

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:-

State of the Nation

November is a weird time in New Zealand, particularly for those of us from the UK. Just as spring arrives and the sun starts to shine, all the stores start putting up their Christmas decorations and thoughts turn towards another oddly warm Christmas. Don't get me wrong, it's nice going to the beach during the Christmas holidays, but it never seems to get any less weird.

I appreciate we said the same last month, but we do tend to be creeping towards recovery from this awful recession. Over the past week or two a number of our clients in the contracting sector have made noises regarding specific roles; a big change from only a short while ago when they weren't recruiting at all. The encouraging fact is that the consultants seem to be a little busier, and if they are designing it's only a matter of time before the contractors are building.

The government in New Zealand is

focused on infrastructure being one of the key drivers out of the recession. At the start of the year they promised to bring forward a number of projects and the first of those started last week - in Auckland. Most of our clients admit they are at their optimum number of staff, but as new projects start so then the need for people will increase. For those of you watching our blog you will be getting regular updates on these projects as they get closer to start date.

Focus is very much on the New Year, not only because Christmas is our summer holiday, but because there is a real feeling that 2010 will be a big improvement on 2009. As is traditional in New Zealand, much is made of the summer holiday over the Christmas period, and in turn little construction work goes on. As we speak with more of our clients we believe that they will signal specific needs in 2010 and as they do we will be posting those needs in our regular job alert which arrives just after the newsletter.

Catalyst welcomes Mireille Verdonkschot to the team!

No newcomer to recruitment, Mireille has over 7 years experience in various disciplines. She is an experienced recruiter of both multi-million dollar accounts as well as one-off hires. From looking after Auckland City Council's temporary office and administration needs during her time at Drake International, to specialising in contracting roles in the Accounting and Finance sector, to managing an agency specialising in recruitment of pre-school teachers. The one thing that has remained constant throughout her career is Mireille's focus and determination that each placement be a positive and enjoyable experience for both candidates and clients. She believes that the key to her role is to bring together people for the formation of mutually beneficial working relationships, requiring a consultative and open approach.

Mireille came to New Zealand from The Netherlands with her family at the age of 8, so knows first hand what it is like moving to a new country. As such she can appreciate the decision making processes, the emotions, and conflicting feelings of fear and excitement, behind such a move. Having said that, she will always look back fondly on having had the best childhood any child could have, knowing that her parents dream for a better way of life for the children was indeed what they were able to provide by making the move to New Zealand.

Mireille is pleased to join Andy and Phil as a Consultant and will be focusing on recruitment within technical professional disciplines.

Available Roles:

With 2009 nearly out of the way, we are starting to hear of clients taking a closer look at their strategic plans for 2010. With that in mind they are starting to take into consideration what their specialist recruitment needs are going to be in order to be ready for a more profitable and productive new year. Take a look at our job alert following this newsletter to get an indication of what it is they are looking for.

Franz Wagner

Case study of moving from South Africa to NZ

Name: Franz Wagner

Current Employer: SKM Consulting

Franz approached Catalyst in July 2008. Franz was interviewed via telephone, which was followed by reference checks. Franz secured an offer in mid September and moved heaven and earth to arrive in New Zealand (from South Africa) with his wife and daughter in November 2008, commencing on 01 Dec 2008. It is almost exactly one year since Franz arrived.

Q. What inspired you to consider moving with your family to New Zealand?

A. *The prospect of living in a child friendly country with good education and without the perpetual and latent threat of theft and violence.*

Q. Has New Zealand lived up to your expectations?

A. *In general it has.*

Q. How has your life changed since moving to New Zealand?

A. *The first year has been a challenge as the change in our lives due to living in a new country was compounded by the birth of our second child. We have come to appreciate the kiwi openness having a circle of caring friends far beyond our expectations within the first year that helped making us feel at home in NZ. I still personally strive to establish a routine with less work and more time with the family.*

Q. What one thing would you have done differently?

A. *Hard to say, coming to a new country with a limited budget does not give much lee way in terms of reconnoitering prior to making the move.*

Q. What one thing do you wish you had known about before moving?

A. *We didn't know about the steep house prices...*

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

A. *Do your paperwork without delay, prior and after the move.*

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

A. *Never once did we feel regret (partially home sick perhaps) and as we enter our second year we can say with confidence that we did the right thing.*

Useful facts...

1st interview to offer 5 weeks 5 days

Offer to arrival 5 weeks 6 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 anyspecific requests for information, please do not hesitate to ask.

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Rental Losses / Profits from Overseas Rental Properties

In a few cases a new entrant to New Zealand may have been unable to liquidate their rental properties due to lack of time or it was untenable given the property cycle.

Rental losses or profits incurred from the individual ownership of overseas properties are to be included in Tax returns after New Zealand residency status has been gained. On that basis any net losses from the overseas rental property can be offset against other income. However, the financial information prepared for the overseas tax authority cannot be used as basis for returning loss in New Zealand. The net rental income or loss must be calculated based on New Zealand Tax rules. For example New Zealand depreciation rates are used

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and the financial arrangement rules have to be considered with regard to overseas borrowings.

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