

## 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 March edition of the Catalyst Newsletter and the latest state of the nation. In regards to the New Zealand market and its current activity things remain much the same as they were in February. The consultants continue to be busy and the contractors continue to tender. However that said I am seeing slightly more activity in the contracting sector, both building and civil, in relation to specific skills. Quantity Surveyors look to be in demand as much as they were back in 2007 when the industry was in boom. Of course if a client can find a local quantity surveyor that person will get preference but many of my clients are now looking at the bigger picture and are happy to look at the CV of skilled people throughout the world. The consultants remain as busy as ever if not busier, and Andy and Mireille are on the phones most mornings speaking with bridge engineers, highways engineers etc.

The encouraging signs of activity have made us here at Catalyst sit down and talk about the state of the industry not only in New Zealand but throughout the world. Before the global economic meltdown the civil and construction industries were very skill shy. All of us have read stories of engineers with two or three years experience demanding huge project manager salaries without actually having the experience to back it up simply because nobody else could be found. Throughout the world companies struggled to find the right people to make their projects a success. Once the recession hit many companies started to release staff and the more short sighted captains of industry felt that the skills shortage was over! We still speak with people in New Zealand who feel that there will never be a skills shortage again! The truth is that the skills shortage remains throughout the world and we in New Zealand feel it just as badly as anyone else. Thankfully, more of

our clients accept this and are realistically looking to ways of solving it.

Other factors that are now appearing in New Zealand include those younger members of our industry who had postponed their overseas experience whilst times have been bad, (a rite of passage in New Zealand), who are now looking forward to their time overseas. We have already seen examples of this and are sure that there will be many more within the next six months, leaving a number of vacancies behind them. Many of the projects now at tender stage will be starting within the next six months and with most companies as streamlined as they can possibly be there is going to be a need for qualified people to take on the new work. Both of these scenarios will add to an already stretched workforce; great news for the people reading this newsletter!

Also on the horizon is a Catalyst Job Board where we will start posting roles as they appear. The specifics of this are still being worked out but we appreciate that speed is of the essence and hopefully in April's newsletter we are able to announce the launch.

From a Catalyst perspective we are going to get busier and busier. Hopefully after hearing the good news above, many of you will be sending us e-mails letting us know that you are available and are keen to get to New Zealand within the next six months. The clocks will soon change here in the UK and one week later they will change in New Zealand so our window of opportunity to speak with you will reduce but nevertheless we will continue to do our best to make those calls. In the mean time watch this space and shout if you're ready to move!

## New Zealand's National Infrastructure Plan is out!

New Zealand's Minister of Infrastructure Bill English released the National Infrastructure Plan on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March which included the Governments planned infrastructure spend over the next 10 years. The figures extracted from the document include:

Roads	\$27.644 Billion
Other Transportation	\$2.993 Billion
Power	\$2.301 Billion
Water & WW	\$11.460 Billion
Institutional Buildings	\$15.756 Billion

So New Zealand has some awesome projects to deliver, a Government which is committed to competing globally and an amazing country with a very positive immigration policy (where Engineers are concerned). <http://tinyurl.com/infraplan>

## Available Roles:

As you will see from the March job alert, activity continues to surround the highways sector from the Consultants perspective. From a Contractor side there is some movement in the area of experienced Quantity Surveyors being required.

## The Catalyst Tiki Tour of New Zealand-Hamilton (Tiki Tour - a sight seeing tour with no particular destination in mind!)

Hamilton is New Zealand's largest inland city, 4<sup>th</sup> largest urban area and is situated on the banks of the Waikato River; which just happens to be New Zealand's longest river. It is one of the fastest growing cities in New Zealand and is home to approximately 141,000 people. That's 3.2% of the total NZ population! It is forecast to have the lowest median age by 2026 (35.3 years compared to 41.4 nationally) and is affectionately known as "Hamilton: City of the Future" as it is NZ's leading area for hi-tech innovative manufacturing and engineering industries. Hamilton's Maori name "Kirikiriroa" translates to "long stretch of gravel"

Hamilton enjoys a mild climate and moderate year round rainfall keeps the city and surrounding area looking green and lush. It is no wonder that it is at the centre of one of the richest agricultural and pastoral areas in the world and thus the dairy industry plays a big part in the region's economy. Hamilton is home to much of NZ's science research, numerous major research facilities and to the largest agricultural trade show in the southern hemisphere.

With its temperate climate, it's lush green hills, bush and farmland, and being located in the hub of the central North Island; Hamilton has plenty of leisure activities to partake in either locally or within its neighbouring towns. Of which, Raglan is probably its most well known neighbour. Situated 40 minutes away, it is a west coast harbour town, featuring black sand (due to iron content) and offers one of the longest left-hand surf breaks in the Southern Hemisphere. If surfing, sea kayaking, kite surfing, paragliding and tramping are not your thing, then how about skiing and snowboarding? A three hour drive through spectacular country side heading south, is Mt. Ruapehu, home to the most awesome natural skiing and snowboarding terrain in the country and the best spring skiing in New Zealand. With a choice of two slopes, Whakapapa on the North-western side of the mountain and Turoa on the South-western side, you're spoilt for choice!

If you're a bit of a petrol head, then Hamilton is the place for you as it's the host of the ITM 400 Hamilton V8 Supercars Street Race series, where the Ford Falcons and Holden Commodores battle it out annually for the coveted title of best supercar. More of a Rugby fan? Hamilton's Waikato Stadium seats 26,000 and is home to the Chiefs. Alternatively if you're looking for a social place with great food options, Hamilton has that covered also: The 2008 Lonely planet guide states that "the city's main street has sprouted a sophisticated and vibrant stretch of bars and eateries that on the weekend at least leave Auckland's Viaduct Harbour for dead in the boozy fun stakes", so it is no wonder that it houses the second-largest collection of cafes in the country – second only to Ponsonby road in Auckland. All in all it's fair to say Hamilton has something for everyone!

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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## Moving Your Pet to New Zealand Brought to you by Workingin Visas (NZ)

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### Moving your pet

Before you make plans to bring your pet with you to New Zealand, consider whether it is in the best interest of the pet. If they are elderly or have a chronic medical condition, re-housing them may be a safer option. While the process for pet transportation is relatively straightforward, your pet does need to be of good health. If moving the pet overseas is your first choice, be sure to plan well ahead.

### Can I move my pet to New Zealand?

Animals must meet specific conditions for entry into New Zealand that depend on the type of animal and its country of origin. MAF Biosecurity New Zealand provides an online search option, called the [Import Health Standards search](#) that will allow you to specify the type of animal you have and the country you are travelling from to determine the requirements and regulations specific to your situation.

New Zealand is careful to maintain stringent standards in border control and it is important to follow all guidelines to the letter. Certain animals and breeds are wholly restricted from New Zealand. If your dog is an American Pit Bull Terrier, Dogo Argentino, Japanese Tosa or Brazilian Fila, it will not be granted entry into the country. Additionally, pet birds, reptiles, snakes, ferrets, Guinea pigs, mice and rats are not allowed entry into New Zealand.

Eligibility guidelines vary based on country and species, but for dogs and cats in general, your pet must be free of quarantine restrictions, more than 16 weeks of age at the date of departure from your home country and no more than 42 days pregnant at the date of departure. MAF Biosecurity New Zealand provides an extensive list of [FAQs](#) that may help to answer specific questions regarding your situation quickly.

### What is involved?

Your pet will need a veterinary check including micro-chipping for identification purposes. There are several tests your pet will need to undergo, including blood tests. According to Biosecurity New Zealand, the pet owner is responsible for all costs, including any applicable testing, treatment, transport, quarantine and veterinary supervision. The identity of your pet

must be confirmed by microchip each time a treatment, vaccine or test is performed, as well as at the time of export certification.

Using a pet relocation service can cut the hassle of dealing with numerous procedures and chasing paperwork. It is a good idea to take several quotes from pet relocation agencies as the cost can vary. Ask the agency to specify how much help they can give you with making sure all the compliance paperwork is completed. The less follow-up you have to do, the easier the transporting will be.

MAF Biosecurity New Zealand must be provided with the flight/ship number and arrival time of any animal at least 72 hours before expected arrival. Migrants are asked to use the following email addresses or phone numbers depending on intended port of arrival.

- Auckland: [mgsakac@maf.govt.nz](mailto:mgsakac@maf.govt.nz) phone +64 9 909 8631
- Wellington: [mgswlg@maf.govt.nz](mailto:mgswlg@maf.govt.nz) phone +64 4 894 4213
- Christchurch: [mgschc@maf.govt.nz](mailto:mgschc@maf.govt.nz) phone +64 3 943 3803

If you don't arrange your own accommodation prior to arriving in New Zealand, it is advisable to find a cattery or kennel to house your pet until your own accommodation is finalised. You will be required to provide an address at which your pet will live in New Zealand before receiving customs clearance. Contact your airline directly to determine the cost of transporting your pet. The larger your pet and its carrying container, the higher the cost.

### What happens on arrival?

Many pets, such as dogs and cats (from the UK for example), do not need to be quarantined on arrival, but will need to stay home-based for the first 30 days. Once in New Zealand, dogs are required to be registered annually. There are rules about dog control, and some places do not permit dog, or even cat ownership to protect the natural environment. However, many beaches allow dogs at certain times of the day and season, and your dog would surely enjoy the wide open space.