

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 October Catalyst newsletter. Where is 2010 disappearing to? Needless to say, after the year we have had, the retail sector is excited about Christmas and stores are already sporting Christmas trees and all the decorations! That said there is still plenty to be done before we can relax with a cold beer whilst watching the Christmas turkey cooking on the barbecue.

Last newsletter I mentioned the earthquake that rocked Christchurch on September 4th. In the first few weeks people focused on regaining some kind of normality in their lives before assessing the level of damage. With an occurrence of this scale this process has taken some time but I'm pleased to say that the cleanup operation has started. A real understanding of the scale of work to be done is starting to dawn on people.

Shortly after the earthquake economists were predicting a 0.3% drop in GDP over a 3 month period. After this, the economy is likely to experience a significant boost which will easily outweigh the effect of the GFC.

On a visit to Christchurch last week we met a number of clients in both the consulting and contracting sectors who have noticed an increase of work across the board. The consultants are busily moving staff from around the country into Christchurch offices in an attempt to keep up with the demand. This means any slack within the industry across New Zealand has been taken up and we are already seeing new vacancies posted.

The contractors on the other hand have suddenly received a huge influx of work and are now in the process of recruiting people to assist. They too have moved personnel from around the country but with most companies already quite lean after the recession they realise they have to look externally for the right people.

Much of the initial work is in the residential sector and can range from aesthetic repairs such as cracks and repainting to complete rebuilds. One of the biggest requirements is for Quantity Surveyors ranging from Graduates with one or two years experience through to Intermediate and Senior people. Those of you who regularly check will have seen positions posted on the Catalyst Job Board (www.catalystjobs.co.nz) and if you are interested I encourage you to either apply or contact us directly. Around the rest of the country things are carrying on as normal with a slow climb out of the recession.

Exciting news for New Zealand is the securing of the filming of the two part Hobbit movies. Intervention by the Government was required as the Australian and NZ actors unions almost blew the opportunity with a proposed boycott. The Lord of the Rings trilogy made a massive impact on global awareness of our country. It would have been disastrous to lose the opportunity to Eastern Europe.

Finally – our LinkedIn group has reached 800 members with healthy debate raging. Let us know by email if you wish to join.

LSD trips – as popular as ever!!!

In 1996, when I commenced my recruitment career in New Zealand, our clients had no idea how to recruit engineers directly from the UK. The clients were scared off by the perceived risks. It was put in the too hard basket. Only if people arrived on what the South African's called the Look, See and Decide (LSD) trips were clients interested.

Over the following years, the Global Skill Shortage (GSS) came to the forefront and clients realised they had to hire over the telephone before the candidate was snapped up by a competitor. The Global Financial Crisis (GFC) has slowed this process considerably with only a few high demand candidates securing interviews with an 83% conversion from interview to offer.

Recently we have seen candidates take back control of the process and arrive in New Zealand to check the place out and to meet with potential employers. It appears the time of the LSD trip has resurfaced. So if you want to beat the GFC and be here in the next 6 months, back yourself, plan an awesome LSD trip and give us a call.

