

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

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of an application by **Batth 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/011/2015) was publicly advertised in the River City Press on 30 October and 26 November 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 28 October 2025, **Batth Limited** on the prescribed form made application for renewal of an On-licence. This is the fifth renewal application by the licensee.

The application for renewal of On-Licence is in relation to the premises known as '*Shotz Bar*' situated at 75 Guyton Street, Whanganui.

The general nature of the business is that of a 'Tavern Type On-licence'. The renewal application seeks to renew with the same conditions.

During the previous renewal period, the licence was granted for a truncated term of one year commencing on 8 December 2024. This decision followed a hearing convened to consider matters raised by the tri-agencies in response to ongoing concerns regarding the management of the licence.

This approach was intended to enable closer monitoring of the premises while encouraging the applicant to strengthen management practices and address the concerns identified. It appears to the inspector that management practices have been strengthened and are being maintained. Overall, the operations of the premises are now being conducted in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Act.

Between August 2025 and December 2025, three inspections of the premises were undertaken. No concerns were identified during these visits, and operational standards appeared to be maintained satisfactorily. There are no recorded instances of serious non-compliance or nuisance associated with the premises

The complete file included –

- The application
- Fire evacuation compliance statement
- Host Responsibility Plan
- Owner permission letter
- 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 report were –

- The applicant is a private company (2014) with one director and three shareholders, who has operated the licence during the renewal period without apparent issue. The applicant-Director, Kulwinder Kaur, is listed as being an officer in other companies associated with Alcohol Licence/Hospitality service in other locations in New Zealand.
- The applicant has named five managers for the licence which is seen as adequate for this type of licence.
- The premise has not come to the notice of authorities in regard to SSAA matters in an adverse manner during this truncated renewal period.

- The applicant provided a host responsibility plan that if followed should ensure the object of the act is met. By all reports the premises is now operating in a more compliant manner than before.
- The applicant appears to have appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law.
- The Inspector concludes that applicant's suitability is not challenged.
- Hours of Operation

Currently and until 12 January 2026, a one-way door restriction is to apply from 1.00am to 2.00am Monday to Sunday.

From 12 January 2026 the LAP one-way door policy will take effect, meaning a one-way door policy for this premises will take effect from 12.00 midnight - Monday to Sunday.

The applicant has advised that they will continue to operate their one-way door policy from 12.30am until 12 January 2026.

- Floor plan provided works well for the general nature of the business held on the premises. There is no change noted to the floorplan. The design and layout of the premises includes a front veranda area for smokers. It appears that the 'Supervised' and 'Restricted' (Gaming Area) designations have supported operation as a Tavern. There have been no concerns or issues raised in relation to the premise design and layout.
- 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 satisfactory 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 – Report received on 13 November 2025, of no opposition.

3.2 Medical Officer of Health – Report received on 13 November 2025, of no opposition.

3.3 Licensing Inspector – Full report dated 15 December 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. Conditions are recommended.

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 by **Batth Limited** 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 DLC notes the improvements made by the applicant over the truncated period and trusts that these can now be maintained over a three year renewal period.

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

5 Decision

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

Dated at Whanganui District this 18th day of December 2025.

Signed



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Stuart Hylton
Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner

