

ONLINE RELOCATIONS

Clearer moving picture



Daniel Hoy

Moving to a new city or country for work is a big step – made all the more difficult by having to re-establish your life in another location.

Where to live, opening new bank accounts, where to shop and play sport all add to the stress of the new job.

Melbourne mother Shani Alexander, who has worked in the relocation industry and recognised the pressure human resource managers and corporate executives were increasingly under, saw a business opportunity and relocations-made-easy was born.

Her company takes the pain and stress out of moving to a new city by offering the first online, do-it-yourself relocation service available to new employees and employers.

"I was amazed at how little information was online for professional people moving to Australia," she said.



Moving is no longer a testing experience, thanks to an internet-based relocation service.

"By harnessing the power of the internet with a simple and intuitive do-it-yourself model, staff looking at relocating to Australia have personalised information in front of them. It's totally liberating for them and for the employers."

Currently four migrants per 1000 people are living in Australia, and more and more companies are employing overseas staff due to a skilled labour shortage, so the timing for relocations-made-easy is perfect.

Once a person joins the site they ask a series of questions, information they need to know before moving.

"The site allows people to hit the ground running when they arrive, taking the stress out of the experience," she said.

The site helps people work out everything from relocating their pets, to finding the nearest golf courses.

Alexander asks her clients questions to make sure she finds the right place.

"We ask them how old they are, how much they have to spend on a rent or purchase, and then we rank the suburbs, about 52 in each city, and according to their answers we introduce the suburbs," Alexander says.

"From the suburb they can drill right down to the street level and find out the demographics, how old the people who live there are, what the crime rate is, and what the available properties are."

Coming from a background of nursing, 15 years in the Australian aviation industry and also a trained fine artist, Alexander has an interest in understanding what people want, and delivering.

Visit www.relocations-made-easy.com.au

Q I'm a 31-year-old female IT programmer. In an interview I was asked my age and whether I was married or had children. Will these details jeopardise my chances?

A Judging from this scenario it seems that the interviewer, by asking these questions, is pushing the legal boundaries.

You do not have to answer them.

If an employer won't judge applicants on merit then you have to question the legitimacy of other facets of their business.

Unfortunately, even if these questions are not asked, it is human nature to make assumptions based purely on colour, sex and age.

You must dispel these stereotypes by being confident and assertive.

■ Email your questions to mxquestions@launchtwo.com.au

— GARY OSHRY

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