

# MOVE TO AUCKLAND

‘The City of Sails’ attracts many migrants with its relaxed outdoors lifestyle, high quality education and great job opportunities...

With its fantastic job opportunities, good climate, stunning natural environment and cosmopolitan centre, it's no wonder that Auckland, New Zealand's largest city, scores highly in liveability surveys.

Earlier this year Auckland came third as offering the best quality of life city in the world out of 230 worldwide cities in Mercer's Quality of Living Ranking, which look at factors varying from safety and education to healthcare and the economy, Sydney ranked 10th and Wellington 15th.

The city was also ranked 17th in the world for Monocle's annual Quality of Life survey, making this vibrant city the envy of many larger ones. It was ranked the most corruption free country in the world, according to Transparency International earlier this year. New Zealand came out on top of 149 nations for prosperity, in a list released by the Legatum Prosperity Index.

Auckland is the region of choice for the majority of new migrants. Its migrant population more than doubled in the past year. New Zealand's annual net migration reached records in February 2017 to 71,000 with over half this migration into NZ's largest city. Approximately 1,570,000 people live in Auckland, around a third of New Zealand's population.

Auckland has a comfortable climate with temperatures averaging between 20 to 25 degrees Celsius during the summer and 10 to 15 degrees Celsius during the winter.

The agreeable weather helps many people to enjoy an outdoors

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## EDUCATION

Once you have an idea of where you wish to live in Auckland, then finding a school for your children will be the next priority.

This modern, cosmopolitan city boasts an attractive harbour



Auckland tops surveys for its quality of life



Many people from overseas come to Auckland especially for the high quality education. Schools in New Zealand generally offer great security with easy accessibility. Education here is of a high standard and is compulsory between the ages of five and 15-years-old. On average, Primary School is for children aged from five to 11, Intermediate School between the ages of 11 and 12 and High School between the ages of 13 and 17.

After High School, there is a choice between studying at university for a degree or to study for a trade and obtain an apprenticeship through UNITEC, a New Zealand technical institute.

School starts on or around 1 February and ends on the first week in December with Christmas summer holidays being the long break in the academic year.

Most children in New Zealand live within walking distance of their local school. In Auckland, the area where you live, the School Zone, depicts which school you can attend and can make a difference to the cost of your rent or value of your property.

## HEALTHCARE

When you arrive in New Zealand and have found a suburb in which you plan to live, then registering with the local doctor should be your next step. There are both Public and Private Hospitals in New Zealand. Public Hospitals, like the NHS in the UK, are free but with long waiting lists sometimes required, so most people take out private medical insurance when they arrive for this reason. To prevent any delays in medical treatment at a Public Hospital, it is recommended to join a private health fund which can be organized privately, or by your employer.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

A large percentage of all New Zealand businesses are based in Auckland. This reflects in its growing population, and as a >>





result, the city has more than half the country's labourforce living there, who are employed in the property, business services, manufacturing, retail and wholesale trades.

Employees in Auckland generally work hard, but this is balanced with a relaxed lifestyle. The income level is much higher here than the rest of the country, but so is the cost of living. Economists have even described Auckland as 'The Super City' because its strong employment and population growth has encouraged retail spending.

Higher and lower skilled jobs attract a big demand in Auckland. There has been a decrease in apprenticeships recently, with more demand for skilled and trainee workers with good educational pathways.

For job and salary information visit [www.career.govt.nz](http://www.career.govt.nz), also [www.workandincome.govt.nz/find-a-job](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/find-a-job) and [www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/work-in-nz/nz-jobs-industries](http://www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/work-in-nz/nz-jobs-industries). Immigration New Zealand's website at [www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant) is also useful.

The jobs that are most in demand at the moment are in construction, engineering, education, health and social services and oil and gas. For an indication of typical salaries for jobs visit [www.newzealandnow.govt.nz](http://www.newzealandnow.govt.nz).

The World Bank in 2016 ranked New Zealand as the "easiest place in the world to start a business and the world's second easiest country to do business in general". The Heritage Foundation rated New Zealand the world's third Freest Economy in its 2017 Index of Economic Freedom. These world rankings reflects on business and living in Auckland, as it performs a large percentage of New Zealand business. 



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## What can I buy in Auckland?

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### ARCHITECTURALLY DESIGNED

6 Brett Avenue, Takapuna

Located along the Golden Mile of Takapuna on Auckland's North Shore, this seven-year-old architecturally designed home is simply the best of the best and offers the perfect blend of privacy and convenient proximity to Takapuna Beach, cafés, shopping and quality schools.

Price by negotiation (circa NZ\$6.9 million)  
**PREMIUM.CO.NZ/9493**



### DRAMATIC SEA VIEWS

62 Sharon Road, Browns Bay

On a sensational 4,889 square metre peninsula site with some of the most dramatic sea views is this 'on trend' retro cool 1960's Hollywood Hills style home. Spread over 300 square metres of single level living, nearly all the rooms take in their very own perspective of the mesmerising ocean vistas.

Price by negotiation (circa NZ\$5 million)  
**PREMIUM.CO.NZ/9461**



### WATERFRONT RESIDENCE

1085 Leigh Road, Matakana

Riverwood Estate is an exceptionally high-quality waterfront residence set on approximately 29 acres, offering peace and privacy while showcasing outstanding craftsmanship with richness and warmth throughout.

Price by negotiation (circa NZ\$5 million)  
**PREMIUM.CO.NZ/90261**