

CASE STUDY

Dr. Richard Clifford Demeritte is Chairman of Bank of The Bahamas Limited.

Richard studied the AIA professional exams whilst working at the Ministry of Finance in the Bahamas, combining work and study and developing key skills which prepared him for a varied and rewarding career. He chose the AIA qualification for its rigorous standards and international outlook.



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He has held appointments as the auditor general of The Bahamas and High Commissioner to the United Kingdom and later on as The Bahamas' first Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany; the Federal Republic of France; and the European Economic Community.

Richard served on the Council of the Association of International Accountants and was elected as the first non British President of the AIA for a three - year term. He simultaneously served as Chairman of

the Council during this period and continues to sit as a member of Council today.

“The AIA, with its international flavour, gives the potential for greater collaboration overseas and has provided me with unparalleled opportunities.”

He retired from the public service in 1996 and established his accounting firm MGI Richard C. Demeritte & Co, a successful and thriving practice.

He was awarded a PhD in Public Sector Accounting during 2003.

His broad experience, professional training and personal traits have ensured that Richard has risen from humble beginnings to enjoy a successful and prosperous career encompassing public service, accountancy and latterly banking.

“The AIA designation is a valuable asset; it has helped me achieve the life I planned and much, much more. Not only does the international element add value, but the AIA qualification enables you to work across the broadest spectrum of accountancy, finance and banking.”