

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 July issue of the Catalyst Newsletter State of the Nation. One of our aims is to pass on information about New Zealand and give you taste of Kiwi life. New Zealand prides itself on the quality of its food with agriculture producing top quality dairy products and fine meats; I'm sure you've all seen New Zealand lamb and Anchor butter at Tesco's! We have an abundance of fresh fish at our disposal and throughout the year regular Kiwis are able to collect scallops, crayfish and paua (shellfish) to put on the barbecue. One of the biggest Kiwi culinary delights is the humble pie! As a nation we consume an estimated 60 million pies per year and anyone who has visited these shores would have sampled a steak and cheese or vegetable (no chicken and mushroom Pukka Pies here). With the pie being such a cornerstone of the Kiwi diet it will come as no surprise to you that we have a Pie of the Year competition which was held this week; I'll announce the winning pie at the end.

Apart from pie competitions what's happening in New Zealand I hear you cry! The consultants continue to be busy in both the roading and structures sectors with more and more clients searching for candidates. The water sector still remains fairly static and particularly around Auckland the focus is on delivery rather than development but there are indications that we may start to see change from November onwards. The civil and construction contracting sectors still remain fairly quiet but increasingly clients are now looking for key personnel with a view to

future projects. The new season starts in October and many companies are preparing for the continued influx of new projects throughout the country. This is confirmed by the consultants whose recent projects are now with the contractors with construction due to begin within the foreseeable future. At last we're starting to see evidence to back up previous optimism.

Further evidence of the market improvement can be found on the new **Catalyst Job Board**. Follow the link and take yourself on a tour of www.catalystjobs.co.nz to see the latest positions available throughout New Zealand. As always we will be contacting people regarding specific positions but now you can contact us through the job board if you see a position that is of interest to you. The **Catalyst Job Board** replaces the additional e-mailed list of jobs so keep www.catalystjobs.co.nz in your favorites and make a point of looking at the positions every week.

In final news the winner of Pie of the Year was a bacon and egg pie from Rotorua. This has caused some consternation within the pie industry and with some commentators as traditionally steak and cheese pies are usually on the podium. Nevertheless I'm sure the winning bacon and egg pie will make up a large portion of the 60 million we eat in the coming year. Make sure you get one when you get here!

Reflections on Auckland...

I moved to NZ in 1996 and have seen some awesome changes in Auckland. The first was the building of the Sky Tower. Every day we watched the tower grow until finally the Restaurant/Saucer was built. The next massive change occurred around the America's Cup when Auckland's central waterfront was transformed with 82 Restaurants, 1700 apartments and the team bases transformed a run down area into a fantastic arena. New motorways, major airport refurbishments and other major infrastructure projects have been delivered.

There are three more major landmark projects which I am excited about.. The first is the redevelopment of the remaining part of the waterfront. We have the opportunity to develop almost 15km of waterfront into an amazing walk. The second will be the development of the rail system with tunnels in the centre of Auckland, links to the North Shore and hopefully a link from the city to the airport. The final one will be the replacement of the iconic harbour crossing. Whether it is a tunnel or new iconic bridge – who knows? Maybe in another 14 years we will be sitting having a beer and discussing whether we got it right!!!

Available Roles:

We're proud to announce the launch of the new Catalyst Job Board. It's taken a little time in the making but we're pleased to present the next step in providing our candidates with up to the minute information in their search for a new life in New Zealand. Check out the website at

www.catalystjobs.co.nz

James Green Case Study of moving from the UK to New Zealand

Name: James Green

Current Employer: Hawkins Construction Ltd.

James approached Catalyst in early March with the aim of securing a role in New Zealand as soon as practical. Having already acquired a NZ Working Visa James was in the position to make a move happen quite quickly and prepared to do so ahead of a job offer. After James' first interview, he hopped on a plane to NZ for the purpose of doing some sightseeing, catching up with friends and being available for face-to-face interviews. James commenced his role with Hawkins in Christchurch on the 24th May 2010.

Q. What inspired you to consider moving to New Zealand?

A. *Change of scene and the great outdoors.*

Q. Has New Zealand lived up to your expectations?

A. *Yes, surprisingly similar to what I envisaged before leaving.*

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

A. *Work is more enjoyable, adventures almost every weekend, lots of great new friends.*

Q. What one thing would you have done differently?

A. *I would have started the application for residency on day one.*

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

A. *This week's lottery numbers!*

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

A. *Allow some time to explore the country and decide what part is for you.*

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

A. *Yes, but I don't have a family!*

Useful facts...

First contact: 4 March 2010

First interview to offer: 4 weeks

Offer to first day - less than 2 weeks

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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Renting a Property in New Zealand



Many migrants upon arriving in New Zealand choose to rent a property in the first instance in order to avoid making those costly purchasing mistakes by buying in the wrong area for all the wrong reasons! Moving across the other side of the world can be stressful enough, why add to that by spending every spare moment of your first couple of weeks in our beautiful country, frantically visiting one open home after another without any real idea of what you're looking for, what the difference is between one location and the next and what is going to be handy for all your family's needs such as schools, social outlets and partners' proximity to their prospective places of work?

So what's the rental market like then?

If there is one thing that is ingrained upon Kiwis' is that you can't go wrong with bricks and mortar. Coupled with current favourable property tax legislation, many invest in a second dwelling early on, resulting in a buoyant and plentiful array of rental properties to suit all budgets and life-styles.

Furnished rental properties are not the norm in New Zealand. Rather, properties come equipped with the standard stove/oven and laundry tub facilities, as well as carpet and curtains. If white ware is referred to in advertising it pays to check, as this can include the likes of a dishwasher, washing machine, drier, fridge/freezer (but is more common in city apartment set-ups, where space is of the essence).

There are two main types of rental agreements as set out by the Department of Building and Housing, Tenancy Services department as follows:

A Periodic Tenancy - is any tenancy that is not for a

specific term. This is the most common form of tenancy. It continues until the landlord or tenant gives the correct notice to end it.

A Fixed Term Tenancy - finishes on a specific date set down in the written Tenancy Agreement. There is no provision for either the landlord or the tenant to give notice to quit.

For further information regarding each party's responsibilities under these agreements visit: www.dbh.govt.nz/tenancy-index

Entering in to a rental agreement generally consists of up front costs inclusive of up to 4 weeks rent in the form of bond (which gets held by the New Zealand Ministry of Housing, and can be refunded to you upon termination of the tenancy minus the costs of any damage committed or rent outstanding) 2 weeks rent in advance and if dealing through a real estate agency a fee of one week's rent equivalent plus GST. It is important to be aware that further costs such as setting up electricity/gas/telephone and in some regions water rates are also the responsibility of the tenant.

How do you go about finding a rental?

The most common means of locating a suitable rental is either via the internet or through a real estate agency or property management company. Many rental property owners choose to property manage themselves and as such may charge a slightly lower market rate than those managed through a professional property manager or agency. www.realestate.co.nz and www.trademe.co.nz are the most common means of advertising via the internet.