



Memorable date in April: April 25- ANZAC Day commemorates all New Zealanders killed in war and honours returned servicemen and women. The date itself marks the anniversary of the landing of New Zealand and Australian soldiers – the ANZACs – on the Gallipoli Peninsula in 1915.

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# NEWS OUT WEST

April 2009 The New Out West Migrant & Refugee Newsletter

## Is Your Advisor Licensed?

### May 4: Immigration Advisers Licensing Act Takes Effect

From 4 May 2009, the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007 requires that anyone who provides immigration advice in New Zealand must have a licence from the Immigration Advisers Authority, unless they are exempt from the requirement to hold a licence. From 4 May 2010, offshore advisers giving advice to people seeking visas or permits will also have to be licensed.

From 4 May 2009, Immigration New Zealand will refuse to accept applications from unlicensed onshore advisers. If an onshore adviser acting on behalf of an immigration client is not on the Register of licensed advisers (or not exempt), their application will be returned failed lodgement. Advisers who are awaiting a licensing decision from the Registrar are considered unlicensed.

#### Amended Immigration Forms

People intending to submit an application to Immigration New Zealand after 4 May 2009, who choose to have an immigration adviser acting on their behalf, must supply their adviser's details. They can do this in two ways.

- Using a March 2009 version of the form, complete the adviser details section of the form. Assuming the adviser is not unlicensed and that the application meets all other mandatory lodgement requirements, the application should be accepted for assessment.
- If an applicant submits an old form (dated before March 2009), the application will be put on hold at lodgement stage while Immigration NZ seek the immigration adviser's details. This processing delay can be prevented if Immigration NZ is provided with the immigration adviser's details on the form *Immigration Adviser Details (INZ 1160)* also released in early April 2009.

#### More information

Please visit the Immigration Advisers Authority website [www.iaa.govt.nz](http://www.iaa.govt.nz), email [info@iaa.govt.nz](mailto:info@iaa.govt.nz), or write to them at PO Box 6222, Wellesley Street, Auckland 1141

#### Are you new to Waitakere?

**Settlement Support Waitakere is here to help.**

If you are struggling with finding information about employment, education, health services and many other aspects of living in NZ, make an appointment to see the Settlement Support Coordinator by calling your local CAB on 0800 367222 or call 0800 776 948.

[www.waitakere.govt.nz/OurPar/settlementsupport.asp](http://www.waitakere.govt.nz/OurPar/settlementsupport.asp)

#### Updated Rights for Employees



#### AS OF 1 APRIL 2009 SOME CHANGES TO LEGISLATION CAME INTO EFFECT:

##### New Entrants and Minimum Wage:

The minimum wage for employees aged 16 years and over is now **\$12.50** an hour before tax. The exceptions to this are new entrants and employees subject to the minimum training wage. New entrant's minimum wage is **\$10.00** an hour before tax. (For further information check [www.dol.govt.nz](http://www.dol.govt.nz) )

##### Breaks & Infant Feeding:

###### Breaks

All employees will now be entitled to a minimum of:

- One 10-minute rest break if they have worked between two and four hours;
- One 10-minute rest break and one 30-minute meal break if they have worked between four and six hours; and
- Two 10-minute rest breaks and one 30-minute meal break if they have worked between six and eight hours.

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Employees and employers can agree to the timing of the breaks.

### Infant Feeding

The amendment requires an employer, so far as is reasonable and practicable to ensure:

- appropriate facilities are provided in the workplace for an employee who is breast feeding including expressing breast milk
- appropriate breast feeding breaks are provided during work. These breaks are additional to other rest and meal breaks.

The breast feeding breaks are paid only if the employee and employer agree.

For additional information and resources, access DOL website: [www.dol.govt.nz](http://www.dol.govt.nz)



## Are you looking for employment?

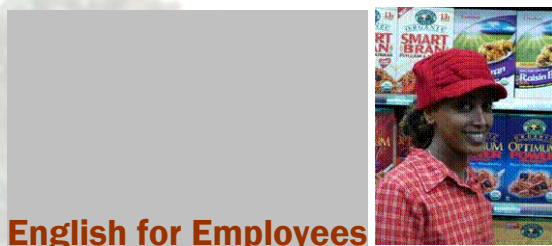
[www.newkiwis.co.nz](http://www.newkiwis.co.nz) is a free national jobsite for skilled migrant job seekers eligible to work in NZ. Kiwi employers seeking your skills will download your CV and contact you directly. Search our "job vacancy" section – just be aware that many employers search the database without posting their vacancy.

**Don't have a CV?** Once you register your information an automated PDF CV will be created for you.

**Are you eligible to work in NZ?** Visit:

<http://www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/stream/work/> to find out if you are.

New Kiwis is a partnership project between the Auckland Chamber of Commerce and Department of Labour.



## English for Employees

**English for Employees** is for people wanting to improve their language, literacy and numeracy for the workplace. This programme is free to adults who have Permanent Residence and are working either part-time, full-time, casually/seasonally or are self-employed. The programme starts from 27 April 2009.

**Contact ESOL Home Tutors (Akl'd West)**  
**Phone Lynne - 846 0398 for more information on classes.**

To be on the mailing list or to contribute to **NEWS OUT WEST** email [ssnzwaitakere@waitakere.govt.nz](mailto:ssnzwaitakere@waitakere.govt.nz)



## Employment Support Group

Are you

- a migrant or refugee (with PR or a work permit)?
- unemployed or underemployed?

-finding your job search lonely and stressful?

Then join the Migrant Action Trust Employment Support Groups. This is **FREE** and has been very successful for large numbers of participants. To register, call **Olga** on **021 854 858** or email her at [olga.b@ihug.co.nz](mailto:olga.b@ihug.co.nz). The new Employment Support Group in Waitakere starts on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April**, at Ace Space (12 Railside Ave, Henderson).

## Otago Exercise Programme

Helping older people to stand up to falls

The Otago Exercise Programme, OEP, is based around exercises specially designed to improve your balance and strengthen your leg muscles.

You must be referred to the programme by a registered health professional and must: be aged 80 or older (65 or older for Maori or Pacific Peoples); be living independently in the community; have had a fall in the last 12 months or been judged at risk of falling when assessed by a registered health professional. OEP is delivered in your home by a physiotherapist or specially trained nurse. The programme runs for 12 months.

For information contact **Kay Lindley**, 837 8820 or 027 274 2280 or email: [kay@healthwest.co.nz](mailto:kay@healthwest.co.nz)

## What's Hot

For new migrant workers to find out how to get further support and guidance about rights at work, call free **0800 MY UNION (0800 69 86466)**

Or visit their website at [www.nzctu.org.nz](http://www.nzctu.org.nz)

## Palestine Culture and Heritage Day- April 25

(10am-5pm) A day full of culture and cuisine.

**Venue:** Meadwood Community House, 55 Meadwood Dr, Unsworth Heights (North Shore)



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