

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:-

Once again welcome to the catalyst newsletter state of the nation. This is a special newsletter as it marks our one year anniversary of delivering additional information to our candidates; and what a difference a year makes!

12 months ago it would be fair to say that few people in the construction and civil industry could see light at the end of the tunnel, but thankfully those times are slowly falling behind us. By no means does this mean the industry has fully recovered however, Even today it was announced that the New Zealand market is recovering slower than expected, but things are finally starting to happen.

Over the past six months consultants have started to hire specialists in the highways and structures field, and those same consultants are now looking towards telecommunications, water and renewable energy professionals.

Another good sign for New Zealand is the entry of a global consultant entering the highways market. This has to be a good indication that there is plenty of work going forward and that the industry is strengthening in depth.

In the past three months the civil contractors have been awarded various projects around the country and have been reviewing their personnel and looking closely at any immediate needs. So far Quantity Surveyors and Estimators have been the main requirement but over the next 3 to 4 months there is likely to be a need for Project Managers, Project Engineers and other specialists within the civil field. A factor significant for civil contractors is that

September 1st is the first day of spring, which means the new construction season is almost upon us. Many major projects are due to start within the next 2 months and as such contractors will again find themselves busy and likely to be in need of personnel. One area that is still struggling to find its feet is construction with the majority of construction projects being government funded and the private developers nowhere to be seen. This means there are only a limited number of opportunities in construction but this too will change in time.

On the whole the market has changed significantly in the last 12 months and there will be a lot more changes in the 12 months to come. Thankfully things all seem to be moving in the right direction and there will be an increased number of opportunities for those of you who wish to make a new life in New Zealand.

Making the move to New Zealand can be a slow process, and certainly the economic situation throughout the world hasn't helped; but for those of you committed to starting a new life and enjoying all New Zealand has to offer it will be well worth the wait.

If you haven't already checked it out make a point of going to our new job board, www.catalystjobs.co.nz, as all our new vacancies will be posted there. Also if you are planning a visit to New Zealand or have set a date for a permanent move then contact us via e-mail or telephone and we'll do all we can to assist in that process.

Everyone wants New Zealand – well almost.

According to a recent Gallup survey New Zealand is the second-most desired country for potential immigrants and letting everyone in would see the population almost treble. The index is calculated on the number of adults wishing to leave a country permanently subtracted from the number who wish to immigrate to the country as a proportion of the total population. Nearly 350,000 adults in 148 countries were interviewed.

New Zealand's estimated population stands at 4.37 million, up 51,900, according to figures released this month by Statistics New Zealand. The growth was due to 35,400 more births than deaths, and net migration gain of 16,500.

Top six countries with highest potential net adult population gain:

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| 1. Singapore +219 per cent | 4. Canada +160 per cent |
| 2. New Zealand +184 per cent | 5. Switzerland +150 per cent |
| 3. Saudi Arabia +176 per cent | 6. Australia +148 per cent |

Available Roles:

Don't forget to keep an eye out on our live job board for up to the minute information regarding opportunities to get you started with taking that first step towards making a move to New Zealand a reality.

Check out the website at

www.catalystjobs.co.nz

Eddie Coffey

Case Study of moving from the UK to New Zealand

Eddie initially approached Catalyst just prior to the 2009 Christmas break looking for opportunities as a Construction Quantity Surveyor anywhere in New Zealand. This also coincided with our summer holiday period and with a dismal 2009, recruitment was not a high priority in the Construction sector at that time. However, 2010 very early on was starting to show some signs of recovery from the recession and as such it wasn't long before Eddie secured a position through Catalyst in New Plymouth with Fletcher Construction Company Ltd. Eddie commenced his position on the 19th April 2010.

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

A. *Having worked in the Construction Industry as a Quantity Surveyor for the past 9 years in Ireland I felt I was in a position to look at options to progress my career. However, due to the current economic climate in Ireland and indeed Europe, opportunities to progress to involvement on larger scale projects are very limited. New Zealand has the potential to present this opportunity.*

Q. Has New Zealand lived up to your expectations?

A. *I moved to NZ in April 2010 so I am still adapting to my new environment but I am definitely of the opinion "so far so good". I still have plenty to learn and discover about NZ.*

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

A. *The biggest change for me personally has been the obvious 'Location'. I moved from Dublin, which has your typical city life, to New Plymouth in Taranaki which is a smaller area with a population of about 60,000. The atmosphere is less 'hectic' but with all the necessary amenities, and the local people have certainly been welcoming.*

Q. What one thing would you have done differently?

A. *As I have travelled alone the one thing I probably would do is try to see if any friends would have been interested in looking into making an overseas move.*

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

A. *Be patient and exhaust all avenues of information gathering, advice etc before you commit to the move.*

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

A. *As I referred to above; I moved to NZ in April 2010 but it was always a long term decision for me and I am currently in the early stages of it. At the moment I certainly have no regrets for making my decision to move.*

Useful facts...

First contact: - 9 February 2010

First interview to offer - 6 days

First contact to first day - 10 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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The New Zealand healthcare system

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New Zealand has a quality public healthcare system, funded largely through general taxation. Most treatment in public hospitals is free, and many other health services and medicines are significantly subsidised.

Am I eligible for publicly funded healthcare?

All permanent residents are eligible for public healthcare. People with a work permit valid for a minimum of two years at time of issue are also eligible. Eligibility also entitles your partner and any children aged 19 years and under to public healthcare services.

Which health services are covered by New Zealand's public health system?

The following are some of the [benefits of New Zealand public health system](#):

- Free public hospital treatment, including 24-hour accident and emergency (A&E) clinics
- Most laboratory tests and X-rays, unless made at a privately run clinic
- Healthcare during pregnancy and childbirth, including hospital stays and pre- and postnatal care
- Subsidised prescription medicines
- Free specialist care when referred by a general practitioner (GP)
- Free child immunisations
- Free prescription medicine for children under six and subsidised visits to the doctor
- Free basic dental treatment for school children
- Free breast screening for women aged 45 to 69

Doctor's visits

A visit to the doctor will cost around \$45 – \$60 during the week, with an additional fee of \$10 – \$15 outside of normal working hours. Children under six are often free and fees for children between the ages of six and 17

are subsidised. You can usually see the doctor on the same day you make an appointment. Emergency care in a hospital is generally free, as are public hospital treatments following referral from a GP.

Specialist services and non-urgent surgery are free when you are referred by a GP. Waiting times for specialist care vary from hospital to hospital.

What if I have an accident?

If you have an accident you are entitled to free hospital care. [The Accident Compensation Corporation \(ACC\)](#) helps to cover the cost of out-of-hospital care for accident-related injuries.

If your injury affects your ability to work, ACC will provide compensation based on your income. It can also assist with recovery-related costs such as training and transport, residential nursing care, home help and childcare.

What about private healthcare?

Many New Zealanders purchase private health insurance in order to receive care in private hospitals and to avoid waiting lists for the treatment of non-urgent medical conditions. People with private health insurance are still eligible for free public health benefits. For more information about New Zealand health services, see Immigration New Zealand's [health settlement pack](#).

Is dental care covered by the public health system?

In New Zealand, general dental care for people over 18 years of age is not subsidised by the government. Instead you can select the dentist of your choice and receive treatment as a private patient. Basic dental care for school children is free up to age 18 and routine dental checks are offered to all school children. Emergency dental care is subsidised by the government for low-income residents.

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