

Decision	19/03/2025
<u>IN THE MATTER</u>	of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012
<u>AND</u> <u>IN THEMATTER</u>	of an application by Emelia Kirimako Tahi for the renewal of a Manager's Certificate pursuant to section 224 of the Act

DECISION OF THE DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. The application for a renewal of a Manager's Certificate is granted. The Manager's Certificate may issue immediately.
2. The Manager's Certificate is renewed for a further period of three years or if an application for the renewal of the certificate is made, until the application is determined.

REASONS

1. Emelia Kirimako Tahi is currently employed as a Duty Manager on a licensed premises and seeks the renewal of her Manager's Certificate.
2. The Liquor Licensing Inspector and Police have provided reports and do not oppose the application (s 225). Accordingly, this application is decided on the papers (s 202).
3. In considering an application for the renewal of a Manager's Certificate the licensing committee must consider the following questions (s 227):
 - a) Is the applicant suitable to be a manager?
 - b) Have any convictions been recorded against the applicant since the certificate was issued or last renewed?
 - c) How has the applicant managed the sale and supply of alcohol with the aim of contributing to the reduction of alcohol-related harm?
 - d) Have the Inspector and Police raised any relevant matters in their reports?

Should the manager's certificate be renewed?

4. The licensing committee is satisfied that Emelia Tahi is a suitable person to hold a Manager's Certificate because she has appropriate qualifications and experience working on licensed premises.

5. While there have been no convictions recorded against Emelia since the Manager's Certificate was issued, we note with some concern that an incident occurred on 27 July 2024 resulting in a formal warning for disorderly behaviour. Although this behaviour was inappropriate, it appears to have been an isolated lapse of judgment in an emotionally charged situation. Emelia has accepted responsibility for her actions and expressed remorse. Given there is no evidence of any pattern of offending, and the matter did not result in a conviction, the Committee accepts that this incident does not, on its own, warrant further action. However, Emelia is reminded that as a certified manager she is expected to consistently demonstrate conduct that upholds the standards of professionalism and responsibility required under the Act, both on and off duty.
6. Emelia Tahi has acknowledged her duty to manage the sale and supply of alcohol pursuant to the licence with the aim of contributing to the reduction of alcohol-related harm. Therefore, the application for renewal of the Manager's Certificate is granted.

Dated at this 14th day of October 2025



Tegan McIntyre
Commissioner
Waitomo District Licensing Committee