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Migrants have no hope of refunds after firm wound up (title)

By [Martin van Beynen](#) - [The Press](#) | Saturday, 15 December 2007

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* 2006/09/babala-bagong-raket-ni-kaloy

***2006/12/news-flash-newjobz-leaves-migrants**

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Recruitment company leaves migrants short of \$600,000

04 December 2006

By MARTIN VAN BEYNEN Email: martin.vanbeynen@press.co.nz

A Christchurch recruitment company **owes 229 potential migrants about \$600,000**, after **renegeing** on its refund policy.

Stu Macann and Associates Ltd, based in New Brighton, closed last month, but two of its three directors continue the migrant recruitment business under a newly formed company, Skills New Zealand Ltd.

Local creditors have also missed out, but 229 potential migrants, **many from Third World countries**, are **owed \$600,000 in refunds**.

Stu Macann and Associates Ltd started in 2003 with the aim of giving potential migrants an online service (NewJobZ) to help them secure a job offer in New Zealand which would help them gain residency. **It claims** to have helped settle 225 migrant families in New Zealand. Clients paid a fee of about \$3000, which was fully refundable if a suitable job offer was not forthcoming.

About eight months ago, the company hit financial trouble, and last week Stu Macann and Associates Ltd ceased trading, although the operation, with a reduced staff, has carried on under Skills New Zealand Ltd.

Skills New Zealand Ltd is owned and run by Christchurch businessmen **Keith Lightfoot and Stu Macann**, both of whom were also directors and shareholders of Stu Macann and Associates.

Suresh Antil, a pharmacist, 50, who lives just outside New Delhi, in India, **was one those caught up in the company failure**.

In August, he asked for his money back he paid a \$3000 fee of which \$2000 was refundable and in October, Lightfoot sent Antil a letter promising to pay by December 15.

However, on November 22, Antil was informed Stu Macann and Associates had ceased trading, and that the new company continuing the business would not honour the refund undertaking.

Antil's daughter, Mahima Sahrawat, who emigrated to New Zealand with her husband, Arun, three years ago, said **her father had borrowed** the money for the fee, and would now struggle to pay it back. The **\$3000** fee was equal to her father's **yearly salary**.

"It's very much money for my father. He is still paying very heavy interest on the loan."

Lightfoot told The Press the original company was facing liquidation, **because of financial troubles**, and it had taken legal advice on how it should proceed.

The refund policy had **undermined** the company, and made it unsustainable, **he said**.

"We said we'll get you a job or your money back, which was a fantastically charitable thing to say, looking back. But we did, and we have been very successful in placing a lot of people into New Zealand.

"Eight months ago we realised the policy was causing us some problems, because people were taking advantage of it. We were paying out money to people who had used our services for 18 months. They used our time, our energy, our job-searching programme, and then asked for a refund," he said.

Some had been offered 17 jobs, but had turned them all down, and some turned down a job and then moved to New Zealand to take up the job. A total of \$1.6 million had been refunded to 667 clients, he said.

"We understand why you are talking to us. We have lost personally. We believe we are doing the right thing by the migrants and always have done. We don't feel in any way we have done anything wrong except we understand we wrote a contract which we did not honour and that's that."

He agreed it was not a good look for New Zealand, but "we do not feel we have let the side down".

"We are extraordinarily unhappy about what's happened here. It's been an emotional drain on us all."

Skills New Zealand Ltd would continue to work for the clients who wanted to stay with the firm but NO refunds would be given.

A statement on the company's website that it was a "registered immigration agent" was not misleading, despite the fact the firm was not on any immigration agent register, he said.

"We are registered as much as anyone else is registered. The process of registration is going through right now with Immigration New Zealand and we're part of that registration process."

Immigration New Zealand was happy for firms like his to call themselves registered immigration agents, until the "certification" was sorted out, he said.

The Labour Department's deputy secretary, Mary Anne Thompson, said: "As there is currently no authority that oversees the registration of immigration advisers, agents cannot call themselves regis-tered agents."

The Immigration Advisers Licensing Bill, which was wait-ing to be passed into legis-lation, would create a licensing authority within the Depart-ment of Labour to administer a licensing regime, she said.

Lightfoot said local creditors were also left owed money by the company change and 21 staff had been made redundant.

Bernard Walsh, chairman of the New Zealand Association for Migration and Investment, said his organisation deplored any actions that brought the nation's immigration system into disrepute. **"Certainly, what has happened here will reflect very badly on New Zealand."**

Any person who has information relevant to this story is asked to email martin.vanbeynen@press.co.nz or ring 027 220 4453. | posted by Ka Uro at [11:37 AM](#) | | [comments](#) _

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Forum **Immigrating to New Zealand !!!**
Topic Immigrate to NewZealand with a job!!!
Author Raj
Date Created **5/15/2005** 11:01:01

If you have heard this, it is the famous catch phrase for a New Zealand company called NEWJOBZ. Newjobz is one of **the most fraudulent Immigration** companies in New Zealand. I had a cousin who is in India who is a highly skilled software engineer he wanted to come to New Zealand with his young family. I helped him by paying **NewJobZ** to get him a job and help in Immigration. I visited there office and met a very professional Indian boy who explained what NewJobZ is all about. He was extremely impressive with his detailed knowledge of my cousins feild of work and explained about the job search strategies. I was confident and I paid Newjobz the money they wanted. What was to follow was a total disaster.

NewJobz created a real bad CV and took 297 US\$ for that. Then came a bunch of Idiots who call themself Employment Consultants. My cousin is into programming and they where continewously asking him non-specific questions.

There was a case where one Newjobz Employment consultant asked him whether his skills where actually networking or database skills. After some email exchanges my cousin was very clear that Newjobz had no clear knowledge in the recruitment industry or software sector.

We decide to complete the contract and get a full re-fund,I tried to do my own investigation as iam in christchurch. **Newjobz is not knowledgable** in recruitment process at all. If you carefully look at the number of students whom I know have signed up and have a ratio with the Employment consultants team. It is for every 1 Newjobz Employment consultant there are approximately 15 students, this leads to the question How they are able to manage non student clients.?

Newjobz is fraud they will have your money for 120 days and when you request for a refund, Newjobz will ask you to extend and when you still ask for a refund they return your money after another 60 days. so total of 180 days intrests and destroyed hopes.

This might help some people and I would also like others to contribute to this discussion.

Topic Re: **Immigrating to New Zealand !!!**
Author **Sharing Frustrations from the UK**
Date Created **5/15/2005** 22:22:02

Newjobz actually destroyed our dreams. When me and my wife visited Newjobz they gave us a positive picture of helping us settle. One of Newjobz directors called **Keith Lightfoot** was very convincing actually promised me to get a New Zealand citizenship. I believed and paid Newjobz, the experience with Newjobz was a very frustrating. I waited for 120 days no jobs infact they have a stupid little box tracking system, and when i added the number it did not tally. I realised newjobz was dodgy and so was Keith Lightfoot and his team, so claimed my moneyback based on the contract. **True colours of a snake...** they wanted me to extend and made me wait for more than 15 days. I paid through my Newjobz fees through Credit Card so applied for a chargeback. My Credit card company got the money straight back into our account.

Message

1. Pay Newjobz through Credit card, you can apply for charge back.
2. Please dont be fooled by the intial letter sent by **Keith Lightfoot it is decieving and he does not care about you.**
3. NZIS is intrested in helping potential migrants, operators like Newjobz are after your money.
4. Paying money to Newjobz actually causes a lot of tensions in family.(your wife pretty much troubles you everyday for progress and you are frustrated)
5. I agree with you Employment consultants are Bullocks
6. Now me and my family are finally moving to New Zealand.
7. Newjobz nearly destried my New Zealand dream, save yours!!!

Topic Re: **Immigrating to New Zealand !!!**

Author vim

Date Created **11/1/2005** 18:38:59

Message i am also looking at migrating and received a letter from keith lightfoot. i am not sure about it all - i dont have Immediate skill shortage status. My area is communications and writings, is it advisable then to go with a company that also has recruitment capabilities? How did you manage to migrate to NZ in the end? Do you have skills highly in demand? how long did it take from application to acceptance?

Topic Re: **Immigrating to New Zealand !!!**

Author **Help in Need.**

Date Created **8/11/2006** 19:42:02

Hyperlink is money making company like other firms **such as Newjobz.com, never ever fall into their ambush.** If you are desperate to follow your dream then go through NZ immigration website and follow the steps mentioned, this would more economic and less of hassle. This would be more easy and legitimate. Let me make it clear to you all that Newjobz and Hyperlink can not fleche you any jobs there. On reaching there you will have to search the job through local newspaper fix and interview face to face and if selected you will get a job. So Hyperlink will be a sheer staying place for you at really steep price. On getting job he will demand from you and employer a share from your salary which I think is a very cheap strategy to earn money. So please be careful, I did not get job there and had to come back to India. Lucky for me I had taken leave from my present job so I had job in hand, some people had to suffer as they had quit jobs for coming there. So think very hard before you take any decision regarding these **JOKERS (Hyperlink and Newjobz)** and getting job there is very tough than India.

In Newjobz case I was dealing with bunch of jokers who call themselves employment manger, who don't have any subject matter knowledge or domain proficiency. They don't know what they are talking.

Message If I have to explain you their business model then its pretty simple, step by step money assortment and then keep money for 120 days and then asking you to extend the contract; to get more interest rate on your money, this will give them more working capital for their company.

I had really horrible experience with them. I was not able to get a feedback quick enough and then half the time the employment managers were out or sick and my case was not being attended. They kept enforcing that I should extend but I had made up my mind so they told me that there processing for refund only begins once in a month, only on the 20th and said that they cannot give an exact date as to when will the money be refunded. Not having heard from them I called them after 2 weeks of processing time and talked to Debbie (need more customer support training) who wasn't kind at all, she went on about the 100 of clients they have and they cannot update everyone with the progress etc.

They have told us that the refund will happen but don't know when. It is a simple transfer into a bank a/c. **I think NZ govt. should step-up and enforce a strict law for these fraud criminals.**

THESE COMPANIES ARE UNDER IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE EMOTIONAL AND HOODWINK. My sisters and brothers; urge to you please don't let them think so. **Let run a campaign to wipe them out from our society.**

Topic Re: **Immigrating to New Zealand !!!**

Author Andy

Date Created **12/2/2006** 09:02:24

Message I`m a girl from Europe who was thinking of using this company . If all this is true, then I`m very thankful that you guys put this information on the web. Thank you very much!

Topic Re: **newjobz to newskill with cheating and lying.**

Author Emma

Date **12/11/2006** 01:10:43

Created

Hi, it's been a great day seeing this website knowing **that I was not the one who suffered from the cheating and lying of newjobz staff especially to Mr. Lightfoot and Mrs. Vosloo.**

Message

I have come to NZ seeking a new life and deposit a NZD\$599.13 to their account. They never make a contact or even give me a call, losing my patience I know I have to look for one and on the following week I was offered a job offer. I then call their office asking for a refund of my money and Mrs. Andrea Vosloo replied to leave them 30 days. It was so disgusting when 30 days was over I phone them and she said through an email to leave them 14 days because it was an error on their part. After 14 days Mr. Lightfoot informed me through an email that newjobz has ceased it's activities and sold and they will inform me if I will ever get my money back.

What make me puke when I looked up at the website again, Mrs. Andrea Vosloo who happen to be the director of Newjobz is the Manager of Newskill. It's seems so **funny but this woman smile like a snake caught in a trap.** She is so dangerous in getting your money so beware, and I am wondering whether she have a family who seems to survive by eating other people's money. Watch out for Newjobz for it is changing to Newskill with the same old people. My family has live on bread and water for 1 whole week because of your lying and cheating peoples money out of their pocket. I curse all of you.

Topic

Re: **Immigrating to New Zealand !!!**

Author

Joseph Paul

Date

12/13/2006 18:14:36

Created

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So I contacted Citizen Advice Bureau. Their investigation found that both these companies were owned by the same people and that Skills NZ was registered in November. I came to New Zealand as a student and when I made the payment to NewJobZ, I had to borrow it from my friends. So I would like **to get back the money (NZD\$2000.00) that NewJobZ owes me.**

Topic

Re: **Immigrating to New Zealand !!!**

Author

Masi

Date

2/7/2007 09:03:23

Created

Yes Raj...this certainly is true. **Newjobz and its new partner Skillsnz are fraudulent** and they must be taught a lesson. I paid them US\$297 and never recd. any responses or calls from them. When I call them at the middle of the night from India, no one answers. Also no one ever replies to emails. Their phone service is a pain.

Message

Someone on this forum has explained about charging back the paid amount through the bank. Does that really work ?? I'll talk to my bank immediately for this.

Beware about Skillsnz and Newjobz for employment and immigration.....rather use NZIS !!

Topic

Re: **Immigrating to New Zealand !!!**

Author

admin

Date

2/7/2007 09:24:06

Created

You should email the Consumer, an organisation that looks after such things in New Zealand.

Message

For general correspondence: info@consumer.org.nz

For best results write them a snail mail, As this will provoke an investigation:-

Consumers' Institute of New Zealand

Private Bag 6996

Wellington 6030

New Zealand

they investigate such things, as under New Zealand law it is illegal to sell services to consumers and then the consumer does not receive the service.

Topic Re: **Immigrating to New Zealand !!!**

Author Raj

Date Created **7/19/2007** 17:45:14

Dear Mr. Raj,

Thanks for this awakening about New Jobs. In fact I had received two or three emails from **Keith Leighfoot** of this consultancy assuring me of a job in Finance in New Zealand against which **he requested to send him a money first.**

Your email really awakened us about this fraudulent consultancy.

Message As I understand that you are based in Christchurch, if you could kindly let me know that is there any possibility to move to New Zealand with job offer and migrate, i.e. are there companies or recruitment consultants who directly recruit the people outside New Zealand?

I am based in UAE with my family and I am interested in migrating to NZ and am a senior Finance Professional with 20+ years experience.

Kindly email me r.krishnan1959@yahoo.com Regards, Ramasubramanian Krishnan

Topic Re: **Immigrating to New Zealand !!!**

Author RS

Date Created **8/15/2007** 12:56:59

Message Hi there, feel free to email to: themoonwalker12@yahoo.co.nz and i shall try my best to answer ur queries, Cheers

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mikewhitney2007

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dear Paul please contact the international consumer rights protection council. it does not matter where u are or where is the opposing party is. they will be sent a legal notice. please visit www.icrpc.org the contact person is mr. arun saxena. dont give up.

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the nz commerce commssion are currently investating this company you a contact there email me webwriternz@hotmail.com

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Hi PaulJose,

What finally happened with SkillsNZ?

Regards, Paul

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ArchiLinux	Posted: Wed Dec 13, 2006 6:16 pm Post subject: I think you missed Ka Uro's blog. People, don't get NewJobz.
Joined: 01 Apr 2006 Posts: 313 Location: Hamilton, New Zealand	
pauljose	Posted: Thu Feb 08, 2007 5:53 pm Post subject: Never ever use NewJobZ or Skills NZ to immigrate or to find a job in New Zealand
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vangie	Posted: Sat May 12, 2007 6:39 pm Post subject: hi.. I'm also finding a consultant to whom I can trust the money when I pay. kase na biktima rin ako ng newjobz. can you help me? JUVAN
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Join Date: Oct 2007
Posts: 1

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Hi,

I am one of the Victims of this company, SkillsNZ/NewJobz/Stu McCann Associates. I have already paid them about NZ\$2975 total and I found out their company has already closed. Can somebody please give me advise on what to do? I have been contacting the NZ Commerce Commission, but I haven't received any reply yet. please help me out, I really need the money back. you may email me at blackmambakobe24@yahoo.com. Thanks

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Hi,

Welcome to MoveToNZ.

I'm very sorry to hear you have had problems with this company. They seem to make a habit of taking people's money, then close the company and start up again with a new name. The last I heard was that the NZ Commerce Commission were investigating them, so it's a shame they haven't replied to you.

<http://www.icrpc.org/>

Have you thought of trying the [International Consumer Rights Protection Council](#)? Mr. Arun Saxena used to be the contact person, but I don't know if he's still there.

I do hope you can get your money back, although it may take time.

Mother Bear

19-05-2007, 08:23 PM

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Hi Mar1380,

Welcome to MoveToNZ.

Back at the beginning of the year, there was some bad publicity about Skillsnz. I posted [this warning](http://www.move-tonz.org/forum/general-nz-chat/5405-need-suggestion-rge-recruitment-agents-2.html) <http://www.move-tonz.org/forum/general-nz-chat/5405-need-suggestion-rge-recruitment-agents-2.html> on the forum, but unfortunately the news site I was linking to doesn't keep its old news items so you won't be able to read what was said. It wasn't good news though. **I believe they went bankrupt and left a lot of people out of pocket and without jobs, then they immediately started up a new company.** I think they were originally registered as Newjobz when this happened and Skillsnz is the new company name. I hope I've got this the right way round.

If you are looking for a job agent, this forum is linked to a reputable company that handles both jobs and visas. I don't know if you have visited [the site](#) yet.

Edited to add: I just found this on an [Indian forum](#). Newjobz is the company name before they went bankrupt and started up again as Skillsnz. If you read down the page you will see the name Skillsnz mentioned.

Mother Bear

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20-05-2007, 12:22 AM

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I can't speak from personal experience with this company but, to my way of thinking, **if a company has cheated it's clients and let them down badly once by not returning their money** when they had enough money to start another company immediately afterwards, then I don't think I would trust them 100%.
This company has had 3 names, which is not necessarily a good thing. It was originally Stu Macann & Associates Limited, then Newjobz and now Skillsnz. They tell a story of how this happened, but I wouldn't honestly know what to believe. If you went with them, perhaps they would be OK, but I certainly would be very cautious. There are many other agents around who haven't had such bad publicity and I think I'd prefer to go with one of those – just in case. But that's only my opinion.

Mother Bear
Age is a high price to pay for maturity

<http://www.movetonz.org/forum/general-nz-chat/5405-need-suggsetion-rge-recruitment-agents-2.html>

24-01-2007, 05:33 PM

MotherBear Posts: n/a

Re: Need suggsetion rge Recruitment Agents

[Beware!](#)

I don't know if this is the same company as www.skillsnz.com, but there could be a link.

MotherBear

#13 ([permalink](#))

24-01-2007, 06:23 PM

Taffy Posts: n/a

Re: Need suggsetion rge Recruitment Agents

Yes, SkillsNZ is the same company under a new name. *Please think VERY carefully if thinking about using their services. Well spotted MB!

This, again, is why I never recommend anyone lightly!

<http://www.backpack-newzealand.com/nz/article1886.php>

Author	Message
buxfizz	Posted: Mon Mar 26, 2007 11:31 am Post subject: Newjobz and Skills NZ
Joined: 22 Mar 2007 Posts: 3 Location: New Plymouth	Hi there Further to my comments last week about Newjobz, I have sunsequently learned that the directors of Newjobz have started a new immigration company called Skills NZ. These directors, Stu Macann and Keith Lightfoot, are reported to owe 229 potential migrants about \$600k after renegeing on their refund policy [see article on www.stuff.co.nz] . Talking about their so-called refund policy, Lightfoot is reported to have said that he felt that they hadn't done anything wrong except that they understood that they had written a contract which they did not honour and that was that. Well duh, when you're owed thousands of dollars how wrong is that ??? Hmmm, he actually goes on to say that he felt that they also hadn't let the side down. Of course, that depends on whose side you are on hey. So, if you are planning to migrate to NZ, there are two lessons to learn from this. Be careful, very careful about who you give your hard earned cash to. Not everyone is as nice and upfront as they pretend to be. And secondly, with just a little effort on your part, you can actually do the immigration process by yourself. It's not that difficult.
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