

NZ Specialists

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- **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**

At this stage you may not know how useful this information will be, but we know that the value this information adds is crucial to your move. Click [here](#) to request the info or to ask further questions.

NZ Market Update:-

Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas! Welcome to the 2009 December issue of our newsletter; an opportunity to reflect on the past and to look to the future. Whichever way you dress it up 2009 has been a tough year for everyone. New Zealand perhaps didn't feel the full brunt of the economic crisis felt throughout the world, but nevertheless we certainly felt something and we are making a good fist of recovery. I think it's fair to say that most people here are looking forward more than ever to their Christmas break; a chance not to think about work and to spend some much needed time with their nearest and dearest (perhaps even a few cold beers along the way). That said 2010 is just around the corner and the general consensus is that it will be a big improvement on the year we leave behind. I for one will be raising a glass to that idea!

More than ever there are two clear sides to the industry; the consultants are getting busier! Many are already finding themselves significantly busier than they have been for the past 12 months and the common theme in our conversations points to a massive influx of tender awards at the end of January/early February next year. As we know many are already working at an optimum level and so this influx of work can only encourage the recruitment of new and experienced staff at all levels.

The contractors in both the building and civil industry remain fairly quiet going into 2010. Many have enough work now and are keeping their people busy, but it's fair to say that they are all looking forward to the projects trickling through to the construction stage. This may take some time but the level of optimism in the industry is infectious and the feeling is that when things do finally turn there is going to be a need for quality engineers with strong industry backgrounds. It is very easy to forget during a recession that New Zealand and Australia still remain short of qualified, professional and talented engineering personnel.

From a Catalyst perspective we're glad to see that so many people are appreciating the newsletters and the vacancy notices we send out monthly. The response has been fantastic, so much so that we are struggling to keep up with contacting everyone. Apologies if we are a little slow getting back to you, we're doing our best, and by all means prompt us if you haven't heard as quickly as you hoped. In relation to the vacancy notice I was asked a very good question a few days ago from a contractor in the UK. He asked if all the jobs were real, having had some poor experiences previously with recruiters fishing for candidates. It's good to have that kind of feedback and I'm happy to confirm now that all of our jobs are real and genuine positions given to us by our clients.

As mentioned previously, Christmas in New Zealand & Australia effectively means summer holidays, and without wishing to upset anyone, we've seen a little bit of sun over the past week or two. The downside, is that very little happens till February and so we ask for your patience during that time. We at Catalyst however will be continuing with our work and have a plan to catch up with as many of you as possible. You'll forgive us though if we have Christmas Day to eat too much turkey and drink too much beer!

Also, over the past month we've been contacted by two people once they arrived in New Zealand. Of course it's great that they got in touch but if we know you're coming in advance we can prepare the way even better and potentially have things lined up for when you arrive. So if you are coming here on holiday, or setting a date for a permanent move or just doing a fact finding trip, let us know so we can be of assistance.

To finish, all of us at Catalyst would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and raise a glass to 2010 being a very, very, happy and prosperous year.

The Catalyst Team Continues to Grow!

Catalyst is pleased to introduce the latest member of the team. Andy's wife Jo gave birth to their second child; a wee brother for Aimee. They haven't named the wee fella yet, but Andy has referred to him as Boris for some time now. Boris was 3.275kg at birth which happened at 9:08pm on Saturday 12th December.

Available Roles:

December's job list is slightly different and contains only newly advertised roles by our clients. As previously mentioned our clients' recruitment needs are usually suspended during the month of December, however you will note from our job alert that we have eleven new roles. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Have a great Christmas!!

Andrew Reeves

Case study of moving from the UK to NZ

Name: Andrew Reeves
Current Employer: Opus International Consultants

Andrew approached Catalyst in mid May 2009. Andrew was interviewed via telephone early June, which was followed by reference checks. Andrew secured an offer in mid June and arrived in New Zealand at the end of September 2009, commencing on 19 October 2009. It has been just under 3 months since Andrew arrived.

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

A. *The overall quality of life including work/life balance, climate, family friendly environment. Also, the economy is in a much better shape over here.*

Q. Has New Zealand lived up to your expectations?

A. *So far, yes!*

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

A. *We now have the house, jobs and lifestyle that we were looking for. Living by a sea you can swim in and with all types of sports available makes for a relaxed family life, and it's a laid back, happy kind of place. We haven't been here long but feel at home already.*

Q. What one thing would you have done differently?

A. *We sold a lot of our things in the UK prior to coming over, but wouldn't do that again. The cost of furniture over here is reasonably high (no Ikea etc).*

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

A. *Whether there was an Ikea! The quality of rental properties is relatively poor, and rents are high. Good houses are around, but we had a bit of a shock when we started looking.*

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

A. *Plan the process, take advice and consider shipping your belongings early – you'll have more friends and family to scrounge off back home and won't end up buying things that are on the boat. We bought garden furniture when we got here to use in the house until the freight arrived.*

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

A. *Early days, but yes. Absolutely.*

Useful facts...

1st interview to offer 3 weeks 2 days Offer to arrival 14 weeks 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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There Has Never Been a Better Time to Migrate to New Zealand!

Economic slowdown, large parts of our world in turmoil and the effects of global warming: there is a silver lining. These are all reasons why moving to New Zealand has never been a better option!

As in many parts of the world, 2009 was a tough year for Kiwis. But unique to the New Zealand population is the fact that they live in one of the world's, safest, most peaceful [ranked #1 in 2009's Global Peace Index] and stunningly beautiful countries. These positive factors, combined with the entrepreneurial spirit of the country's overwhelmingly migrant nature, means it remains one of the top three living destinations in the world. In fact, A NatWest International Bank survey of more than 2000 British immigrants living in 12 countries found that New Zealand got the highest ratings in all areas and topped the list of places to live.

The number of migrants currently submitting applications to New Zealand Immigration is lower than it has been for several years, meaning that the number of points required for selection from the EOI pool has been dropping month by month. In the draw that

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took place on 2 December, for instance, 209 families were selected on points ranging from 100 to 130, and none of these people had job offers!

And if you're looking for a job, you're in luck – the results of the latest Manpower Employment Outlook Survey show that New Zealand employers are shaking off the recession and planning to bring on new staff in the coming year. And with Department of Labour research revealing that migrants have been vital to New Zealand's economic growth and development, there really is no better time to start your journey.

Working In Visas is the newest, most affordable migration company in New Zealand, formed by a team of experienced, licensed Immigration Advisers and the dedicated team at Working In Ltd. We offer a professional, reliable service and truly affordable prices. Don't miss this great opportunity – contact us, so we can make your New Zealand dream a reality in 2010.

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