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Time to head down under

With the UK construction industry on its knees, emigration experts are advising workers to look down under.

According to emigration specialist The Emigration Group, British workers are still in demand down under, despite reports that immigration numbers are being temporarily reduced by the Australian Government.

Paul Arthur from The Emigration Group said: "The Australian Government still wants skilled construction workers such as plumbers and brick layers to apply now for visas to work down under."

Paul advises that people should still apply, even if they aren't ready to emigrate. He said: "There probably won't be a better opportunity than now to apply for a visa. It takes around 12-15 months to go through the visa process (without a job offer), then dependant upon your visa type, you have up to five years to actually emigrate, so there is plenty of time to prepare."

The Emigration Group is hosting a series of weekend seminars over the coming weeks: Sunday 19 April in Durham, Sunday 10 May in London and Sunday 7 June in Warrington.