

NZ Specialists

When considering migration there are so many questions that need to be answered. We will try, but if we don't know the answer, we will probably know someone who does. Some of the topics other migrants have asked for information on include:-

- Buying a House
- Renting property on your arrival
- Banking
- Tax & Trusts laws (UK to NZ)
- Child care and schooling
- Moving money to NZ
- Moving Pets to NZ
- Relocating your belongings
- Buying and Driving a car in NZ
- Kiwisaver (NZ pension scheme)
- Tax advice on keeping a UK rental property

If you would like information regarding the above topics or you have other topics to suggest please click [here](#) and request the info. We have teamed up with a number of specialist providers who have built businesses helping people like you.

NZ Market Update:-

Welcome to the Catalyst October 09 newsletter. We have just enjoyed a beautiful long Spring weekend. Four weeks ago we entered NZ Summer time known as daylight saving. We are now 13 hours ahead of the UK; the start of our day 7:30am is now 6:30pm UK time.

The Market: New Zealand's economy shrank 3% during the recession; way below the OECD average of 5%. Our close ties with Australia (who didn't seem to feel the recession) are helping us recover quickly. Our clients have been handling the extra workload through existing staff taking up the slack, but this is beginning to change – hence there are more jobs to recruit.

Another major influencing factor is a current positive immigration scenario. The last two years have seen less Kiwis chasing work in Australia, but with Australia starting to steam roller out of the recession, we are expecting even bigger numbers to 'jump the ditch' which is likely to significantly increase demand for talent in NZ.

Great news for Engineers is that our government is working hard at providing New Zealand with the infrastructure that will stop us from losing further ground to Australia. As those who have joined our LinkedIn group will know there is much press relating to Highways, Power, Housing & Water infrastructure projects. The grand plan is to gain enough momentum to challenge the big Aussie cities once again.

This month we are recruiting for over 90 positions on behalf of our clients representing a huge increase from last months 35 or so. Last month was all about Highways positions. This month is about a wider range of design

office based roles. Most projects aren't quite yet ready to move to site, although we are expecting a massive surge in site based requirements pre-Christmas with the aim of starting in the New Year. There are just so many projects at tender stage.

We have inserted an article about the biggest story in the engineering recruitment sector for some years. We ummed and aahed about whether we should put the story into the newsletter as it paints recruiters in a bad light, but from my viewpoint it is essential our industry moves towards some form of regulation and such stories must push us towards our goal. At Catalyst we prefer to be open and honest and tell the truth which appears to be somewhat different to the mentality of our UK counterparts!!

In the next week or so, we will send you more information about opportunities in Australia and the Surat Basin region (SE Queensland) where AUS\$80 billion will be invested in some 80 projects over the next 5 years. If you ever wanted to migrate to Australia, we may just have found a back door route.

Finally – please join our LinkedIn group (instructions attached) the latest article discusses the huge opportunity for Civil Engineers in NZ with our major projects coming on line.

Please do not be a stranger, New Zealand is really only a few months away from being incredibly busy again and we need to find out how interested you are and when you would like to arrive. Any time after 7pm UK time – feel free to call us from landline to our freephone number 0808 234 3587.

Hays and others face huge fines over UK market rigging scandal...

The NCE recently ran the above titled article. Click on this link <http://tinyurl.com/cartel-nce-story> It was a shock to most people in the industry, especially the huge numbers involved. As a small company in New Zealand working hard on our clients' and candidates' behalf, it is amazing to think that the firms involved in this cartel were originally fined £170 million. As professionals, who have made career changing decisions to become recruiters (ex Civil Engineer and ex Teacher) it is sad for Phil and I when our industry continues to shoot itself in the foot. All I can say is that Phil and I are very simple in our approach and have two straight forward aims, to try to help everyone we work with and to be honest. Our goal is to add to the New Zealand talent pool – which means helping you to move here!!!

Available Roles:

Our clients are starting to become busier. Previously, when key staff became very busy, they were expected to work extra hours to get the work done. For the first time in a long time we are hearing from employers wishing to recruit to build capability again. Our flyer will contain details of over -90 jobs – twice as many as last month

Gemma Dioni

Case study of moving from the UK to NZ

Current Employer: Christchurch City Council

Gemma approached Catalyst in early May 2009 after her position was made redundant in the UK. Gemma's interview process included a telephone interview, followed by a videoconference and reference checks. Gemma secured an offer in late May and moved to New Zealand with her partner in July 2009.

Gemma's comments...

Q. Why did you move to New Zealand?

A. I had always considered working abroad, and being made redundant presented me with an opportunity to try somewhere new. A good friend of mine had lived in Auckland for years and had thoroughly enjoyed it, so we thought we would give New Zealand a go and it has been great.

Q. How have you found NZ so far?

A. I have found the landscapes and scenery to be amazing and there are plenty of walks and activities available. The range of work provided by the Council has been great for learning new things and undertaking new challenges.

Q. What would you have done differently?

A. In the ideal world I would have obtained residence before coming, because you spend quite a bit of money on the work to residence visa and then you have to do it all again for residency. The medical paperwork is only valid for three months, and unfortunately – I didn't submit my residence application in time as there was just so much going on - finding somewhere to live and settling in.

Q. What advice would you give to someone commencing the process?

A. If arriving in winter in Christchurch bring plenty of big warm jumpers and prepare to layer up at nighttime. Also, be aware that New Zealand is a long way from home and keeping in touch can be difficult at times with the time difference. If there is time look into the residence visa as it could save you money and time in the long term.

Q. Looking back with hindsight, do think you have made the right move for you and your family?

A. Yes we are having a great time! Although - it would be awesome if we could find a good curry house!

Useful facts...

Time to offer - 3 weeks 3 days Time elapsed to arrival - 2 months 2 days

In this section we introduce you to one of our business partners. We intend to provide you with introductions to a range of specialists who can assist with your move from the UK to NZ as smooth as possible. If you have any specific requests for information, please do not hesitate to ask.

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Pre-migration Tax and Estate Planning

If you're new to New Zealand it is likely you will qualify for a tax exemption on foreign sourced income, which is available to new migrants and persons returning to New Zealand after an absence of ten years or more.

To maximise the effect of the transitional resident exemption, care should be taken to ensure that the start date of your residence in New Zealand is not unintentionally triggered earlier than expected. A brief visit to New Zealand to attend a job interview or scope the housing market may result in backdating your residence start date.

If you are not domiciled in New Zealand, you may have the added advantage of being able to make gifts without gift duty applying. This can be especially useful in conjunction with an appropriately structured estate plan using a family trust.

The best results are achieved by making sure you understand your planning opportunities before arriving in New Zealand. Please contact us for a no

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obligation discussion on your position.

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