

Decision	19/007/2026
<u>IN THE MATTER</u>	of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012
<u>AND</u>	of an application by
<u>IN THE MATTER</u>	Aroha-Leigh Haupokia-Kawerau 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. Aroha-Leigh Haupokia-Kawerau 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?

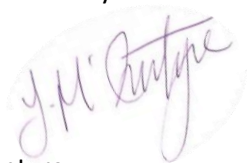
Should the Manager's Certificate be granted?

4. The Licensing Committee is satisfied that Aroha-Leigh is a suitable person to hold a Manager's Certificate because she has appropriate training, qualifications and experience and is of good character.
5. The Committee has carefully considered the applicant's historic convictions. The offending is now more than a decade old and since that time, Aroha-Leigh Haupokia-Kawerau has had no further compliance issues. The Committee is satisfied that her

behaviour since then, along with the positive references provided in her application and the lack of any objection from Police, carry more weight when assessing her suitability to hold a Manager's Certificate.

6. Additionally, a new Manager's Certificate is issued for a period of 12 months. This will give the reporting agencies an opportunity to further assess Aroha-Leigh's suitability during that time, ahead of the first renewal application.
7. Therefore, the Manager's Certificate is granted.

Dated this 18th day of March 2026



Tegan McIntyre
Commissioner
Waitomo District Licensing Committee