



Our work and the New Zealand Labour Market

OUR WORK



Heartland Immigration continued to be busy in March and April and have had a considerable number of Working Holiday Visas approved for clients from Canada the UK. We also have submitted many residence applications to Immigration New Zealand which are being processed.

NEW ZEALAND LABOUR MARKET



Like many countries, the New Zealand labour market is constantly changing and there are large variations throughout the different regions. The labour market is a key factor that influences and impacts Immigration legislation and in some cases, it can have a determinative effect on the outcome of your visa application.

Immigration New Zealand is very aware of:

- the unemployment rate;
- large scale redundancies;
- industry booms;
- traineeship and apprenticeship numbers;
- seasonal work; and
- the difficulties of recruiting in certain isolated areas.

If you are applying for an Essential Skills Work Visa, Immigration New Zealand must be satisfied that there are “no New Zealand citizens or residence class visa holders available to do the work offered.” Normally, what is required is either:

- the potential employer must demonstrate that they have tried to recruit a New Zealand citizen or resident and have not been able to; or
- your occupation must be included on one of the Essential Skills in Demand Lists (see below).

Please contact one of our Licensed Immigration Advisers today on 0800 469 8472 to discuss the type of documentation you and your employer will need to obtain in order to meet the labour market test requirements.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS IN DEMAND LISTS

We receive many questions about the different lists of occupations that Immigration New Zealand uses when assessing visa applications.

The Essential Skills in Demand Lists include:

- The Long Term Skills Shortage List (LTSSL)
- The Immediate Skills Shortage List (ISSL)
- The Canterbury Skills Shortage List (CSSL)

The Essential Skills in Demand Lists help to ensure that New Zealand’s skills needs are met by facilitating the entry of appropriately skilled migrants to fill shortages. If your position is on one of the Essential Skills in Demand Lists and you meet the specific requirements of the List, then Immigration New Zealand will normally accept that there are no New Zealand citizens or residents available to do the work.

Please be advised that many clients get confused about these Lists. Just because your occupation is included on one of the Essential Skills in Demand Lists does not mean that you are able to apply for residence. The Essential Skills in Demand Lists are generally used in the assessment of Work Visa applications.

ANZAC DAY



ANZAC Day is a special day in which we remember New Zealand and Australia's men and women who have fought in wars and hostilities around the world. The date is significant as it commemorates the 1915 landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) on the beaches of Gallipoli during WW1. A campaign that began eight harsh long months of death and injury with acute suffering felt in almost every New Zealand

and Australian home.

Poppy Day, Dawn Parades, Church and civic services and other wreath laying ceremonies are observed to recall the sacrifice and give thanks for peace.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Bookarama** – Bishopdale Burnside Rotary Club an annual book sale. This year it will be held at Burnside High School from 28 April through to 1 May. <http://www.bishopdale-burnside-rotary.com/Projects/Bookarama/bookarama.html>
- **Siddhartha: The Musical** – A captivating, inspiring and vibrant musical about the life of Buddha. It will be held at the Isaac Theatre Royal on 10 May. <http://isaactheatreroyal.co.nz/shows/siddhartha-the-musical/>
- **Arrowtown Autumn Festival** – Check out the annual Arrowtown Autumn Festival which will be held in Arrowtown from 21 April through to 25 April. Five days of festival favourites over the ANZAC long weekend, including the Market Day & Street Parade on Saturday 23rd April with other exciting events that are brewing at the moment. <http://arrowtownautumnfestival.co.nz/>
- **ANZAC Day services** – The 25th of April is an important day for Australians and New Zealanders and every year services are held at various locations throughout the country. If you are in Christchurch you can attend a dawn service at Cranmer Square or watch the ANZAC day parade later in the morning. You can search the RSA website to find a service near you. <https://rsa.org.nz/find-an-anzac-day-service>

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any immigration questions you have. You may save yourself a lot of worry by talking over your concerns or questions with one of our Licensed Immigration Advisers.

Have a good month!



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