

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act  
2012

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of an application by **The Junction Tavern 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/010/2021) was publicly advertised in the Whanganui Chronicle on 23 August 2025 and again on August 30, 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 22 August 2025, **The Junction Tavern Limited** on the prescribed form made application for renewal of an On-licence. This is the second renewal application by the licensee.

The application for renewal of On-Licence is in relation to the premises known as '*Junction Tavern*' situated at 5A Puriri Street, Whanganui.

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

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 (2021) with one sole director/ shareholder, who has operated the licence during the renewal period without apparent issue. The structure of the company has not changed during the renewal period.
- The premise has been licensed for four years now with no apparent issues known. The applicant has named four managers for the licence which is seen as adequate for this type of licence. This is an increase in two managers from last renewal application.
- The premise has not come to the notice of authorities in regard to SSAA matters in an adverse manner during the renewal period.
- The applicant provided a host responsibility plan that if followed should ensure the object of the act is met.
- 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.

- The hours wanting to be renewed are -

**Monday to Sunday, between 10.00am to 11.00pm**

- Floor plan provided works well for the general nature of the business held on the premises. The whole premises is '**supervised**' and a site inspection by the inspector on 22 August 2025 and again on the 25 September 2025, noted the premise layout was suitable, modest in size and relatively simple to monitor compliance from.
- 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 with suitable conditions attached to the licence.

### 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 23 September 2025, of no opposition.

**3.2 Medical Officer of Health** – Report received on 9 September 2025, of no opposition.

**3.3 Licensing Inspector** – Full report dated 3 October 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.

### 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 **The Junction Tavern 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 licence will be subject to the existing conditions.

### 5 Decision

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

**Dated at Whanganui District this 8 October 2025.**

**Signed**



**Stuart Hylton**  
**Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner**

