

Persistence Pays Off

An employee's story – Sahil Taneja

Sahil Taneja came to New Zealand in July 2012 to undertake a post graduate qualification in business. He grew up in India, received his B.Com and on graduation spent some time working in his father's business. Sahil soon realised he had ambitions to embark on a career path of his own making and so he took the opportunity to continue his business studies in New Zealand.

As a student, Sahil was an active job seeker, looking for part time work in industries that would add to his experience, but it took him 4 months to secure his first part time role and he admitted he found it harder to secure a job than he'd expected.

After graduation Sahil increased his job seeking efforts, including meetings with recruitment companies and other career specialists. He was referred to the New Kiwi's website by a New Zealand based friend of his father and although he had his doubts he registered and received a call for his first interview within a couple of weeks.

"Unfortunately I wasn't successful even though the interview was good and I was confident. But I did not lose hope and stayed positive throughout my job search.

My life changed when Cheng from New Kiwis contacted me about another role with Dun & Bradstreet. At first I thought it was just another interview as I had had with various recruitment consultants. But after my conversation with her over the phone, she came back to me straight away with more about the position and a chance for an interview with the company. I went through various rounds of interviews before I was selected for the position.

Cheng has been really very supportive throughout the whole process and helped me a lot to style my CV and better present my skills so I could find the right role for me.

The New Kiwis website and service is a great way for local and international job seekers to place themselves in front of various employers. The Chamber of Commerce also conducts various sessions for students to teach them about the right way to find jobs and present themselves. I consider the website to be a path to success for international graduates who are looking forward to working in this country."

Interview with Sahil Taneja conducted by Cheng Goh, New Kiwis Liaison, Auckland Chamber of Commerce – May 2014.



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The New Kiwis website and service is a nationwide employment initiative designed to connect new and returning Kiwis with employers via the Chamber of Commerce brand and networks. The website can be used autonomously or additional support and services for both job seekers and employers can be accessed by calling **0800 709 907** or email **newkiwis@chamber.co.nz**.

New Kiwis initiative is a partnership between Immigration New Zealand and the Auckland Chamber of Commerce.