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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 February edition of the Catalyst newsletter. It seems like only five minutes ago we were celebrating the start of the New Year and already we're nearly into March; indicated by the fact that Easter eggs have already replaced Christmas pudding on the shelves of the local supermarkets. As cherished readers of our newsletter I have no intention of upsetting people but I would like to assure everyone that the New Zealand summer continues to roll on and that in itself should bolster your interest in moving here.

Of course in order for that to happen the market needs to improve and more vacancies need to become apparent. What I can say with conviction is that the optimistic mood mentioned in previous newsletters continues and that positions are more frequently becoming available. Primarily the initial focus is still with the consultancies as they search for engineering specialists to strengthen their resources. More and more of our clients are expressing a need for new blood and many of them have relinquished their recruitment freeze and are now seriously looking at candidates to join them. Many of you will already have been spoken to by Andy and Mireille, and many more of you will be spoken to in the near future as appropriate positions appear.

The contracting side of the business remains slow but small opportunities are beginning to show. I was speaking to one of my clients yesterday who originally came over from Scotland eight years ago. Since Christmas he has been tendering for contracts continuously; to the point where he never wants to see a tender document again! He does however concede that with so much work being put out to tender the market is surely in for a dramatic change when the new civil season starts in August and September of this year. I'm hearing the same comments from a number of my

clients which leads me to believe that there is light at the end of the tunnel and that within the next six months we will see a marked increase in the need for engineers in both the civil and the construction sector.

Other signs of change are coming from the New Zealand government. Not only are they continuing with their push on major projects such as the RoNS (Roads of National Significance), but they have also given councils throughout New Zealand a swift kick up the backside. As anyone in the industry will know a large proportion of work done by civil contractors revolves around council projects, projects that have been on hold for the past 12 months. Needless to say the government has put councils on notice and unless they start issuing new contracts and tenders quickly their budgets will be severely slashed in the new financial year.

From a Catalyst perspective we are working our socks off! When we're not speaking with our candidates we are speaking and meeting with clients all over the country. Earlier this week both Andy and Mireille spent a long day in Tauranga and Hamilton discussing opportunities with clients, and in a few weeks time I will be spending two days in Christchurch, catching up with existing clients and also meeting new clients for the first time.

Things may not change overnight but they are changing and in order to help us help you let us know if your plans to move to New Zealand have become more urgent. Also, if you haven't already, join our Linked-In group where you can receive regular updates on the latest projects and relevant news articles affecting the industry in New Zealand.

Not Joined Our LinkedIn Group Yet? What are you waiting for? Here's How.

As mentioned above, we have created a Catalyst group called "[Construction & Civil Engineers moving from UK to New Zealand - Latest Jobs, Information & News](#)" on LinkedIn for people like you who have an interest in moving to New Zealand. If you aren't already a LinkedIn member you need to go the web page at www.linkedin.com and follow the instructions to log in. Once you've become a member, you then need to search for our group. You do this by selecting 'Search Group' and then search for our group as mentioned above. Once you have found us, request to join. You are very likely already to be pre-approved but if not, we will approve your joining as soon as possible. From there, you can choose to either receive daily or weekly updates about what's happening over here in the market. Make sure you receive our short articles by adding the Wordpress application on your home page and entering <http://catalystrecruit.wordpress.com> in the space where it asks for your Wordpress URL. And that's it, you're all set to go and you'll start receiving regular updates about what's happening in this part of the world.

Available Roles:

As you'll see in February's jobs bulletin, there has been a significant increase in the number of roles relating to the Highways Design Sector. A direct influence of the Seven Roads of National Significance (RoNS) specifically, there has been a marked increase by our clients for Bridge Engineers, Transportation Modellers and transportation planners.

The Catalyst Tiki Tour of New Zealand-Tauranga

Tiki Tour- a sight seeing tour with no particular destination in mind!

Welcome to the first of our **Tiki Tour's** around New Zealand. We couldn't afford to do a television program like Billy Connolly but hopefully our small contribution will aid your understanding of the wonderful place we call home!

The largest city in the Bay of Plenty, Tauranga boasts a population of nearly 120,000 people. Situated on the east coast of the North Island Tauranga is about 200 km from Auckland. Once known as the retirement village of New Zealand Tauranga now boasts an average age of 37 as more people choose to settle there.

Tauranga has an excellent year-round climate with long hot summers and temperate winters. It is one of the economic hubs within New Zealand and has the country's largest port in terms of total cargo. New Zealand has a thriving and growing wine industry and Tauranga's Mills Reef Winery is regarded as one of our best.

Tauranga is a firm favorite for a weekend getaway in the summer. Tourists are drawn by the endless sandy beaches, and the weather. Tauranga boasts New Zealand's first artificial reef which allows for good surfing all year round regardless of the season. If surfing isn't your bag then there are many more outdoor activities to choose from including cycling, canoeing, windsurfing, kitesailing, diving, you name it Tauranga's got it!

Overlooking Tauranga the 232 m high Mount Maunganui is an impressive feature on the skyline. Originally a Maori fort, or pa, the mountain is now far more inviting for joggers and walkers alike and offers impressive views of the surrounding area. Not all life in Tauranga revolves around the beach, other popular pastimes in the region include speedway, netball and rugby with the Bay of Plenty Steamers based only a few kilometers from the town centre. Tauranga offers a great night life with a mix of bars and restaurants to suit all tastes. If none of that has any appeal then maybe the hot saltwater pools in the town centre will be what you're looking for.

All in all it is a great place to visit or to live and hopefully this stop on our Tiki Tour around New Zealand has encouraged you to see for yourself.

In this section we introduce you to one of our business partners. We intend to provide you with introductions to 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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Our dedicated team can make your move easier

The National Bank's New Resident Services Team specialises in helping new and recent migrants get set up and succeed in New Zealand. We can offer you knowledgeable and experienced staff who have migrated to New Zealand themselves, who understand the issues, and have established themselves

successfully. With our local and international knowledge we can help you achieve your financial goals. We can answer all your questions and make sure your banking arrangements are just as you want them.

Open your account before you arrive

When you're moving to a new country, organising your finances is one of the most important steps. To help you, we can set up your new accounts before you arrive in New Zealand, giving you the security of knowing you'll be up and running with your finances straight away. We offer a range of accounts to meet all your day to day banking needs. Visit

www.nationalbank.co.nz/movenz for more information.

Buying a home

The National Bank understands how important it is for

you to feel settled in New Zealand as quickly as possible. We can provide you with comprehensive information about the home buying process, including a guide to the New Zealand property market and assistance with your property search. Our goal is to make your home buying experience as easy as possible. Visit www.homebuyerscentre.co.nz for a range of resources to help you understand the process of buying a house in New Zealand.

A special banking package

We've also created a special Migrant Package to help make your transition more comfortable. This includes:

- No monthly account fee on Foreign Currency Call Accounts (saving \$5 per account each month)
- Foreign Currency Investment Accounts available in US dollars, Great British pounds, Euro and Australian dollars (from time-to-time interest is not paid on some currencies or on all amounts).
- A \$5 discount on the normal fee for inward International Money Transfers to a National Bank Foreign Currency Account (normally \$15)
- A special interest rate on any New Zealand dollar Term Deposit of \$10,000 or more
- A free personalised debit card (normally \$9.95).

Help and support now and in the future

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