

Motor Technicians Wanted in Australia, by Techs on the Move

The Australian automotive industry is suffering from severe skills shortages and motor technicians are in real demand. The Techs on the Move team explain why and the opportunities this represents.

([PRWEB](#)) January 09, 2014 -- Australia is one of a select few countries with an established automotive industry with facilities to design and mass manufacture cars. The industry therefore contributes \$1.5 billion to the Australian economy. However, the industry has been experiencing unsustainable skills shortages with Motor Mechanics/Technicians in particular demand. The most sought after are professionals from the UK and Irish markets in particular.

Why is there such a skills shortage one may ask? To put this into perspective, according to the Department of Industry's 'Key Automotive Statistics' the industry had just over 75,000 employees in 2003; in Feb 2013, this figure stood at 50,000. There are many plausible causes of this huge reduction such as the booming resources sector luring away many experienced mechanics, and the gradual winding down of Australian manufacturing as a result of globalisation. Regardless of the causes, the Australian automotive industry is an exciting place to be with plentiful opportunities for those seeking to migrate - the benefits for doing so are unmatched anywhere else in the world.

There are an estimated 200 million international migrants globally, i.e. those people working in a country where they were not born. Many of these migrants are attracted to the 'land of opportunities' or what others know as the 'lucky country' - Australia. The key attractions are better career prospects, remuneration, standard of living and overall well being. The most established expats in Australia are undoubtedly the British.

A recently conducted global survey revealed that life down under is great for British expats - they reported 80% of British expats were enjoying a greater quality of life citing common reasons such as the natural environment and the quality of life for children.

If it has been established that Motor Technicians for both cars and HGVs are highly sought after, and that existing expats are reporting an improved quality of life, how does one begin the process of migrating to Australia? How does one go about finding a car or [HGV mechanic jobs](#) in Australia? Specifically, Australian employers are seeking those professionals that have several years of experience (2-3 at least), as naturally, no employer will go to the trouble of sponsoring someone to come to the country for a junior position. What's more, dealership experience may be specifically requested.

If an experienced motor mechanic is motivated in finding a new job and migrating to Australia, the following routes are available:

- Contact and apply to the Australian dealers directly - this is probably the most commonly used approach, however most employers display reluctance in responding, due to little knowledge in the Australian migration laws, or the perceived complexities surrounding international recruitment.
- Research and look on Australian job boards - job boards are slightly limited in that not all jobs are advertised. There are some sites that cater for [mechanic jobs in the UK & Australia](#) .
- Use a recruiter - there are a lot of misconceptions about recruiters but if the right one is found they can save you a lot of time and headaches.

A few specialist recruiters dedicated to serving the UK to Australian market have sprung up - [with some about to launch](#). Techs on the Move is one established company and the owner Gavin Stocks has 23 years experience working in the premium segment of the automotive Industry in both retail and wholesale roles. The key benefits with using a reputable recruiter is that it will save you time, give you the opportunity to leverage upon their local knowledge and more importantly, employer contacts.

About Techs on the Move

Australia's only specialist recruiter for dealer trained motor technicians from the UK and Ireland. All our recruiters have first hand experience in migrating to Australia and can help through the whole process. Our network of contacts in Australia's automotive industry is unrivalled. For more information, visit our website www.techsonthemove.co.uk



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