

# working DOWN UNDER

Jobs, training and skills in the Antipodean workplace



## Land of opportunity

As Australia considers upping its quota of skilled migrant visas, **Paul Arthur** explains why this represents a unique opportunity for Brits to land a job Down Under...

In comparison to the UK, the Australian economy has barely felt any effect from the global recession. In the UK, unemployment is climbing and government cuts are constantly being made to cope with the difficult financial times.

Down Under in Australia, however, they are in the midst of the biggest economic boom for years. And this looks set to continue a long way into the

foreseeable future. Migration agencies in the UK have been experiencing a noticeable growth in enquiries from people looking to move to Australia, and the main driving force for this is the number of jobs which have become available for skilled migrants.

Australia has not been affected by the global recession and it has also been very successful at growing its economy. The country is currently booming, so much so

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that they are considering adding an extra 20,000 skilled migrant visas to the current quota, to help fill the labour shortages.

This means that anyone interested in migrating should >>

Above Teachers are in high demand Down Under

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Say Ah! More dentists are needed in Australia



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## How to get a job

- ✦ Seek expert advice from a registered migration agent to discuss your skills and what options you might have
- ✦ Consider getting your CV professionally written by a specialist to ensure that it is acceptable for the Australian job market.
- ✦ Register on an online jobs site such as [www.skilledbritishworkers.co.uk](http://www.skilledbritishworkers.co.uk) and [www.workingdownunder.co.uk](http://www.workingdownunder.co.uk) where you can upload your CV and be seen by 100's of potential employers in Australia.
- ✦ On receipt of any job offer, seek professional advice from a registered migration agent to ensure your offer meets official immigration requirements.

## How to go about getting a visa

- ✦ Start by getting professional advice from a registered migration agent to see if you are eligible.
- ✦ If you are eligible, then the registered agent can provide invaluable assistance with your application, managing the whole process for you until you have the visa.
- ✦ Bear in mind that the visa process is quite complex. There are over 150 visa categories for Australia and applications can take anything from a few weeks to two years to process. If you find an Australian employer to sponsor you, a visa can be processed in two months.

do so now as this represents a unique opportunity to land a job Down Under.

It's easy to see why the struggling economy here in the UK makes rich and fruitful Australia an attractive place to migrate to for many people who might be getting itchy feet here.

The healthy economy and abundance of jobs combined with the warm climate makes Australia a top destination for Brits who want to set up a new life.

### WAITING LISTS

There is a diverse list of occupations in Australia that are currently crying out for more workers. These include teachers, nurses and dentists plus plumbers, electricians and engineers.

The Australian government plans to up their overall migrant intake to 133,000 for the 2010/2011 year, which is the biggest increase in quite some time.

It's a fact that the demand for labour is just not being met by the current residents of Australia. And this has been causing the Australian government some concerns.

In the response to this need for labour, the government is reducing much of the red tape and waiting lists associated with getting residency and work visas for Australia, as many applications will soon get hurried through to respond to this demand.

So applying for a visa Down Under if you are a skilled worker

## The types of work available to migrants will open up further

from the UK is gradually becoming an easier process.

The list of jobs available looks set to increase too, as the demand for labour has never been higher. More industries are expected to expand, so the types of work available to migrants will also open up further.

The more immigrants that come to Australia for these jobs will help to push the industry even further and help to re-invigorate industries like manufacturing which had started to shrink.

The boom in Australia is having a positive effect on the property market too, and new property projects are getting under way to accommodate the growth in Australia, both on the commercial and the residential sides.

The increase in thousands of migrants is expected to add about A\$3 billion to the Federal revenue, which will make Australia an even bigger lure for migrants. 🇺🇸



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