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**Moses Chege is a Life and Investment consultant at JW Seagon and Co Ltd in Kenya. He talks to us about why he is embarking on the CAA.**

I am proud to be associated with the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA) and more so through the newly introduced Certified Actuarial Analyst (CAA) qualification. I am keen on qualifying as a CAA in Kenya, where the market, though competitive, is growing to be one of the leading in Africa.

I first learnt of the qualification through the IFoA website as I was making my usual rounds and was very eager to hear about the date when CAA would be launched.

I graduated with a BSc in Actuarial Science from Dedan Kimathi University of Technology, one of the institutions offering actuarial science here in Kenya.

I graduated in May 2013, but before that, had started working at JW Seagon and Co Ltd as an intern in the Life and Investments department. After a successful three month internship I was confirmed as a full time Life and Investment consultant.

I was first involved in the day today activities of the life department but was soon allocated a group of clients on our international medical portfolio. At the same time, I was working with some of our life insurance clients where I was responsible for generating new business and updating our clients on the investments side on how their offshore investments are performing. The company enrolled us with the College of Insurance for a Certificate of Proficiency which I passed after four months.

I had the desire to pursue another professional course but one with the blend of insurance, finance and investments. The CAA was the first to come in mind. I decided to approach my employer with the proposal on whether I could be fully or partially sponsored, and fortunately enough, I got the go ahead.

I must say that pursuing the CAA is an opportunity of a life time and am thankful to my employer, and most of all the IFoA, for this new qualification. I think it will go a long way in ensuring that people have the necessary skills to work in all spheres of actuarial work, finance and risk management. I am excited to become an IFoA student and cannot wait to see myself qualify as a CAA in the near future.