

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

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of an application by **Barracks Sports Bar Limited** for a renewal of On-licence pursuant to section 127 of the Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

The application for renewal of On-licence (036/ON/002/2018.3) was publicly advertised in the Wanganui Chronicle on the 3 and 10 September 2025 along with a display notice attached to the premise in accordance with the Regulations, with no objections received.

As no matters of opposition were raised under section 102 and 103 reports; therefore, the matter was considered by the Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner on the papers contained in the full file provided by the secretary.

Commissioner: Stuart Hylton

RESERVED DECISION OF THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. Application

On the 29 August 2025, **Barracks Sports Bar Limited** on the prescribed form made application for renewal of an On-licence.

The application for renewal of On-licence is in relation to the premises known as '*Barracks Sports Bar*' situated at 170 St Hill Street, Whanganui. This is the third renewal for the applicant and the licence.

The general nature of the business is that of an 'On-licence Tavern'. The renewal application seeks to renew with existing conditions. The premise has split designations and has not come to the notice of authorities in an adverse manner during the renewal period.

Regarding the business operations the proposal is to continue to be a tavern-style operation with full and complimentary restaurant service. The venue is that of a restaurant with separate tavern style bar areas with gaming lounge and outside deck area at the northwest corner (car park side).

Current Designations

Restricted - Gaming Area and outside Deck Area

Supervised – Duke Bar, Pool Room, Bunker Bar (Private bar)

Undesignated - Restaurant and Conference Room (Ammo Room)

The complete file included –

- The application
- Fire evacuation compliance statement
- Host Responsibility Plan
- Food/Drinks list
- Floor plan
- Photo's
- Copy of draft public notice and public display
- Existing Licence
- Reports from Police, Medical Officer of Health and Inspector

2. Decision Making

In considering this application for On-Licence the licensing committee had regard to the criteria under section 131 and 105 of the Act. Section 105 assessments were made using the inspector's full report and own assessment. I accept the inspector's assessment and recommendations.

Key matters raised in complete file including the inspector's reports were –

- The applicant is a private company incorporated in 2018 with one director/shareholder.
- The premise has not come to the notice of authorities in an adverse manner during the renewal period. This is the third renewal.
- The applicant provided a host responsibility plan that if followed should ensure the object of the act is met.
- Six certified manager's names were put forward for the licence which is considered to be adequate for this type of premise. The applicants are 'hands on' in the business. The applicant appears to have appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law.

- There were no reports questioning suitability and neither do I.
- The current hours wanting to be renewed have operated without incident i.e.

Monday to Sunday, between 8.00am to 2.00am, the following day (with a one-way door policy starting at 1.00am)

It's noted the one-way door policy will change early in 2026 due to the amended Local Alcohol Policy which brings one way door policies back to 12.00 midnight for all those that operate past midnight.

- Floor plan provided works well for the general nature of the business held on the premises. The areas to be licensed includes all bars, lounge bar, restaurant, smoking deck, rifle range and games room.
- The applicant seeks designation variations as part of the renewal i.e.

Gaming Area and outside Deck Area - '**Restricted**',
Bar and Bar Lounge areas are '**Supervised**'.
The remainder of the venue 'Restaurant and Conference Room' (Ammo Room) '**Undesignated**'.

- No CPTED or amenity or good order issues raised with renewal. There is no reason to believe the amenity and good order of the locality would likely to be increased, more than a minor extent, by the effects of a refusal to renew the licence.
- The applicant has excellent systems for staff training and performance.
- The application accords with the LAP.

3 Reporting Agencies

The following reports were received under section 103 of the Act and taken into account during the decision.

3.1 Police – No opposition within report dated 22 September 2025.

3.2 Medical Officer of Health – Report received on 15 September 2025, of no opposition.

3.3 Licensing Inspector – Full report dated 6 November 2025. The inspector has no opposition to the application and assessed the application against s. 105 matters with no matters of opposition raised. The inspector concludes that the application is complete and appears to meet the criteria for renewal of the licence with existing conditions.

4 Conclusion

Based on the evidence provided to me within the complete file, my assessment above of section 105 matters and the past operation of the premise/licensee, I conclude that the application meets the statutory criteria to be granted a renewal of On-licence under the Act for a period of three (3) years, from the expiry date of the previous licence.

The licence will be subject to the conditions as listed in the Inspectors report.

5 Decision

Accordingly, the application is **Approved** for issue immediately.

Dated at Whanganui District this 7th day of November 2025.

Signed

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Stuart Hylton
Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner

