

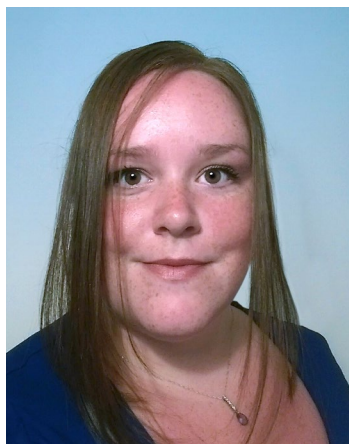


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Actuarial Analyst

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# Career kick start

by Georgina Jenkins, Institute and Faculty of Actuaries



## Sarah Bamford

**Role:** Actuarial Analyst

**Employer:** Capita

Sarah has a degree in maths but only discovered the wonderful world of actuarial once she started working.

Rightly proud, Sarah Bamford passed all the CAA exams first time, with no exemptions, in just under two years! Sarah talked me through her journey to her professional qualification and her plans for the future.

**Georgina:** What got you to where you are now?

**Sarah:** I graduated from university with a degree in maths and started work at Capita as a Pensions Administrator. It was at Capita that I really found out about actuarial work – I thought to myself, this is exactly my skills set! After a few years, I made a side step into the actuarial team with the plan to work my way up in the future.

**G:** How did you hear about CAA?

**S:** I heard about the CAA via my manager. Capita were keen to utilise the qualification within the business from its launch as it supported their business model. For me, it suited my skills and career ambitions. I didn't hesitate, I got going right away and have been supported by Capita throughout, both with motivation and time off to study and sit the exams.

**G:** That's great, so how did you find gaining the qualification and what next?

**S:** The recommended study time provided by the IFoA really helped me prepare for each exam, I put in the hours and, despite the exams being tough, was delighted to pass each exam first time! I was promoted at Capita midway through the qualification which was a real confidence boost and meant that I could see my career was heading in the right direction thanks to my hard work. I'd now like to go on and fully qualify as an actuary.

**G:** Would you recommend the CAA to others?

**S:** Definitely, I already have! With my recommendation a number of new joiners at Capita are beginning the CAA and I will continue to actively promote it to anyone who will listen!

“The CAA is a great qualification, it's a springboard into a career in analytics and really proves your capabilities to employers – I would recommend it to anyone wanting to kick start their career!”

Georgina Jenkins is the Careers Marketing Leader at the IFoA and can offer support and guidance to anyone wishing to pursue the CAA qualification.

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