

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 latest edition of the Catalyst newsletter. In the past few newsletters we may have upset a few of you by mentioning the amazing weather in New Zealand and how our summer seemed to be never ending. Well to redress the balance it's fair to say that this has changed and over the week or so as we were visited by a weather bomb with some parts of the country receiving 200mm of rain. Great for Storm Water Engineers. Yes, winter has arrived, but with winter comes the snow and so it won't be long before we are all donning our skis gear and making the most of it (we always look for the silver lining down here!).

Again there are two very different stories. The **Engineering Consultants** are continuing to experience the early stages growth and have been particularly busy building their teams in the highway and bridging sectors. However, we are now finding that more clients have lifted their recruitment freeze and are interviewing candidates across a wider range of disciplines. The flood gates haven't opened but what we have been telling you for some time is starting to come true. The GFC is passing and the GSS (Global Skill Shortage) is taking over. Our clients are proving very open to recruiting expertise from overseas. More importantly they are talking to us as a first point of call as they know we have been working very hard over the last couple of years to identify international expertise (like yourself) and want to have the first opportunity to interview.

On the other side of the coin the civil and construction contractors continue to be quiet. In the **Civil Sector** winter is always a quiet time; in New Zealand the industry is very seasonal and much of the major work, outside of maintenance projects, is completed between the months of August and April. A large number of significant contracts are due to be awarded over the next few months and we are hopeful that contractors will start recruiting accordingly. Be prepared as this sector always move quickly when it does!

The **Building Contractors** are still suffering from a

lack of new projects actually starting. Although there are already reports from the Consultants that the private clients are starting to progress a number of building projects up to \$10 million and one or two larger ones are at the next stage of design. Although this news offers immediate hope to the Consultants, it is a case of wait and see for those of you in the contracting sector, but we are very optimistic that when the industry does start to recruit again, our clients will be enthusiastic about the exceptional people we have on our database.

In general news we've just had a budget delivered by our government with much of the focus on personal tax cuts which will come into force on October 1 making everyone very happy! Also whilst writing this I have just heard that the latest Mercer Quality of Life Study has been released with Auckland joint 4th alongside Vancouver, while Wellington is listed at number 12 on the list (Our other cities are too small to be included in the study – but would be right near the top). I shall be putting both of these articles on the blog which you can get by joining our Linked-in site; we will send you an invitation to join shortly.

Finally we have had a few advances at Catalyst. First, we have moved to a new database which will make our lives a lot easier but there may be a few teething trouble – so we apologise in advance. Although if you are reading this in May, most of our problems will have been sorted. Also we are at the final stages of building our live jobsite. We usually send out a PDF with the newsletter, but with our new jobsite we will be able to post positions in real time. All being well we should be able to announce the launch in early June.

As ever we hope you are all keeping well and look forward to hearing from you with any feedback or information that will hopefully allow us to assist you in your dream of moving to New Zealand.

Phil, Andy and Mireille.

Last Weeks Budget (and how it affects those living in New Zealander)

There are of course many components to a budget and it is too complex to cover in full here, but we can sum it up with two statements:

Top Level Personal Income tax will be reduced from 38% to 33%

GST (VAT) will move from 12.5% to 15%

You would have to say that compared to the UK – both figures are very favourable

Available Roles:

We have seen the first copy of our job board, but of course it isn't quite ready for launch yet. In the meantime the market continues to firm for the Consultants and is on hold with the Contractors. Current positions increased from 128 to 158 this month and as projects are awarded – it could move very fast!!

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

Christchurch is the second largest city in New Zealand, covering an area of 45,240 hectares, is home to an approximate population of 348,400 people (Source: Statistics New Zealand) and serves as the international gateway to the South Island and is located on the East coast. Where else in the world can you be within 2 hours of an international airport and enjoy world class skiing, golf courses, go rafting, mountain biking, wind surfing, whale watching and not to mention enjoy top quality wines at well known vineyards and wander through internationally renowned gardens?

Beautifully laid-out, Christchurch's well-established, expansive and internationally acknowledged parks and public gardens owe much to the planning and foresight of its founding fathers. With its centrally-located 161 hectare Hagley Park, the Botanic Gardens and other magnificent gardens such as Mona Vale on the banks of the River Avon, it comes as no surprise that Christchurch is otherwise known as 'the Garden City' and has won multiple international accolades over the years including Overall Winner of Major Cities in the Nations in Bloom International Competition as 'Garden City of the World' in 1997.

The City centre is cosily compact and offers office workers and visitors alike the opportunity to enjoy their lunch in the sun along the grassy banks lined with poplars and weeping willows overlooking the gently winding Avon River or a midday jog in beautiful Hagley Park. A growing cosmopolitan ambience incorporating a lively art and entertainment scene set within heritage architecture, boutique shopping and a thriving and vibrant nightlife offering award-winning restaurants, cafes and clubs, means there's plenty of things to keep you occupied outside of work. With an average journey time to work of 15 minutes, you get plenty of time for hobbies and family!

Christchurch enjoys a mild climate with a mean average temperature of 22.5 degrees in summer and 11.3 in the heart of winter, a mean average of 21,000 hours of sunshine annually and an average of 85 days of rain. With easy access to beaches to cool off in summer and an array of ski resorts close by to get the adrenalin pumping in winter; or both in one day if it takes your fancy; Christchurch has it covered.

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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Working In Visas has one of the fastest growing expert migration teams in New Zealand. Our team of experienced Licensed Immigration Advisers is dedicated to ensuring your migration to New Zealand is as stress-free as possible, offering a friendly, professional and reliable service.

In addition, as one of our Visa Immigration clients, we're now also able to offer you our 'Journey to Work' programme. Obtaining a visa and finding a job in New Zealand usually go hand-in-hand, but we regularly see the Catch-22: "Need a visa to get a job and a job to get a visa".

Our advisers understand this link and will help you to assess your success factors: employment opportunities, readiness to move, immigration status and ability to settle.

The 'Journey to Work' programme provides you with access to migrant friendly employers, leveling the playing field and acting as your New Zealand based migration advocate. It provides comprehensive job research assistance to counter

many of the obstacles you'll face when you're searching for a job in New Zealand, and so help you to break the vicious circle.

Our team knows the New Zealand market and is able to provide frank and honest guidance on your CV, as well as assisting with role profiles and simplifying the job applications process.

Working In partners with specialist recruiters such as Catalyst Recruitment to ensure your area of expertise is well understood and you're represented effectively in the New Zealand market.

New Zealand is an extraordinary place to live: breathtaking surroundings, exceptional lifestyle and a laidback culture that's uniquely welcoming. New Zealand has something to offer everyone, and you'll soon be thinking of it as home — as so many other migrants already do.

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