

WORK EXPERIENCE AFTER LEAVING SCHOOL  
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From February, 1954 to August, 1954: After formal schooling I joined a Civil Engineering Company, a branch of a Civil Engineering Company in the United Kingdom as a general clerk and as an office superintendent. I did also survey in harbour berths taking soundings in water land survey and played an important part in Civil Engineering. Worked as a labour supervisor and did work on harbour construction.

From August, 1954 to February, 1955: Joined an oil company after the completion of the harbour work mentioned above. My routine work was in the branch of exploration of oil in the country using theodolite on land survey, reading survey charts, reading staff, general labour supervisor work, office superintendence work and organizational work.

From March, 1955 to December, 1955: I joined Auditors and did general audit work, shorthand, typing, accountancy and general office work. Knowledge of audit work and accountancy.

From January, 1956 to July, 1957: Worked with Financiers and Insurers. Within this period I did general Insurance work, office management, shorthand typing, filing, registration, Hire Purchase Agreements, accountancy. On the Insurance work I did much on motor insurance and life insurance. Have experience on Hire Purchase work and general insurance work.

In the same period I worked with Manufacturers representatives as a part time shorthand typist and did work also in accountancy.

From August, 1957 to July, 1958: I went back to work with Building Contractors and Civil Engineers as a Quantity Surveyor Assistant, doing work on squaring, abstracting, working up, taking off, measuring dimensions ~~and~~ buildings, billing and general assessment of costs. /on While working with this Company I worked as a shorthand typist, telephone operator, costing clerk, labour supervisor, storekeeper. This has given me some knowledge in Quantity Surveying and in the General Building Industry. It is while I was working in this Company that I was inspired with an ambition that I should learn more about Civil Engineering and it has been my long cherished ambition that I will one day fulfil my main objective in life of becoming a Civil Engineer.

From August 1st, 1958 to the present time: Have worked with Adult Literacy Section of the Education Department of Kenya. During this period I have done work concerned with publications, typing, translation from English into Swahili (lingua franca of East Africa), shorthand, office management and editorial work on the Adult Literacy paper known as "The Key". I have done organizational work on the Adult classes for the section and have helped in some organizational work of the scheme. While here I have also written books on Better ways of Health and Better ways of Farming.

I would like also to mention that I am now doing part time work with two Advocates in Kenya and my work is shorthand typing, accountancy and general commercial correspondence work.

General Experience: After leaving school I took some post correspondence courses in shorthand, typing, accountancy and at a later date Quantity Surveying. In shorthand I can take about seventy words per minute. In typing I can type about seventy five words per minute and in Quantity surveying I can do squaring, abstracting, taking off, working up, billing. I have learned journalism and have some knowledge in short-story writing, poetry, writing for magazines and reporting. I have written stories in Magazines and have reported to some magazines. I have done editorial work and have some knowledge of general journalism. I have taken part in public speech and have been a member of several local organizations, political and social where in many cases I have been given positions of secretary and general executive positions and organization.