

Decision

19/083/2025

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol
Act 2012

AND
IN THE MATTER

of an application by
Michelle Barbara Tapara
for a Manager's Certificate pursuant
to section 219 of the Act

DECISION OF THE DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. The application for a Manager's Certificate is granted. The Manager's Certificate may issue immediately.
2. The Manager's Certificate shall continue in force until the close of the period of the day 12 months after the day it is issued.

REASONS

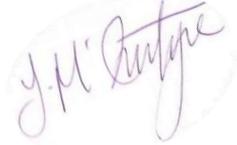
1. Michelle Barbara Tapara is currently working on a licensed premises and has applied for a Manager's Certificate.
2. The Liquor Licensing Inspector and Police have provided reports and do not oppose the application (s 220). Accordingly, this application is decided on the papers (s 202).
3. In considering an application for a Manager's Certificate the Licensing Committee must consider the following questions (s 222):
 - a) Is the applicant suitable to be a manager?
 - b) Have any convictions been recorded against the applicant?
 - c) Does the applicant have any recent experience in controlling any premises for which a licence was in force?
 - d) Have they undertaken appropriate training and completed relevant qualifications under s218?
 - d) Have the Inspector and Police raised any relevant matters in their reports?

Should the manager's certificate be granted?

4. The Licensing Committee is satisfied that Michelle is a suitable person to hold a Manager's Certificate because she has appropriate training, qualifications and experience and is of good character.
5. Michelle has declared a conviction for excess breath/blood alcohol recorded in 2023. A conviction involving the misuse of alcohol is a relevant consideration when assessing suitability for a Manager's Certificate. However, the evidence indicates that this was an isolated incident, with no pattern of offending. She has no other convictions and has maintained a clear record since that time. We are satisfied that the generally accepted two-year period referred to in *Re Osborne* [LLA 2388/95] has now elapsed and there is no opposition from Police.

6. Therefore, the Manager's Certificate is granted.

Dated this 4th day of March 2026



Tegan McIntyre
Commissioner
Waitomo District Licensing Committee