

APPLICATION NUMBER

036/CERT/008/2020.2

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **Christina Doehler** for a
Renewal of Managers Certificate pursuant to section
224 of the Act.

BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

The renewal of managers' certificate application had no matters of opposition raised under section 225 reports, therefore the matter was considered by the Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner in accordance with sections 226, 227 and 228 of the Act.

Commissioner: Stuart Hylton

DECISION OF THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. Application

Christina Doehler made the application on the prescribed form received 7 February 2024. The applicant has experience using the certificate at Porridge Watson, (Tavern Style On-licence). The applicant has the required qualifications and has declared a drink driving conviction from 29 September 2021 for which she pleaded guilty and was fined \$500 and disqualified from driving for 6 months.

2. Decision Making

In considering this application for a manager's certificate the licensing committee had regard to the following criteria under section 227 of the Act.

- (a) the applicant's suitability to be a manager;
- (b) any convictions recorded against the applicant since the certificate was issued or last renewed;
- (c) the manner in which the manager has managed the sale and supply of alcohol pursuant to the licence with the aim of contributing to the reduction of alcohol-related harm;
- (d) any matters dealt with in any report made under [section 225](#).

3 Reporting Agencies

The following reports were received under section 225 of the Act and taken into account during the decision.

3.1 Police – The Police vetted the application and opposed it on the grounds the applicant had a drink driving conviction. The report stated – *"On the 8th of August 2021 Christina was pulled over in Paekakariki and gave a breath reading 563 over 400 Mcgs/Litre of Breath. She was sentenced in the Porirua District court on the 29th of September 2021 to a disqualification of 6 months and a \$500 fine".*

Police met with the applicant on the 11th of March 2024 and discussed the conviction. The applicant explained that drink driving was out of character for her. She agreed and signed a declaration for a one year renewal opposed to a three year renewal. Police withdrew their opposition on this basis.

3.2 Licensing Inspector – An initial report that opposed the application on the same basis as the Police in relation to the drink driving conviction. This opposition has been withdrawn subject to the undertaking as well.

4 Conclusion

Based on the evidence provided to me within the application and statutory reports, I conclude that **Christina Doehler** meets the criteria to have the Managers Certificate renewed in terms with section 227 of the Act for one year. This allows a shorter period of time for the agencies to monitor the applicant to ensure the drink driving conviction was a one off lapse in judgment.

5 Decision

Accordingly the application for renewal is **Approved** for issue immediately for a period of one year from the previous renewal lapse date.

Dated at this the 21 May 2024.

Signed



Stuart Hylton
Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner

