

FOREWORD BY FIRST MINISTER

“Welcome to our website. We are delighted to be able to tell you all about the advantages of living and working in Scotland, and the wonderful quality of life. Scotland offers beautiful and spectacular scenery, a vibrant culture, a world-class education system, modern infrastructure and excellent public services.

With a dynamic and enterprising economy and a strong and flexible labour market, Scotland offers so many opportunities to succeed. Our economic strategy aims to deliver sustainable economic growth through key sectors, including energy, the life sciences, financial services, food and drink, tourism, and the creative industries. So if you have the skills and the drive to succeed, Scotland is the place for you.

We are inviting Scots worldwide to return for the Year of Homecoming. Homecoming 2009 celebrates the 250th anniversary of Robert Burns’ birth with a year-long programme of events across the country. We’re also celebrating Scotland’s outstanding contributions to the world: golf, whisky, great minds and innovations and Scotland’s rich culture and heritage.

We aim to attract more people to our country. We encourage bright, talented and hard-working individuals to come and live and work with us to achieve our vision of a wealthier and fairer Scotland for everyone.

This website is packed with information on living and working in Scotland, further education opportunities, gaining employment, finding accommodation, choosing schools for your children – as well as information about the leisure and cultural opportunities on offer. You can be assured of a warm Scottish welcome.”

Alex Salmond
First Minister of Scotland