



## How the Department of Labour Supports Migrant Settlement

The focus of the Department of Labour is on productive work and high-quality working lives. Our business aims to achieve increased labour productivity and the opportunity for all New Zealanders to participate in well-paid and meaningful employment.

The Department of Labour's Settlement Division has responsibility for leading the development of the Settlement Strategy and co-ordinating its implementation.

### Settlement Division

The Settlement Division contributes to migrants and their families feeling welcome within a supportive environment, being well-informed and well-settled, and participating in the workforce.

The Settlement Division supports migrant settlement by:

- leading and coordinating the whole of government implementation and further development of the New Zealand Settlement Strategy
- providing Settlement Secretariat services to better connect central government agencies, non-governmental organisations and migrant community groups, and improve information sharing between all stakeholders;
- implementing the *Settlement Support New Zealand* initiative for appropriate settlement information and responsive mainstream services locally;
- purchasing services that support migrant settlement
- Settlement information
- **Settlement Secretariat**  
The Settlement Secretariat is located within the Settlement Division. The services provided by the Settlement Secretariat enhance coordination and information sharing between key stakeholders centrally and regionally and support a coherent approach to migrant settlement.

The Settlement Secretariat carries a *Clearing House* function; it facilitates the collection, storage, and dissemination of settlement related information between stakeholders.

The Settlement Secretariat also organises twice yearly consultations with migrants on behalf of government agencies to discuss migrant settlement and develop responsive settlement initiatives and policies.

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- **Settlement Support New Zealand Initiative**

The *Settlement Support New Zealand* initiative, established in 19 locations throughout New Zealand help provide access to settlement information and coordinates service delivery locally to support migrants and their families in their first two to three years in New Zealand.

In each local area, government and non-government agencies work with community groups through a Settlement Network that plans for local settlement needs. *Settlement Support New Zealand* is making a significant difference to local collaboration and joint local planning for settlement support; it uses a community development approach and strengthens local input into central policy and service delivery planning for settlement.

For more information: [settlementsupportinfo@dol.govt.nz](mailto:settlementsupportinfo@dol.govt.nz)

- **Settlement Information**

The Settlement Division is responsible for providing settlement information that meets the needs of prospective (off-shore) and new (on-shore) migrants and their families. The Division manages the publication and distribution of a wide range of settlement related information – both in hard copy form and via the web.

Settlement related information products currently produced by the Settlement Division include:

- New Start. New Opportunities. New Zealand – A guide for prospective migrants
- Live and Breathe – A guide for migrants about living in New Zealand
- Linkz Magazine – Permanent residents receive this magazine for 2 years after settling in New Zealand

All three publications are available in part or in full on the Immigration website: <http://www.immigration.govt.nz/settlement>