

Rajab Lokiri

Rajab Lokiri, an immigrant to Australia from Sudan, recently started work in mining exploration geophysics. He completed a 16 week Vocational Geoscience course at Marden Senior College, followed by a week of work experience with Zonge Engineering and Research Organisation. Senior staff at Zonge, an Adelaide based geophysical survey company, were so impressed with Rajab they have since employed him as a full time and well paid field assistant.

The father of four young children had no previous training or experience in exploration work although he once worked underground in a gold mine in Uganda.



"I am very happy with the training and work I have found in Australia, and the pay and working conditions are so much better here than they were in Uganda", Rajab said.

"I am so very happy to have the opportunity become an Australian and to raise and support my family so well".

The Vocational Geoscience program at Marden Senior College was winner of the 2007 SA Training Initiative Award. The program is part of a shared delivery arrangement between Marden SC and the O'Halloran Hill campus of TAFESA. Trainees obtain direct credit for units completed towards the (soon to nationally accredited) Certificate III in Mining Exploration and with a further 18 months of full time study, the Diploma of Geoscience if they so choose.



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