

**Name:**

Zahid Sarfraz

**Country:**

Saudi Arabia

**Company:**

Gulf Catering Company

**Job Title:**

QHSE Head

**What is your current role?**

I am a QHSE Head, Auditor, and trainer specialized in the Food Safety and Quality Management Systems.

**Why did you join the BRCGS Professional Programme?**

To be recognized globally is my dream. BRGCS gave me an opportunity and it is the first step. The BRCGS Professional Programme is a platform for the exchange of knowledge, bringing together like-minded people, and recognizing real talent. My accomplishment gives me a sense of pride.

**What value do you personally feel the BRCGS Professional certification brings to you?**

This BRCGS Professional certification has definitely broadened my horizon in areas related to food safety practices, and its systematic approach has helped me to apply the knowledge I've learned into improving food safety management systems. It is an additional motivation and it also shows my ambitious approach to continuous professional growth. I believe BRCGS Professional certification has given a boost to my CV and it also made me more self-assured and confident in terms of dealing with food safety professionals inside and outside of the organization.

**How has/will the recognition programme impacted your work?**

Getting this recognition from BRCGS will tremendously improve my expertise in my auditing and training profession. This certification not only helps to get me ahead of my professional goals but it also helps to build trust and a sense of security in the eyes of my employer. BRCGS Certification will not only help me day-to-day but could also contribute to helping other food safety professionals, as I would like to be able to offer mentorship and advice to peers within the food industry. The recognition will surely have a significant impact on my current work, bringing new solutions, and expanding my knowledge.

**How did you get to your current role?**

My passion in life has always been to lead others with great enthusiasm and improvisation in life through training and consultation. I also enjoy developing programs and solutions to address the ever-changing food safety and quality challenges that present themselves. Combining these with my profound interest in the field of Food Safety and Quality Management system has led me on this challenging and yet rewarding career in creating a culture of quality and safety. I was fortunate to be able to work with over 50 projects and over 100 training in food safety/quality dealing with different cultures and schools of thought.

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**What is your educational background?**

I started my journey in Food Safety/Quality back in university with a Bachelor's degree in Food Science and Technology and a Master's degree in Science majoring in Food Technology, both from the University of Agriculture Faisalabad Pakistan. I am a seasoned Food technology professional with a strong base of 18 years of theoretical knowledge and about 10 years of handy practical experience. I am the Lead Auditor for the latest versions of ISO 22000, 9001, 45001, 14001, FSSC and Halal.

**What are your career ambitions/aims?**

To be one of the professionals developing the industry by increasing the implementation of BRCGS and other GFSI approved standards. I plan to become a BRCGS auditor and promote BRCGS in relevant organizations.