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Migration is less daunting than it was in the 18th and 19th centuries – but even so, it is still a journey that takes months or even years to complete.

How can this be when international travel is such an everyday activity?

– Because migration is more than a holiday.

Accepting the excitement and challenge of life in a new land means getting used to new ways of doing things – even if your language and culture seem to be the same.

However the aspect of migration that new migrants often miss is how much we all rely on our personal networks. Networks that in a new country can take months to develop.

The NZ Government funded initiative SSNZ (Settlement Support New Zealand) works to bridge this gap, once you arrive in New Zealand.

This *'Living in New Zealand'* e-book is a great place to start before you arrive. There are facts and summaries on key topics for your new life in New Zealand.

In the meantime, you can also visit the website www.newzealandnow.govt.nz which extends *Living in New Zealand* – with a registration page for prospective migrants, establishing a personal connection between you and the government's migration marketing and settlement programmes.

Once established, our goal is to maintain this relationship with you throughout your settlement journey.



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We can do this through the NZNOW website while you are off-shore. Then on arrival in New Zealand you will receive a copy of the booklet "Welcome to New Zealand", which includes a subscription offer for 'LINKZ' - our magazine for new migrants, which is offered free to new residents for the first two years.

Two years is how long it takes most new migrants to settle in a new country. Some people settle more quickly, some take longer - but regardless of the time, most new migrants experience similar stages along the way.

For migrants, the first part of the settlement journey is fun. It is filled with anticipation of new and interesting experiences - and this mindset can continue for some time, through arrival and for several months after.

However, at some point something happens that gives you a fright - a relationship issue, a problem with the new job, bad news from the home country, sickness, a budget crisis - whatever the event, it makes you realise that this new country is different from where you come from.

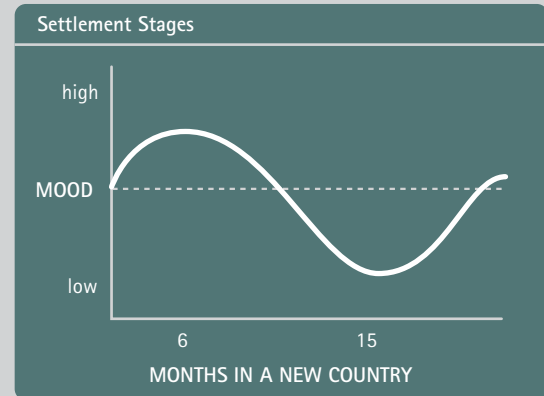
At this point a new migrant might choose to leave, or they decide to stay and look for support.

The SSNZ initiative provides a clear first point of contact for new migrants throughout New Zealand. Being locally situated and locally focused, SSNZ responds to new migrants' concerns with local solutions and information.

But more than anything, SSNZ provides a person you can talk to who understands the on-going challenges for migrants, in the town or district where you choose to settle.

The government funds SSNZ to assist new migrants with their settlement journey. We hope that with the right assistance at the right time, every courageous new migrant will experience the benefits of living in New Zealand.

A typical progression of the successful Settlement Journey



Source: Nancy J Adler. International Dimensions of Organizational Behaviour. 2002

ABOUT THIS E-BOOK

As a migrant destination New Zealand has a lot to offer. But life is different in every country, and differences bring challenges as well as opportunities.

Living in New Zealand is designed to provide you with a base of reliable and up-to-date information that is useful to new migrants. There are ten sections; *The Treaty of Waitangi, First Steps, SSNZ, Housing, Health, Education, Work, Business, The Government, and Migrant Stories*. Each section includes a list of local websites and contact phone numbers.

Living in New Zealand is designed for browsing – the sections can be read in any order.

Whatever your decision, we hope you find this guide helpful. And, should your journey begin in earnest, we look forward to welcoming you to a new life in New Zealand.

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