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Devastated building in Christchurch

## 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 then 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 then please email us and request the info. We have teamed up with a number of specialist providers who have built businesses helping people like you.

## New Zealand market update

Welcome to the latest edition of the catalyst newsletter. Winter has finally arrived in New Zealand with the rain coming to Auckland and a small but welcome amount of snow arriving on the ski fields of the north and south island.

The arrival of winter comes with more news related to Christchurch and a slightly better understanding of what happens next. As things have developed we've gained a better understanding of how big this project is going to be and realised that up to now any work has been equivalent to sticking a plaster on a broken leg! So far much of the work has involved temporary fixes and patch up work until the real reconstruction begins.

In the past week the government was able to announce some initial guidelines as to which parts of the city would not be rebuilt and those that would. Around 5000 homes in the red zone have been condemned and will be demolished with their owners being offered sale options by the government and insurance companies. Although not good news for some, most people are happy to have at least an answer so they can move on with their lives. There still remains a significant number of people with questions regarding their property and over the next month or so, as geotechnical reports are completed, these questions should be answered.

So what does that mean for the reconstruction of the city? The Christchurch City Council already has enough subdivisions available for the construction of new housing to replace those condemned in the red zone and any further requirements in the near future. Decisions are being made on which areas to develop and already the consultants are focussing their attention to the design of infrastructure and utilities for these areas. Once complete both the civil and construction contractors will become involved.

The city centre remains blocked off with demolition still going on; a process likely to take till the end of the year. Once the centre is opened up then the reconstruction can begin for both the civil and construction contractors. At this point there will be a significant amount of commercial

work going on as well as the rebuild of all infrastructure and utilities. The new look for the city is being worked on as we speak and will be ready for the rebuild in the New Year.

What are companies doing now? A lot of the work is yet to be awarded and so clients are being very specific about any needs they have at this time. Both contractors and consultants are hiring but have to balance the need for new people with available work for them to do. This balance will get easier to handle as we move further into the year and the number of skills required will widen. The initial search for residential contractors has slowed but will increase again as the new subdivisions get under way. There is an interest in some commercial specialisms but with only a limited amount of work available right now companies are being very selective. Civil contractors have only started hiring within the past 2 weeks and are focussing on those with a broad range of civil experience. Civil contractors have accepted the need to go overseas for candidates and are in the process of interviewing using the telephone and Skype. Consultancies are focussing on a few key areas initially including water & waste water, geotechnical and structures and are looking at overseas candidates who fit their criteria.

Needless to say there is a lot happening in and around Christchurch and it's only likely to get busier towards the end of this year and the start of 2012. We are talking to our clients on almost a daily basis and are privy to what's going on. The end result is that we can align people to the right role rather than sending your CV to everyone and anyone (a policy we don't adhere to). One thing we are finding is that due to the volume of work our clients are moving a little slower than we would normally expect but in such difficult circumstances this is to be expected. Thankfully due to the excellent relationships we have with our clients we're able to discuss individual candidates which allows for a better chance of success.

As always if you're planning a visit to New Zealand or if you've got a date planned for your move, let us know and we'll sort everything we can from our end to make it as successful a move as possible.



## Wonderful Weather in May & June

New Zealand has been experiencing some interesting weather patterns. We have warm weather, followed by cold blasts, but overall – record temps for May and pretty close to record temps for June.

### According to the Herald...

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1&objectid=10732566](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10732566)

### 01/07/2011 June one of hottest ever - despite the cold nights!

The warmest May on record was nearly followed by the hottest June, until a cold snap this week finally started the winter chill.

Until Tuesday, June temperatures were 1.8C warmer than usual throughout New Zealand, a temperature shared with June 2003.

Rainfall was also well above average for Auckland and parts of the North Island.

Freezing winds which arrived from the Southern Ocean this week have lowered the average temperature, but the month was still 1.6C warmer than normal, according to climate scientist Jim Salinger.

Dr Salinger said New Zealand's average temperature in June was 9.9C. "So it can be described as 0.5C shy of the warmest on record... no wonder the snow was very late in coming..."

### Which caused a different set of problems for Queenstown...

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/southland-times/news/5186282/Winter-party-starts-minus-snow>

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The annual 2011 Queenstown Winter Festival went ahead on the 24th June, bringing with it 10 days of madness.

It is the first time anyone can remember the festival starting without a skifield open but organisers are putting the emphasis on "winter" and not "snow" as the town prepares for more than 40 scheduled events...

### Finally – only 5 days later

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1&objectid=10732275](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10732275)

### 29/06/2011 Queenstown ski field to open

Queenstown ski field Coronet Peak is set to open tomorrow, thanks to its snowmaking and grooming teams.

It will open at 9am with limited beginner, novice and intermediate terrain available.

Snow cover is thin with 15 to 20 centimetres on the upper mountain and 10 to 15 centimetres on the lower mountain.

## Lee Axten-Rice Case study of moving to NZ

Current Employer: Aurecon, Wellington

Lee first contacted Catalyst in February 2011 (whilst planning his trip to New Zealand) to help him locate a suitable job opportunity for his stay on a Working Holiday Visa. Catalyst interviewed Lee over Skype whilst he was in LA International Airport en-route to New Zealand and by the time he landed and found his feet we had arranged an interview with Aurecon. After touring New Zealand for several weeks Lee began his new role as Industrial Drafter on the 16<sup>th</sup> May in the Wellington office.

**Q.** What inspired you to consider moving with your family to New Zealand?

**A.** *I moved over on my own to just experience a different culture, way of life, and mainly just to get out of London for a while.*

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

**A.** *It's been good yeah. Quite like England, just a more relaxed approach to everything. The only thing I have found is that it is quite an expensive place to live, a lot more so that I was expecting.*

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

**A.** *I've moved over here to a new country, and new city. I came with no friends or contacts so I shall have to put myself out and meet new people.*

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

**A.** *I would have sorted out my accommodation before I got here. Living in a hostel for a couple of weeks whilst looking for a place and still working was not the best experience.*

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

**A.** *Just the general expense of everything. Especially food and clothes. Eventually I've had people back home buy some clothes and shipped them across because it seems to work out quite a lot cheaper.*

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

**A.** *Don't over think it. It's not a massive change of lifestyle out here, just like moving to a new city in England really. The people are generally friendlier and more laid back. Also, have a good look into accommodation before you move, especially if your coming here on your own and just looking for a room in a flat-share.*

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

**A.** *For me coming out here on my own, yes I think it was a good decision. It's proved to me it's not such a big step to move from England, from my friends and family. And it has given me the confidence now to continue to work abroad, move and work from place to place.*

### Useful Facts:

1 <sup>st</sup> Contact -	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2011
1 <sup>st</sup> Interview -	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2011
Job Offer -	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2011
[1 <sup>st</sup> contact to] Start -	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2011 (2 months 22 days)

**If you are interest in obtaining a working holiday visa like Lee then  
continue on to the next pages for more information!**



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IMMIGRATION  
NEW ZEALAND



**WORKING  
HOLIDAY  
VISA**

This month we have outlined the Working Holiday Visa, following from this page is the Immigration Info sheet outlining the main details. If this VISA is for you then do check the Immigration website for more specific information. As always we at Catalyst can have a chat with you about the process, however we are not licensed immigration advisors so we strongly advise that on any specific queries you contact NZ immigration department.

## What is a Working Holiday Scheme?

Working holiday schemes allow people aged 18-30 from other countries to work while they travel in New Zealand. Working holiday visa holders can take up temporary employment. If offered a permanent job, they can apply for a different work visa, and should wait for approval before starting work in the permanent job.

## How does the electronic work visa work?

The electronic work visa works in exactly the same way as a visa issued in a passport, except that instead of it being a label in the passport, it is a printed version which the applicant keeps with their passport.

When your application is approved, the details are retained electronically in our database. This information is used to determine your eligibility to board a flight to come to, or return to New Zealand. The information is also used to determine your eligibility to enter New Zealand when you arrive here. It is, therefore, essential that you keep a printed copy of your electronic work visa with your passport and that when you fill out your online application, you enter your details accurately.

## What do I show an employer in New Zealand?

You will be able to show your employer a printout of your electronic work visa, which has information on the conditions of your employment in New Zealand. You can also log on to the Immigration New Zealand website and show the details of the work visa to your employer.

You can call Immigration New Zealand to confirm the details too, or your employer can verify your entitlement to work by using Immigration New Zealand's online Visaview service.

## Applicants under the UK Working Holiday Scheme are given a choice to apply for 12 or 23 months. What difference does it make if I apply for a 12-month stay?

It depends where you are applying from. If you are applying in New Zealand, you need to complete a Medical and Chest X-ray Certificate (INZ 1007 form) regardless of how long you select.

Your location	If you are allowed or select 12 months	If you select 23 months
If you are applying in New Zealand	Medical and X-ray Certificate IS required	Medical and X-ray Certificate IS required
If you are applying from outside of New Zealand	Medical and X-ray Certificate IS NOT required (An X-ray Certificate for Temporary Entry may be required if you have spent time in countries not considered as having low incidence of TB - see the next question).	Medical and X-ray Certificate IS required.

## When you are here under a UK WHV:

- You must not take up permanent employment (unless you apply for and are granted an ordinary work visa while you're here)
- You must not work for a period exceeding 12 months
- You can enrol in one or more courses of training or study of up to six months' duration in total during your visit.

## To sign up and begin the process now-

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/secure/default.htm>

What topics would you like to see more information on? Drop us an email ([mverdon@catalystjobs.co.nz](mailto:mverdon@catalystjobs.co.nz)) and we'll be sure to include it in upcoming newsletters!

WORKING AND LIVING *TEMPORARILY* IN NEW ZEALAND

Working Temporarily

Work to Residence

> Working Holidays

Study to Work (International Students)

## WORKING HOLIDAYS

### ■ WHAT IS A WORKING HOLIDAY SCHEME?

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Details of which countries New Zealand has a working holiday scheme with and details of the different schemes are available at [www.immigration.govt.nz/whs](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/whs).

### ■ AGE

You must be at least 18 and not more than 30 years old at the time you submit your application.

### ■ IS A FULL-TIME (MINIMUM 30 HOURS PER WEEK) JOB OFFER REQUIRED?

No. A job offer is not required.

### ■ HOW LONG CAN I STAY?

If your passport is valid for at least three months after your planned departure from New Zealand, you can stay for the maximum length of stay that you are allowed under your country's Working Holiday Scheme. Schemes range from six to 23 months in duration, although most are for 12 months.

### ■ WHAT TYPE OF WORK CAN I DO?

You can work in a range of short-term employment while you travel around New Zealand. Restrictions on taking up longer-term employment vary between schemes. These restrictions will be printed on the label in your passport or on your electronic visa. If you do get offered a permanent job you can either:

- agree to sign up for a fixed term of employment that is in line with your scheme's criteria, or
- apply for a temporary entry work visa under another category.

If you want to study on a course of more than three months you must apply for a student visa. With a job offer, you may have enough points to apply for residence under the Skilled Migrant Category.

If you spend three months of your working holiday undertaking seasonal work in the horticulture or viticulture industries, you can apply for a three-month extension of your working holiday. You will need to provide evidence that you have completed this work (such as payslips) when you apply.

### ■ DO I NEED TO SHOW THAT I AM QUALIFIED FOR THE JOB?

If you want to work in an occupation that requires registration in New Zealand, you will need to meet those requirements before starting work, though you do not need to provide that evidence as part of your working holiday scheme *application*.

## DID YOU KNOW



- An IRD number alone is not enough to work in New Zealand. To work legally you must have New Zealand citizenship, a residence class visa or work visa, or a temporary entry (visitor or student) visa that allows you to work.
- Like all New Zealand workers, you will need a taxation number from the Inland Revenue Department (an IRD number) so that your employer can deduct tax from your earnings at the correct rate. In New Zealand, tax is paid on a pay as you earn (PAYE) basis. This means you should not have a large refund or an amount to pay when you leave. For more information see [Inland Revenue's Travelling to New Zealand web page](#).
- You can study while you are travelling in New Zealand. The course must be for no more than three months.
- A person who holds a temporary entry visa (including a working holiday scheme work visa) or limited visa may not provide commercial sexual services, or operate or invest in a business which provides commercial sexual services.

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■ **WHAT COMPULSORY REQUIREMENTS MUST I MEET?**

Please check the requirements for your country's working holiday scheme at [www.immigration.govt.nz/whs](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/whs)

Like every person applying to travel or stay in New Zealand, you must meet health requirements and be of good character.

Online applicants: our Working Holiday Schemes Online system will tell you whether you need to send us a completed *Medical and Chest X-ray Certificate (INZ 1007)* and, if so, how to do it, when you submit your online application. This is based on the maximum length of stay that you are allowed under your country's working holiday scheme (not your intended stay), along with your responses to our health requirements questions.

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ONLINE APPLICATION	MANUAL APPLICATION
You read our leaflet <i>Health Requirements (INZ 1121)</i> and gain necessary medical documentation. Check the requirements of your <i>working holiday scheme</i> .	
You register online (you will need a valid MasterCard or Visa credit card) and follow the instructions.	You apply for a work visa at your local INZ branch* and complete the <i>Working Holiday Scheme Work Visa Application (INZ 1085) PDF</i> form.
We process your application. We may ask you for more information.	
We issue an electronic visa which will allow you to travel to New Zealand.	We issue a visa label into your passport which will allow you to travel to New Zealand.
Before the work visa expires you can either apply for a new visa or leave New Zealand**	

\* Local INZ branch is the INZ office responsible for receiving work visa applications from the country in which the applicant currently lives. The *Office and Fees finder* helps applicants find out where to send the application and what the fee they will need to pay.

\*\* It is recommended that you check application processing times. You will need to allow sufficient time for a decision to be made on your application before your current visa expires. If your current visa does expire, your application for a further visa does not make your stay in New Zealand lawful or give you the right to remain in New Zealand while your application is being considered.

Find out more: [www.immigration.govt.nz/whs](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/whs).