

Settlement Support New Zealand Auckland City – Tāmaki-makau-rau

Aroha mai, aroha atu (Love towards us, love going out from us)



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Haere Mai, Nau Mai, Haere Mai

Kei te pēhea koutou? Welcome to the fourteenth Settlement Support New Zealand—Auckland City Newsletter.

The objective of this newsletter is to provide you with information about what Settlement Support – Auckland City does, where you can find information about employment, education, health services and many other aspects of settling in New Zealand. This is also an opportunity to share with you the services which are available around Auckland city.

Please feel free to pass on this newsletter onto friends, family and community colleagues.

Updates from Settlement Support New Zealand – Auckland City

January is a very busy time for the Settlement Support Coordinator, who has to finalise the 6-monthly report to Department of Labour in addition to planning what activities and programmes we will have for our clients.

From July – December 2009, Settlement Support New Zealand – Auckland City had answered more than 1500 enquiries. With no surprise, the majority of enquiries are about seeking employment.

The top 10 enquiries for July – December 2009 are:

Reasons for Contact	Number of Enquiries	Percentage
Employment – Finding employment	633	39.51%
Cultural/Community – Other	199	12.42%
Learning English – ESOL	163	10.17%
Immigration – Other	88	5.49%
Other – Other	75	4.68%
Daily Life – Other	50	3.12%
Housing – Buying; building; selling a house	47	2.93%
Business set up – Business set up	34	2.12%
Employment – Other	28	1.75%
Immigration – Citizenship	24	1.5%



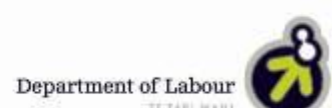
Be Water Safe!

New Zealanders love the water, especially during summer period. Auckland is also known as the "City of Sails" because the harbour is often dotted with hundreds of yachts and has more per capita than any other city in the world, with around 135,000 yachts and launches.

Do you know, however, drowning is the third leading cause of unintentional injury death in New Zealand? The most common cause of drowning is accidental immersion, or falling into water unintentionally.

What can you do to prevent drowning? Learn how to swim or attend the Water Safety workshop in February! Visit www.swimmingnz.org.nz to find a list of all Quality Swim Schools in your area.

For more information about the workshop, contact ARMS at (09) 625 2440 or reception@arms-mrc.org.nz.





Policies and Acts

There are a few new developments on existing policies and acts.

Business Migration Policies

Two investor migrant categories, Investor and Investor Plus are now available. Each requires more realistic level of capital, language skills and time spent in New Zealand annually. A new Entrepreneurial Plus category, which complements the existing Entrepreneur category, offers a faster path to residence for applicants who create at least 3 fulltime jobs and invest \$500,000 in their businesses. Applicants are required to have a minimum English level of IELTS 4 and be self-employed in the investment.



	Investment Plus	Investor
Investment Capital	\$10M for 3 years	\$1.5M for 4 years
Minimum settlement fund	None	\$1M
Minimum English language	None	IELTS 3*
Maximum Age	None	Up to 65
Minimum business experience	None	3 years
Minimum time required in NZ	20% every year	40% every year

*Principal Investor applicants with IELTS 3 must complete addition English language tuition (20 hours), as part of their residence conditions.

For more information visit www.immigration.govt.nz.

Citizenship requirements



From 21st April 2010, everyone will have to be resident in New Zealand for five years before becoming eligible for a grant of citizenship, no matter when they got their permanent residence.

That means that if you meet the three-year requirement, and you don't put in an application for citizenship before 21st April 2010, you will not be eligible until you have lived here for five years, not three.

If you travelled overseas during the relevant residence period when you were resident here, you may still meet the requirement provided New Zealand was your home base and you settled overseas (e.g.: working).

None of the other requirements for citizenship have changed. You still have to intend to continue living in New Zealand if you become a citizen, although there are a few exceptions to this. You also need to be able to understand and speak English well enough to be able to manage independently in everyday situations, such as shopping, in a workplace or at school.

When applying for citizenship, you need to be able to show that you understand the responsibilities and privileges of New Zealand citizenship. You have to be of good character, which means you do not have any criminal convictions or have not been investigated by government agencies.

For more information visit www.citizenship.govt.nz.

What's Coming Up?

Workshops

***All free unless otherwise stated.**

Job Search Workshop

First Three Tuesdays of each month, 9.30am—2.00pm

Workshop to assist with your job search. Held in junction with Work & Income NZ, Career Services and the Auckland Chamber of Commerce.



Legal Clinics

Fridays, 9.30am—12.00pm

Heval Hylan, Principal of Hylan Law Barrister & Solicitor, will be providing free 10-minutes legal advice on immigration, family law, contract, trusts and other areas of law in general.



Financial Advice

Fridays, 10.00am – 12.00pm

Tina Chen, founder of TC Financial Planning Ltd, will be providing free 10-minutes financial and budgeting advice, in English, Mandarin or Cantonese.



For more information or to register contact ARMS on 09 625 2440 or reception@arms-mrc.org.nz.

For information about workshops in 2009 visit www.arms-mrc.org.nz

Chinese New Year Festival 2010



Over 100,000 Chinese people now live in Auckland and play a significant role in shaping the cultural, economic and creative life of the city. According to the Chinese Zodiac, the Year of 2010 is the Year of the Metal Tiger, which begins on 14th February 2010 and ends on 2nd February 2011. The Tiger is the third sign in the cycle of Chinese Zodiac and is a sign of courage. Some celebrities born in the Year of the Tiger include Demi Moore, Hilary Swank, Jodie Foster, Marilyn Monroe, Penélope Cruz, Queen Elizabeth II and Tom Cruise.

Aucklanders are spoilt with Chinese New Year festivals this year. There are 2 festivals this year, both held on Saturday 13th February. Auckland Chinese Community Centre Inc will be holding their 22nd festival at the ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane, from 9.30 am – 4.00pm. World TV (*local Chinese media*) will be holding their festival at TelstraClear Pacific Event Centre, Manukau City, from 3 pm – 11 pm.



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