

## New Zealand town with ‘too many jobs’



Fresh start? (Picture: Clutha District Council)

*If you have ever fancied the idea of moving to the other side of the world this could be the answer.....*

**T**here is a town in New Zealand's picturesque South Island that is begging people to live and work there.

Kaitangata has too many jobs and too many affordable houses for its 800 resident and needs someone to fill them.

The situation is so extreme that it is offering house and land packages for the equivalent of £122,000,

The deals are targeted at Kiwis but they are yours if you can successfully land yourself a visa.

Mayor of the Clutha district, which includes Kaitangata, Bryan Cadogan, thinks there are more than 1,000 jobs vacant in his district.

‘When I was unemployed and had a family to feed, the Clutha gave me a chance, and now we want to offer that opportunity to other Kiwi families who might be struggling,’ he told the Guardian newspaper.

The Clutha District's population is:

Population: 16,890

Youth Population (15-24): 1,890

Number of Unemployed: 321

In Kaitangata 'We have got youth unemployment down to two. Not 2% – just two unemployed young people.'

'I despair over the way many Kiwi families are forced to live these days,' said Cadogan, who is a born and bred local.

'So many of the things Kiwis value, such as owning your own home and providing for your family, have become an impossible dream. For a lot of people in New Zealand life is just an endless slog. And that really saddens me.'

So what kind of job can you expect?

Major employers in the area include farming, forestry and tourism.

A quick browse of New Zealand job site Seek brings up jobs like college manager, maintenance planner, building control and electricians.

Major employers in the area are linked to what are known as primary industries – dairy processing plants and freezing works.

You will need a Visa to be considered:

### **Skilled Migrant Category Visa:**

You need to be able to display skills that would contribute to New Zealand's economic growth.

If you have enough skills and experience, and are under 55, an Expression of Interest will be accepted and you will be invited to apply for a visa.

### **Silver Fern Job Search Work Visa:**

This gives you a chance to find long term skilled employment before applying for residence as a Skilled Migrant.

If you have recognised qualifications, have two years' work experience and money to support you (\$4,200NZ) you will match the criteria to get the nine month visa.

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