

APPLICATION NUMBER

036/CERT/004/2025.1

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **Varun Aeri** for a Renewal of a Manager's 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

RESERVED DECISION OF THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. Application

Varun Aeri made the application on the prescribed form received on 5 January 2026. The applicant has experience using the certificate at 'The Bottle O Victoria', (Bottle Store Style OFF-licence). The applicant has the required qualifications and has not incurred any relevant convictions since last renewal.

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 – No opposition within report dated 29 January 2026.

3.2 Licensing Inspector – Full report including opinion that **Varun Aeri** has managed the certificate in accordance with the requirements under the Act and licence conditions. The inspector concludes that he supports the renewal of the manager's certificate.

4 Conclusion

Based on the evidence provided to me within the application and statutory reports I conclude that **Varun Aeri** meets the criteria to have the Managers Certificate renewed in terms with section 227 of the Act for three years.

5 Decision

Accordingly, the application for renewal is **Approved** for issue immediately for a period of 3 years.

Dated at Whanganui this 30th day of January 2026.

Signed



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Stuart Hylton
Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner

