

# Working in Taranaki

Why Taranaki? – a multitude of reasons! [www.taranaki.info](http://www.taranaki.info)

## Job landscape

Jobs are plentiful in Taranaki. Between 1999 and 2008, economic growth and, in turn, employment growth, was driven by migration and an increase in people participating in the labour force.

If you are looking for work there are a number of avenues to follow, and getting a visa or coming to New Zealand to meet with employers face to face will improve your chances of success. There are, however, also many internet job boards to consider, in particular the Taranaki Regional Jobs website [www.taranaki.info/jobs](http://www.taranaki.info/jobs).

## Labour Market Information

The Department of Labour website contains a wealth of knowledge on employment health and safety rules, regulations and tools, links to Immigration New Zealand and immigration facts, figures and reports, labour market information including statistics on employment and unemployment, analysis and insights including reports, factsheets, research and tools, plus an employment relations section providing information on holiday and parental leave entitlements, minimum wage, employment agreement builders and employment policies, laws and legislation. [www.dol.govt.nz](http://www.dol.govt.nz)

## Statistics

On the Statistics New Zealand website you can browse for a range of statistics on economic, social and environmental information including population, work and income, education and training, health, industry sectors, crime and justice and more. [www.stats.govt.nz](http://www.stats.govt.nz)

## Finding a Job

To find a job in Taranaki, register on the Taranaki regional jobs website where you can get notifications of and apply for new jobs. More than 550 local employers are registered and jobs are updated on a regular basis. For more information and assistance contact Venture Taranaki. [www.taranaki.info/jobs](http://www.taranaki.info/jobs)

Other avenues include the immigration websites and other national jobs boards, including Seek, TradeMe Jobs and the Taranaki Daily News, among many others. [www.newkiwis.co.nz](http://www.newkiwis.co.nz), [www.seek.co.nz](http://www.seek.co.nz), [www.jobs.govt.nz](http://www.jobs.govt.nz), and [www.trademe.co.nz/jobs](http://www.trademe.co.nz/jobs)

# TARANAKI

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Taranaki offers an array of roles throughout it's industry sectors – with future growth expected to be strong.



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### ▼ Salary info

Job listings in New Zealand often don't indicate salary levels, and it can be difficult to directly compare salaries with those for similar roles in other countries. The Trademe website can help provide you with some guidance. Look up <http://www.trademe.co.nz/Trade-me-jobs/Salary-guide>

### ▼ Accredited Employers

Another avenue for overseas job hunters is accredited employers. These are employers approved by the NZ Immigration Service who can offer jobs to offshore candidates without having to prove that there are no suitably qualified New Zealanders available, or readily able to be trained. They can often provide you with a work visa in as little as two weeks.

For a list of accredited employers, visit:  
<http://www.immigration.govt.nz/>

### ▼ Converting Qualifications

If you have qualifications from overseas institutes that need to be converted or recognised against New Zealand standards, please contact the NZ Qualifications Authority. Registration with your industry's governing or regulatory body association is also usually required. [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz)

### ▼ CVs, Resumes and Cover Letters

New Zealand CV's may be quite different to those in your home country, therefore, taking time to write the best CV and cover letter you can is a crucial step in getting the job you want. If an employer likes what they read in your CV and cover letter, they'll invite you for an interview. For tips on putting together a great CV visit

<http://www.seek.co.nz/career-resources/?cid=sk:main:nz:tab:tools>

<http://www.trademe.co.nz/Trade-me-jobs/Job-hunters-guide/index.htm>



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## Looking Back

Three industries employ 32% of the Taranaki workforce. These are:

- Agriculture
- Food and beverage manufacturing
- Business services, which includes legal and accounting, marketing and management services.

During the last five years the number of people employed in business services-related jobs has increased considerably, and opportunities are good.

Top industry earners for the region are oil and gas exploration, property services and food and beverage manufacturing, including dairy processing. These industries earn about \$1.65billion annually - 36.2% of the region's income.

## Looking Forward

Taranaki needs to grow by 700 full-time equivalent workers a year to 2026. Venture Taranaki expects this growth to be achieved through attracting, retaining, training and inspiring great people with good skills to move, live and work here.

Industry and therefore employment growth is expected in the following sectors:

- Agricultural services
- Building, construction and associated trades
- Business services and government administration
- Education
- Health
- Oil and gas exploration and production
- Engineering and manufacturing
- Primary industries such as horticulture
- Transport

## Skills in Demand

New Zealand Immigration develops two Skills in Demand Lists which are reviewed and updated every six months. These include the Long Term Skill Shortage lists (LTSSL) and the Immediate Skill Shortage List (ISSL).

### Long Term Skill Shortage List (LTSSL)

Jobs on the LTSSL relevant to Taranaki would allow application for residency under the Skilled Migrant Category (SMC) or Work to Residence (W2R) policy and would include:

#### Professional Occupations

- Architects
- Auditors
- Civil Engineers
- Early Childhood Teachers
- Electrical Engineers
- Environmental Scientists
- Food Technologists
- Project Managers
- Quantity Surveyors
- Secondary School Teachers
- Social Workers
- Surveyors
- Urban Planners
- Vets

- Psychologists
- Radiologists
- Dietician
- GP's
- Oncologists
- Midwives
- Nurses
- Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
- Occupational Therapists
- Pharmacists
- Physiotherapists
- Psychologists
- Surgeons

#### Other Trades

- Diesel Mechanics
- Electricians
- IT support professionals
- Chefs

#### Health Occupations

- Ambulance Paramedics
- Anaesthetist
- Audiologist

<http://www.immigration.govt.nz/NR/rdonlyres/89185A40-27D3-41F4-84BE-30129920411D/o/ISSL.pdf>





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### The Immediate Skills Shortage List (ISSL)

The Immediate Skills Shortage policies relates to temporary work visas and please note that if you come to work in New Zealand based on meeting the ISSL requirements, there is no direct link to residence.

Occupations under ISSL for the Central North Island region which includes Taranaki are

#### Professional Occupations

- Accountants
- Auditors
- Early Childhood Teacher (Montessori)
- IT Specialist
- Primary School teacher

#### Construction/Design/Engineering

- Architectural draughtsperson
- Construction Project Manager
- Electrical Engineer
- Petroleum Engineer
- Surveyor

#### Health Occupations

- Ambulance Officer
- Anaesthetic Technician
- Dental Technician
- Dentist
- Dispensing Optician
- Optometrist

#### Agriculture/Horticulture

- Apiarist
- Beef and Dairy Cattle Farmer
- Fruit or Nut Grower
- Market Gardener
- Arborist / Tree Surgeon
- Senior Florist

#### Trades

- Café and Restaurant Manager
- Gasfitter
- Instrument Control Technician
- Truck Driver

#### Trades – Oil and Gas

- Chemical Plant Operator
- Earth Science Technician
- Gas or Petroleum Operator
- Geologist
- Geophysicist and Petrophysicist
- Maintenance Planner
- Occupational Health and Safety Advisor
- Production Manager
- Safety Inspector

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For more information on how to apply for visas under the skill shortage lists, visit New Zealand Immigration or speak to a licensed immigration advisor.

[www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)  
[www.iaa.govt.nz](http://www.iaa.govt.nz)

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