

## 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:-

Happy New Year and a very warm welcome to the first Catalyst Newsletter of 2010! As you will note, the January newsletter is a little late – my fault entirely, but by the time I had put 123 job précis together (which will follow) – the text that Phil had composed was somewhat out of date. We told you things move fast in New Zealand after the summer holidays!!

Did we tell you that it has been beautiful weather over here? Mid to high 20's day after day has made it tough – especially watching the UK weather news. A little known fact is that cars last much longer in NZ (especially in Auckland) – as we do not need to salt our roads, corrosion only occurs through sea spray!!! Anyway, enough of the teasing.

Thank heavens 2009 has exited. It appears that 2010 for New Zealand is starting to make some progress. The work is mainly within the design sector and there appears to be high demand for professionals with 15+ years experience with solid business development skills. i.e. there are plenty of projects out there to tender for and win. Once these projects are secured, the next level of professional will be required, i.e. Project Managers with 10 years and finally it will filter down to the Intermediates to actually carry out the leg work. This work is mainly driven by highways, power and traffic & transportation projects.

You would think that when we are able to advertise 123 roles, there must be something happening in the **Construction sector**, but there appears to be a significant lag of between 6 to 12 months before roles will appear. In fact Phil is working on a small number of vacancies, but at this stage international candidates would have to be exceptional and ready to start.

At the risk of repeating ourselves, there are a number of reasons why certain sectors are starting to

pick up and why others are still pretty quiet. Here is a very brief overview.

**Highways** - The seven Roads of National Significance (RoNS) are at different stages of development, but Auckland's Victoria Park Tunnel and Christchurch Southern Motorway have turned the first sod. Others are at varying stages. This has driven unprecedented demand for Highway Project Managers, Designers, MX specialists and other highway specialists (including Air Quality specialists).

**Traffic & Transportation** – The main player in this sector noted a significant rise in enquiries 6 weeks before Christmas from developers reconsidering projects that were mothballed in 2008 – hence we need Traffic Engineers, Simulation Modellers and Transportation Planners.

**Geotechnical** - Demand for Geotechnical Engineers has never really dropped away

**Geothermal** – One of our clients is a world leader in this field and is working on a wide range of international projects.

**W&WW** – fairly quiet in this area at present especially with the ongoing Super City process – which is rapidly progressing towards a conclusion.

**Building Services** - plenty of action in this field for both Mechanical and Electrical professionals

As a final note of optimism, the Prime Minister spoke in January during his post holiday address, of the need to continue New Zealand growth through key initiatives including major infrastructure and construction development. Initiatives that can only be good for the industry and in turn create opportunities for the professionals who receive this newsletter!

So here's to 2010 being a successful year, and the year that many of you realise your dream of moving to New Zealand!

## Education and the 2011 Rugby World Cup

The usual length of each school term has been adjusted for 2011. Terms One and Two are slightly longer than usual and Term Four is two weeks shorter. This is to align the October term holiday with the final stages of the 2011 Rugby World Cup Tournament.

It is great to live in a country where flexibility and common sense reigns over rules!!!

## Available Roles:

We will be forwarding the latest jobs bulletin shortly after the newsletter. This will be one of the last as we work towards commissioning our own job board. Please do not get too discouraged about the lack of roles in the Construction sector. Give it 6 to 12 months and it will be as busy as the consulting sector again!!

# Michael Bouchier

## Case study of moving from the UK to New Zealand

Name: Michael Bouchier

Current Employer: Transpower New Zealand Ltd.

Michael approached Catalyst in early 2009. Michael was interviewed by our client via telephone on the 24th February, followed by a job offer early April 2009 which Michael accepted. Michael and his family arrived in New Zealand early October, and commenced his new role on the 16th October 2009. It has been just over three months since Michael arrived.

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

A. *We were looking for a change in lifestyle and better opportunities for our children.*

Q. Has New Zealand lived up to your expectations?

A. *It is still early days, but after seeing dolphins, penguins and whales swimming in the bay... Yes it has!*

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

A. *The first few months have flown past since arriving, sorting out all the boring important stuff, but as we head into a more stable period our pace of life seems to be slowing down and becoming more relaxed.*

Q. What one thing would you have done differently?

A. *Nothing really, we were fortunate to have the assistance of a relocation company who gave us some great advice.*

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

A. *Just how cold Wellington can be in the spring!*

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

A. *Do your research well before getting here, use the internet, use resources offered by your employer, pick up literature where you see it in the supermarkets etc they can offer a great source of information, attend as many social functions as you can once here to get to know people and what is going on..*

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

A. *Definitely.*

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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## NZ's Education System

New Zealand's education system is world-class, modern and responsive. It combines proven, traditional principles of education with innovation, creativity and fresh thinking. All aspects of education have undergone transformation in the past two decades, including the areas of governance, curriculum, assessment, qualifications, and teaching and learning.

Education is compulsory for all students aged between six and 16 years, though most students begin school at age five. New Zealand's education system has three levels – early childhood education (ECE), schooling, and tertiary education. Below follows a basic synopsis on each of these, but should you wish to find out more information, please feel free to ask more specific questions and we will do some research and get back to you with the answers.

### ECE

In New Zealand ECE means education and care for children from babies to school entrant age, it is heavily governed by Government which focuses on the development of the curriculum (Te Whaariki), regulating for minimum standards and teacher quality. Three and four year old children usually attend ECE for around 14-17 hours per week and the Government funds up to 20 hours free ECE per week for this age group at approved ECE providers.

### Primary and Secondary Schooling

Free education is provided to NZ citizens or permanent residents in state schools between the ages

of 5-19, and is compulsory until age 16. Primary education focuses on strong foundation learning, especially in literacy and numeracy. In secondary schools the timetable is arranged around subjects and although students continue to experience a broad and balanced curriculum some specialisation is possible especially in years 11 to 13 (NZ years 1 to 13 correspond to UK years 1 to 13). The New Zealand school year usually runs from the end of January to mid-December, and is divided into four terms.

- Years 1–6: Primary School (Ages 5–11)
- Years 7–8: Intermediate School (Ages 11–13)
- Years 9–13: Secondary School (Ages 13–18)

### Tertiary Education

Entry to work or further study (e.g. university) is not limited by the type of secondary school a student attends. New Zealand's tertiary qualifications and programmes are internationally recognised for their quality and focus on graduate preparedness.

For further information about the New Zealand education system, check out the email links below or feel free to send us an email with your specific questions:

[www.mine.co.nz](http://www.mine.co.nz)  
[www.teacherscouncil.govt.nz](http://www.teacherscouncil.govt.nz)  
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