



moving to New Zealand?

## 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:-Xmas Edition

Ho, ho, ho, and welcome to the Christmas edition of the newsletter. I can't believe its Christmas again so soon; it only seems 5 minutes since I was writing last years Christmas piece! The good thing about this particular newsletter is that it gives me a chance to look back at 2010 and look forward to what 2011 might bring.

2010 will be remembered by many in the industry as a year of recession; and that's no different in New Zealand. Although not as badly hit as other parts of the world the global financial crisis did hit our shores and slowed things down to a snails pace. Thankfully the NZ government continued with its programme of recovery (Roads of National Significance) and slowly but surely we've seen a growing impact in the construction sector. Initially this growth has been with the consultants and their need for specialists in highways, bridges, tunnels and geotechnical. The need in this sector continues to grow and is expected to broaden in the New Year to include expertise in water & wastewater

As projects have moved from the design phase to award and construction so the contractors have become busier towards the end of the year. Most companies are fully resourced presently and have recruited a limited number of senior personnel, but as more projects come on line in the New Year they will reach capacity and more focus will be put on recruitment. These needs will initially be associated with highways and structures but will broaden quickly as associated works get to the construction stage.

The earthquake in Christchurch also continues to give the construction industry the shot in the arm it so desperately needed. Although the process of recruitment has proved to be slow many companies are now admitting the local market is exhausted and as such they are starting to look closely at overseas

candidates to assist. With every day the work increases and what initially seemed like a 2 or 3 year project is now likely to go on much longer with a greater need of personnel.

As for 2011 what can we expect?

The general feel from the industry is that we'll continue to see the steady lift in activity as in 2010. A number of major projects are starting in the first quarter with further projects being awarded as the year goes on. The Auckland "Supercity" is now in place and looking to make great strides in the New Year, particularly in the areas of water & wastewater and traffic. The first to feel the demands in this sector will be the consultants with the contractors following closely behind as projects get to the construction stage.

All the indications are that 2011 will be a busier year than 2010 and as such we're hoping to make the dream of living and working in New Zealand a reality for more of you. We will be shutting down on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> and although most of New Zealand will still be holidaying (see Andy's piece below) we'll be back in the office on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Here's to a Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year for all and we look forward to catching up with you again in 2011.



### Christmas in New Zealand

One of the least expected changes I had to make when I moved to New Zealand was to become to adapt to Christmas in the sun. I was at home with the British build up over the whole of December – plenty of Christmas Carols as we were safely inside during the cold winter nights. In New Zealand, Christmas coincides with summer and the main school holidays (school year is Feb to Dec). Therefore virtually everyone takes two to three weeks off (sometimes more) to enjoy the beach and the sun.

Christmas seems to come and go very quickly as everyone packs up on Boxing Day and heads for the bach (holiday home). I still haven't quite managed to get my head around the whole concept – but forgive me if I do not return your email too swiftly over the festive period as one thing I have managed to do is to get my head around a few weeks off!!!



## 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](http://www.catalystjobs.co.nz)



### Adam Robertshaw Case study of moving from the UK to NZ

#### Current Employer: Catalyst Recruitment

Adam contacted Catalyst with the aim of securing a technical role in the CAD and Graphics sector. At that time – the sector was very slow. Catalyst was seeking a graduate with a couple of years experience to join us as a Recruiter. Adam had the added specialist graphics skills which we have utilised to sharpen our marketing collateral. Adam joined as the demand for people in Christchurch took off. Subsequently we also hired his partner Fran (a Marine Biologist) to focus on contacting candidates in the UK, significantly increasing our opportunity to speak with UK based candidates.

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

A. After the forefront of the recession the general attitude of the UK and its work environments left a lot to be desired. I had heard about the lifestyle of people in New Zealand from a good friend who had previously travelled here, and so we decided that now was the time to make the jump.

#### Q. Has New Zealand lived up to your expectations?

A. The people are much friendlier and more accommodating than we had thought. The weather is also a massive plus.

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

A. We now have a much better standard of life, and aren't so white with most of our free time spent outdoors!

#### Q. What one thing would you have done differently?

A. Not travel through the USA. The immigration procedure really isn't pleasant!

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

A. Qantas Airlines operate a different baggage allowance to most other airlines.

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

A. Don't over think it all- with today's technology New Zealand really isn't that far from home.

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

A. Definitely! Did I hear Christmas on the beach?!

#### Useful Facts:

First Interview – 8<sup>th</sup> September

Interview to Offer – 8 days

First contact to arrival - 80 days

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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## To Bring Or Not To Bring The Car...

#### Thinking about bringing your car over?

From time to time we get asked whether it is worthwhile to bring the family car over when you move to NZ. A hard question to answer as it depends greatly on what kind of car it is, how old it is, how long you've owned it and finally how attached you are to it. We can totally appreciate that if it's the prized 1963 Bentley Continental left to you by Uncle Jack that you would definitely bring it with you regardless of the shipping costs. However, if it's the 2002 Ford Focus, then you may want to buy yourself another one upon your arrival, after reading what is involved below.

#### Used vehicles from Europe

If you want to bring the car, you must be able to provide evidence that it meets a range of approved standards for the type of vehicle before it can be registered for use on NZ roads. All vehicles entering NZ must be checked, certified, registered and licensed before you can use them on our roads. It pays to research whether your car meets these criteria in-depth first as if your car arrives in NZ and it does not meet these standards, you will not be able to use it on our roads, making it rather an expensive and pointless exercise.

#### What evidence do you need to provide?

Europe has two vehicle standard regimes:

- The Regulations of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.
- The Directives of the Commission of the European Communities.

Evidence that your vehicle complies with either of these standards may be acceptable but you may also need to provide documents to prove acceptable compliance for the following:

- Proof of ownership- that you are legally entitled to your vehicle inclusive of registration, change of ownership papers and purchase receipts.
- Emissions standards
- Frontal impact standards
- Statement of compliance
- Fuel consumption
- Heavy-vehicle brakes standards
- Overall standards (check with an **entry certifier** to determine whether the EC or UN/ECE whole vehicle approval on your vehicle is acceptable)

#### Duties or No Duties Payable?

You've done your research and the car complies with New Zealand's entry regulations, now it comes down to facts and figures whether it is actually economical to bring it. Aside from the actual shipping costs, associated MAF (Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry) Bio security cleaning and clearance fees, and the import transaction fee; depending on the age of the car and how long you've owned it, there may be duties payable also.

In general, you will not need to pay customs charges by form of concessionary entry for motor vehicles if you meet the criteria below:

- You have arrived in NZ and on the date the motor vehicle is imported you hold a document authorising permanent residence in NZ; and
- For the whole of the period of 21 months preceding your arrival, you have resided outside of NZ; and
- You have personally owned and used the vehicle for at least one year before the date of your departure for NZ, or the date on which the vehicle is surrendered for shipping; and
- The vehicle is being imported for your own personal use and not for sale or gift purposes; and
- You are prepared to sign a deed where you agree not to sell the vehicle for 2 years.

However, if vehicles do not qualify for concessionary entry they will be subject to duty and GST based upon the customs valuation of the vehicle. Depending on the value of the car and the amount of time you have owned it, this can be costly.

For example: a car valued at £8,500 which you have owned for 7 months will attribute a NZ\$3656.85 total customs charge. For a complete breakdown of customs charges payable and calculation matrixes that are relevant to your car, please check out the link below:

<http://www.customs.govt.nz/travellers/Motor+vehicles/When+Customs+charges+are+payable.htm>

For further information relating to importing private vehicles:

[www.customs.govt.nz](http://www.customs.govt.nz)

[www.nzta.govt.nz](http://www.nzta.govt.nz)

<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz>

