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I arrived in Australia from Chad in 2007 and obtained permanent residence in 2008. In Chad I completed my secondary education and then I managed my family’s mixed business, which involved the sourcing, purchasing and sale of stock, including food and livestock. As a result, I had considerable experience in invoicing and bookkeeping and in negotiating with and managing people.

During 2008 I worked as a volunteer at West Sunshine Community Centre teaching Arabic to young Sudanese. I have a Working with Children Check which is current. I am currently undertaking the second year of a two year Diploma in Legal Services at Victoria University, Footscray Campus. The units in this Legal Services Diploma include: interviewing clients, community leadership, research and report writing, interpretation and application of legislation, drafting of documents and document filing.

My goal is to pursue a career in legal and community development. I am looking for an opportunity to be involved in community support and development and I have a particular interest in assisting recent arrivals to Australia.

I have also completed Certificate II in Security (Operations) with Austwide Institute of Training and Certificate III in Furniture Making at AMES, Brunswick. I have a Victorian Drivers’ Licence.