

HRI Ltd Newsletter

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As another year begins, HRI Ltd has seen substantial growth in both its recruitment and consulting arms. Our aim for 2007 is to consolidate this growth and to build on our existing relationships with clients and candidates to achieve the maximum benefit in partnership with all parties. We also hope to see an improvement in the fortunes of the NHS which during 2006 underwent its very own annus horribilis with redundancies, financial shortfalls and all manner of doom and gloom. It's not over yet but things are looking slightly better than they were with a lot of new building and expansion going on in existing hospitals so we're hoping that in upcoming newsletters we will be able to give you more of a positive message about the British healthcare system than we were able to provide last year.

Newsflash

HRI Ltd has expanded its operations into New Zealand and Dubai! We are looking for doctors, experienced nurses and allied health professionals in all disciplines for jobs around New Zealand. NZ is a very attractive place to work with a great climate, spectacular scenery, a laid back lifestyle and friendly people. There are lots of vacancies in hospitals because if there's one thing young New Zealanders are known for it's their wanderlust. Which is great for them but not so good for their managers who are left with the task of replacing them when they swan off to the other side of the world. We have jobs available from the top of the North Island to the far end of the South and if you fancy the idea of the outdoor life, more fresh air than you could shake a stick at and a clean, green environment then NZ is the place for you! Then when you've had enough fresh air and are ready to return to the northern hemisphere, we can find you a job wherever you wish to work back in Blighty!

At the other end of the spectrum is Dubai, a bustling Middle Eastern metropolis expanding at a rapid rate, almost faster than it can keep up with! That's why we need you to help staff a brand new hospital opening there later in the year. There are some very definite advantages to working in Dubai. It has a tremendous climate with year round sun, an intriguing mix of western and Middle Eastern cultures and is a shopper's Mecca. It is also unnecessary to get a separate professional registration to work there which saves

time and money. However what most people think about when contemplating working in the UAE is the fact that you don't have to pay tax!! There is no doubt that this is a very attractive prospect and makes Dubai a popular place for expats to work for a year or two. Get in touch with us if you like the sound of either of these settings and if your experience and skills fit, we can help you realise your dream.

IELTS minimum score raised for nurses

The Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC) have recently announced that the minimum overall score required by overseas nurses in the academic IELTS test run by the British Council has been raised from 6.5 to 7. Passing this test is a vital requirement that nurses trained outside the European Economic Area (EEA) must achieve before applying for NMC registration. This change came into effect from February 02, 2007 and will affect all overseas nurses wishing to make new applications to the NMC from this date. The new rules apply to overseas midwives as well. Nurses trained within the EEA however are not required to sit the IELTS test even though English may not be their first language. The reason given for the change is that it will increase public protection.



London

Where does one start? Some say London is the most exciting, action-packed, modern metropolis on earth. Others have a lesser opinion contending that it's an overpriced, overcrowded, unfriendly rat race with nothing much to recommend it other than its accessibility to the continent. However, as the great Samuel Johnson once said, "When a man tires of London, he tires of life". It is not recorded whether he thought the same was true for women! Whether you love London or loathe it, there's no denying that it's a legendary city with a rich and fascinating history, a vibrant, multicultural population and an overwhelming choice of activities to occupy, distract and entertain its residents.

As a place to visit or live, London is second to none in terms of things to do and experience. You could go for a ride on the London Eye, an enormous wheel which gently revolves on the south bank of the river Thames and gives a bird's eye view of the central sights, take a turn around Buckingham Palace, a very ugly building which houses the queen of England and her household for much of the year, visit the Tower of London where many illustrious heads have rolled, or go north up to Hampstead Heath where highwaymen and bandits used to relieve rich travellers of their money and jewellery. You'll be in need of a stiff drink after all that activity and you'll be pleased to hear that London can oblige with around 6000 pubs on nearly every street corner supplying all manner of delicious thirst quenching beverages from traditional London gin to the landlord's best pint of bitter. Naturally there is also a vast array of food available to accompany your favourite tippie. Although the UK used to be famous throughout Europe for fairly indifferent food, things have changed dramatically and now London in particular has plenty of top class restaurants. These sit alongside myriads of smaller places serving every variety of food known to mankind introduced and cooked by London's multitudinous immigrants who have flocked here from the 4 corners of the earth for centuries.

As a place to work there are endless possibilities to gain valuable experience in London. It has a lot of large teaching hospitals as well as many opportunities in smaller and private settings. Competition for jobs can be fierce but let us know if you would like to work in London and we will see what we can do for you. You won't regret it!

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