

NB: 16/6/2020 The Mackenzie Concession has been paused, due to COVID-19 immigration policies. MSD will undertake a review in December 2020.

Effective 18 November 2018 Announcement to Mackenzie District employers

Ministry of Social Development concession for Mackenzie District

We are delighted to announce the Ministry of Social Development has signed off on a **streamlined Labour Market Test process** for Mackenzie District employers.

The South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce is very pleased to have championed this on your behalf and believe this a significant change of policy for MSD. **Mackenzie District is the first geographic area to receive this concession.** Thank you for your collaborative support.

What does it mean?

- **Skills Match Report** for ANZSCO Level 4 or 5 positions will be **issued within 24 hours** – reduced from up to 2-3 weeks, saving you invaluable TIME with recruitment.

Who gets it?

- Applies to ALL businesses operating within Mackenzie District boundaries

When does it apply?

- NOW – Mackenzie businesses already experiencing the new process - 'Dream Result' one comment received

What you need to do to get on board – just follow the usual process and list your vacancy with Work and Income:

- Mackenzie District employers with ANZSCO level 4 and 5 vacancies should contact Work and Income either via the employer line: 0800 778 008 or by listing the vacancy online using this [List a Job Vacancy form](#)
- Employers need to advise that they are from the Mackenzie District, and that they are requesting a Skills Match Report.
- You can Search for ANZSCO job titles and find your occupation [here](#)
- If unfamiliar with this search, here's a couple of examples of ANZSCO Level 4 and 5 roles for your information: [Commercial Cleaners](#) [Waiters](#)

MSD recommends employers sign into the [Work the Seasons web portal](#) to advertise vacancies, an option to access jobseekers including working holiday makers. Immigration NZ recognise this portal as one of the channels to demonstrate genuine attempt to hire New Zealanders. It's also FREE, helping employers with the costs involved in advertising vacancies.

With your support, SC Chamber of Commerce will continue to lobby on your behalf towards relieving the topics causing the most pressure to Mackenzie District employers. Thanks to those who have contributed to this result and ongoing work to ease the critical labour shortage/process in Mackenzie District. Please contact us with any queries.

Kind Regards

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