

# MIGRATION BUREAU & VISA CENTRE

# UPDATE

## Migration Bureau & Visa Centre attends functions at New Zealand Embassies

The Director of Visa Centre and Migration Bureau, Grant King, has had a busy year attending numerous events at New Zealand Embassies and High Commissions around the world. In both his capacity as Director of the Migration Bureau and Visa Centre, and as Chairman of KEA New Zealand (NL), Grant met both the New Zealand Foreign Minister Hon. Winston Peters and New Zealand Minister for Conservation and Housing Hon. Chris Carter, to discuss various issues relating to New Zealand. Grant also met key New Zealand Embassy

and High Commission officials. Following the meetings, Grant commented that “attending regular events at the New Zealand Embassy and meeting key New Zealand decision-makers ensures that our staff remain fully abreast of changes in immigration policy and that we have up-to-date information on New Zealand to pass onto our valued clientele - it further entrenches our position as the undisputed market leader”.

For more information visit [www.migrationbureau.com](http://www.migrationbureau.com) or [www.visacentre.co.uk](http://www.visacentre.co.uk)



Grant King of the Migration Bureau and Visa Centre attending a function at New Zealand House.



## HIGH FAILURE RATE - Seek professional advice first

Industry feedback has indicated that an estimated 30% of all applicants who lodge their application online and directly with the immigration authorities get it

**WRONG AND FAIL** because they did not use a migration agent to compile and double check their application and immigration eligibility first.

It is estimated that a further 20% of applicants who do not use an agent become confused and frustrated with the application process and find it difficult or impossible to get answers to their specific concerns or questions from the immigration authorities. As a result, they unnecessarily drop out of the application process.

Overall, this equates to an estimated up to 50% FAILURE RATE for “do-it-yourself” applicants applying directly to the immigration authorities.

This compares with a SUCCESS RATE OF 98.5% for applicants that apply through migration agencies such as the Migration Bureau.

Grant King of the Migration Bureau, one of the largest international immigration agencies, commented that “We want to protect applicants from these risks and ensure that applicants secure the right of residence that they are entitled to in the quickest possible time. To do so, the key is for new settlers to use an agent BEFORE applying and to instruct the agent to compile, double-check and lodge your online or physical residence visa application on your behalf - this will avoid unnecessary delays and risk, and means that you will receive your visas as soon as possible, and not be one of the thousands of applicants who are unnecessarily refused every year. So the moral of the story is to get it right the first time”.

## MORE MIGRANTS USE AGENTS

It now seems a growing number of migrants to New Zealand are using agents compared to last year's figures according to the latest Emigrate New Zealand reader survey (Jan 07). 47.1% of readers now say they are using an immigration consultant for their applications.

The Emigrate New Zealand reader survey looked at various issues of the immigration process including demographics, family factors, motivations and the immigration process. Other significant trends for New Zealand include longer decision time for deciding what city to live in and employment being high motivation for regional choice in addition to being the greatest emigration fear.

Most respondents indicated that the WAITING was the most difficult part of the process. Therefore, there is a strong case for using an immigration consultant, who can help the applicant AVOID DELAYS and assist with QUICKER PROCESSING by presenting a 100% correct and complete application.

Secondly, the application process and preparing paperwork was also perceived to be a difficult part of the process.

Again, there is a strong case for immigration consultants who can make the application process smoother and clearer and provide personalised assistance and representation in this bureaucratic process.

## Free Visa & Jobseeker Programme

We recognise that finding a job can be a stressful and frustrating experience so the Migration Bureau and Visa Centre has teamed up with its sister employment agency, ODG Recruitment to provide free job search advice and guidance to all its clients.

This is an invaluable service which helps you get started with your job search by providing an overview of the current New Zealand employment market, details of relevant job search sites, advice on how to write a New Zealand style CV and personal telephone consultations.

[www.odgrecruitment.com](http://www.odgrecruitment.com)



## FEATURED ON BBC ...AGAIN...

Grant King of the Migration Bureau and Visa Centre appeared in a show on the BBC recently. The Migration Bureau was invited by the BBC to interview an actress in a series that followed the life and times of the individual actor. The BBC film crew visited the Migration Bureau London offices and filmed Grant King conducting an immigration assessment with the actress.

The assessment proved to be positive and the actress and her family could emigrate to Australia.

The show was widely viewed in the UK and Europe and may be syndicated to appear in other countries, including Australia and New Zealand.

## SUCCESS RATE MAINTAINED

The Migration Bureau is delighted to announce that, according to a recent audit, our enviable success rate of visa approvals has remain unchanged at 98.5%; one of the highest success rates in the industry.

We pride ourselves on our friendly, personal service while maintaining the highest possible standards of professionalism, integrity and dedication to client service. With over 30 years combined industry experience, our team of qualified immigration lawyers and visa consultants are able to continuously maintain our success in obtaining visa approvals for our clients.

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