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UK demand for migration to Australia still as strong as ever

70% of people looking to migrate down under will still make the move within the next 3 years, despite longer visa processing times says Australia & New Zealand magazine.

A survey, carried out ahead of the magazine's Down Under Live event in Leeds, reveals that despite increasing challenges, many thousands of Britons remain undeterred and committed to emigrating to Australia.

In 2008/09, more than 23,000 Brits made the move down under, attracted by better weather, jobs and the prospect of a new life. Weather, jobs and the current financial situation in the UK are all concerns, but it is the laid back life, with stunning scenery, long days of sunshine and the outdoor life that attracts most emigrants.

It is estimated that around 12,000 applications are received for Australian visas every year from the north of England, and jobs down under are in particular demand. Visitors to the show will be able to get a free visa assessment, advice on jobs and be able to listen to a wide ranging seminar programme that will give in depth advice and help on moving to Australia or New Zealand.

The Working Down Under area will have jobs in a variety of industries which candidates can apply for directly at the show, as well as get advice and tips on the quickest way to get their dream job.

The event will also feature a Travel Zone, featuring specialists in Antipodean travel and where visitors can get special deals on flights and tours down under.

John Weir, director for Down Under Live says "We know how many people dream of a new life in Australia so we expect our event in Leeds to be very busy indeed. Visitors to Down Under Live will get all the advice and help they need in securing their dream job and new life in the sun."

Down Under Live! is the leading event for Australia & New Zealand and will be at the Royal Armouries in Leeds on the 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Further details are available on the website – [www.downunderlive.co.uk](http://www.downunderlive.co.uk) . Tickets cost £10 in advance.

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