



a world of opportunity

## UK START UP PACK - PLUMBERS including 1<sup>st</sup> Contact Kickstart Package

**£210**

Downunder Tradies Group will assist you in acquiring the necessary documents and accreditations required for you to work in the UK Construction Industry *before* you leave Australia, New Zealand or South Africa. We will facilitate the required steps, taking the stress and inconvenience out of these timely processes, avoiding you weeks of potential complications on arrival. Our packs are designed to prepare you quickly and efficiently for commencing work soon after you arrive, as well as providing a smooth transition to help you settle in to life in the UK.

The following is a comprehensive list of how we can help you get started on your great adventure.

### QUALIFICATIONS

#### **1. ConstructionSkills Health & Safety Test**

In order to work on any UK construction site, plumbers must demonstrate health and safety awareness. This is achieved through passing the ConstructionSkills Health & Safety Test - a 1 hour, computer based, Plumbing or Gas Test, consisting of 50 multiple choice questions. You will be provided with a Study Book to prepare you for the Test before you arrive. On your arrival in the UK we will schedule a test date convenient for you. *The ConstructionSkills Health & Safety Test is held at our Test Centre in the Downunder Tradies Group offices in West London.*

[www.downundertradies.com/directions-to-test-centre](http://www.downundertradies.com/directions-to-test-centre)

#### **2. Trade Recognition**

Trade Qualifications obtained outside of the UK must be recognised as an overseas qualification - and its comparable level in the UK identified. Based on the Trade Recognition granted, the appropriate Trade qualification card will be applied for by Downunder Tradies Group, on your behalf.

#### **3. Engineering Services SKILLcard Registration**

Engineering Services SKILLcard is *the* industry recognised scheme for the registration of personnel working in the building services engineering sector throughout the UK. Engineering Services SKILLcard registers the skills and competence of people working in the mechanical services sector. Engineering Services issue you with a Card (licence) to show the level of grading you have achieved within your occupation, taking into account all the qualifications you have gained. An application form will need to be completed and your qualifications submitted (ConstructionSkills Health & Safety Test pass result/Statement of Comparability) along with employer references, to Engineering Services to be assessed. You will then be issued with a Blue SKILLcard stating your qualifications.

We will act as your sponsor, organise and submit your SKILLcard Application.

### PREPARING FOR WORK

#### **1. Registration with Downunder Tradies Group**

A one on one interview is available upon your arrival in the UK to register your details with Downunder Tradies Group and finalise any requirements to get you on site.

#### **2. Self Employment, Construction Industry Scheme (CIS) and Unique Tax Reference (UTR)**

To work in the UK Construction Industry you will need to register as self employed as you will be working as a subcontractor. You will also need to register within the CIS. This allows you to work in the Industry at the standard tax rate of 20%. If you do not register you will be taxed at the higher rate of 30%. Once you have registered within the CIS you will receive a UTR. This number is used to verify you in the Construction Industry.

You must have a NI Number to register within the CIS.

We will assist and advise you on the necessary steps that must be taken to address all of these requirements.

#### **3. Tools**

A range of tools are required when working on construction sites in the UK. We have teamed up with a local wholesaler and put together a quality tool pack available for you to purchase at a fair price. It is advisable to bring your hand tools and cordless drill over with you and purchase any additional tools once you are here.

## **1<sup>st</sup> CONTACT KICKSTART PACKAGE**

**Are you arriving in the UK and need help getting started?**

**1<sup>st</sup> Contact is proud to partner with Downunder Tradies to offer you the best possible start to your new life in London.**

### **1. An informative orientation guide**

A complete guide, including everything you need to know about London life, all in one booklet. From financial matters, including setting up your national insurance number and managing your UK taxes to the best of London's colourful and varied social highlights, including popular pubs and entertainment spots.

### **2. Assistance with opening a UK bank account**

We work in conjunction with 3 of the UK's leading banks, so you can choose your preferred banking provider - simply let us know where you will be first living when you arrive in the UK - even if this is a friend's house or Youth Hostel so that we can set your bank account up before you arrive.

### **3. A Mobile Phone Sim Card**

With one of the UK's top providers.

### **4. International calling card**

Provided by Nomi-phone with credit. You will receive free call time and great rates. NOMI offers excellent rates on international calls made to both land lines and mobile phones in your home country as well as to other international destinations.

### **5. National Insurance (NI) Number Assistance**

Let us remove the hassle of applying for this.

### **6. Discounts on 1<sup>st</sup> Contact Services and affiliated partners**

Discounts most certainly come in handy when first arriving in the UK. 1<sup>st</sup> Contact offers a series of **discounts and vouchers** for a host of products and services that we offer; including tax refunds, shipping and the travel clinic.

### **7. 5 days gym membership free with Fitness First**

1<sup>st</sup> Contact has partnered up with Fitness First to give you a 5 day trial gym membership, enabling you to stay fit and strong throughout your stay in the UK.

### **8. Accommodation**

Through 1<sup>st</sup> Contact's network of accommodation partners, we will assist you to find the right space at discounted prices. From flat and house shares to hostels - we have it covered.

### **9. NI Rebate**

Free assistance in claiming back NI Rebate. The rebate is directed to a stakeholder pension plan (AXA) meaning that tradies originating from overseas will not lose this contribution if they leave the UK before the mandatory 10 year contribution required to access State pension funds. SA based candidates may take these funds out as cash and Australian candidates may roll their nest egg into an Australian superannuation fund of their choice.

### **10. Free Money Transfer (better exchange rates than banks)**

You will be able to send money home or to the UK at the best exchange rates available. The 1<sup>st</sup> Contact Kickstart Package includes a voucher for a free money transfer.

### **11. Rugby Tickets**

1 free ticket to see the High Flying Saracens play, with live music and great atmosphere we guarantee you will have fun.

### **12. Refer and Reward offers**

1<sup>st</sup> Contact offer generous refer a friend rewards from £50 - £200 for friends referred that use our payroll solutions. Easy money for you for simply referring your mates and partners to us and much better money for them if they do start up an Umbrella or Ltd Co.

## **LIVING IN THE UK**

### **1. Oyster Card**

The public transport system in London is very well connected. We will provide you with an Oyster Card with £10 credit so you can start using it as soon as you arrive.

The Oyster Card can be used on Buses, Tube (Underground), Trams, DLR, and some National Rail services in London. An Oyster Card uses credit when you need it and doesn't expire, and ensures you are always charged the cheapest fare.

### **2. TNT Guide To The UK & Ireland**

This guide contains relevant and up to date information for your move to the UK – tips for moving overseas, latest visa information, travel information and more.

## **INTERESTED?**

To purchase a UK Start Up Pack please visit [www.downundertradies.com/start-up-packs](http://www.downundertradies.com/start-up-packs)

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To register your details with Downunder Tradies please visit [www.downundertradies.com/register](http://www.downundertradies.com/register)

*All Downunder Tradies UK Start Up Packs are designed to assist tradespeople in beginning work in the UK as soon as possible – either with Downunder Tradies or another company.*

*Purchasing this or any UK Start Up Pack does not guarantee you a job placement with Downunder Tradies. All of our job placements are determined after completing our registration process and a one on one appointment with a Downunder Tradies team member where qualifications, past experience and individual suitability for the job are taken into consideration.*

*Full Terms and Conditions for UK Start Up Packs can be found at [www.downundertradies.com/terms-uk-start-up-packs](http://www.downundertradies.com/terms-uk-start-up-packs)*

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