

Rugby World Cup jobs available in New Zealand with the Working Holiday Visa

London, 28 June 2011: Rugby fans who want to be at the centre of the World Cup action whilst earning some money can benefit from Immigration New Zealand's Working Holiday Visa. This allows UK citizens between the ages of 18 and 30 to work and travel in New Zealand and is ideal for those who are taking a gap year. Casual workers will be needed in the country as tourists and rugby enthusiasts flock to New Zealand's major cities to watch the matches which take place from 9 September- 2 October 2011.

Available job opportunities relating to the Rugby World Cup include hospitality work, event security and scaffolding to help construct temporary stadiums and seating. Longer-term job opportunities may also be available to appropriately qualified people. Further details can be found by visiting www.newzealandnow.govt.nz and clicking on the 'Rugby World Cup 2011' tab.

Nigel Bickle, Head of Immigration New Zealand, comments: "New Zealanders have an infectious passion for rugby that visitors can't help but get caught up in. The 2011 Rugby World Cup is an excellent opportunity for Brits to visit our country, soak up the party atmosphere and gain some work experience along the way."

Several companies are currently recruiting for casual hospitality roles starting from late August. SKYCITY, New Zealand's largest hospitality employer with over 20 restaurants and bars, is proactively searching for casual staff to work during the Rugby World Cup at a variety of locations in Auckland, including within the iconic 'Sky Tower.' Bar, wait and convention staff are needed from late August through to November, with applicants asked to apply via the dedicated website: www.gametime2011.co.nz

A 'mini gap' for those who are unable to take a gap year-

School leavers starting university this autumn can still have a 'mini gap' by taking advantage of the Working Holiday Visa. By allowing future students to work and travel in New Zealand there is less of a strain on finances and working abroad is a great addition to the CV.

Many people now see a gap year as an unaffordable luxury especially with the rise in university tuition fees from September 2012. This makes the visa ideal for a break before university with its unlimited places and easy application process. Last year over 8,000 Brits applied for the visa which demonstrates its popularity.

The short-term working opportunities available from July until September include ski instructor courses which range from two weeks to two months or hospitality jobs in New Zealand's biggest cities.

The Working Holiday Visa is available to UK residents who want to travel and work temporarily in New Zealand. It is available for up to 23 months and there are unlimited places available annually to UK residents. In many cases applications can be approved in less than three days. The visa can be applied for at www.newzealandnow.govt.nz.

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Further media information

For more information on working and living in New Zealand, please visit www.newzealandnow.govt.nz and search for 'jobs and event'. You can also call Immigration NZ on 09069 100 100 (calls cost £1 per minute).

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