admire and why?**

Barack Obama. He is just a normal working class man who took America by storm and did the unthinkable and made history.