



Brain drain to Oz is hitting city hard

GLASGOW is facing a “brain drain” of doctors, scientists and teachers, a new study warns.

Figures show more people than ever want to leave the city to start a new life overseas.

The Emigration Group received 150 inquiries in the last nine months from Glasgow, almost double the UK average of 78.

Massive shortfalls of skilled labour in countries such as Australia is fuelling the rise, according to the group.

Unhappiness over levels of immigration, crime and tax are also acting as major motivators for emigration.

Emigration officials received 10,000 enquiries in the last nine months and Glasgow accounted for 2% of all enquiries in the UK.

More than 250,000 Brits left the UK last year, 684 a day or one every two minutes.

Australia and New Zealand are the two most popular choices with emigration to New Zealand up 50% in the last three years and Australia tripling in the last five.

Paul Arthur, director of The Emigration Group, said: “Our company has experienced a huge volume of enquiries from Glasgow.

“What Scotland and the rest of the UK are seeing is a brain drain. Doctors, scientists, teachers and tradesmen are leaving to fill the huge skills shortages overseas.”