

**IN THE MATTER**

Of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol  
Act 2012 ("the Act")

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Of an application from **SANDEEP SINGH** pursuant to s219 of the  
Act for a Manager's Certificate.

Decision : 051/2018

**BEFORE THE HOROWHENUA DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: Cr Neville Gimblett  
Members: Mr Roger Perring  
Mr Phil Comber

**HEARING** at Levin on 9 March 2018

**APPEARANCES**

- (a) Mr Sandeep Singh - Applicant
- (b) Senior Constable Simon Carter, NZ Police – in opposition
- (c) Ms Amy Maere, Liquor Licensing Inspector – in opposition

**DECISION OF THE DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This decision relates to an application by Sandeep Singh for a Manager's Certificate.
- 1.2 The applicant Mr Singh worked in a Liquor Centre as a voluntary trainee store person one (1) day per week, for six (6) hours over the course of about eight (8) months and ended in October 2014. Mr Singh has not worked in the liquor industry since.
- 1.3 The application was opposed by NZ Police and the Liquor Licensing Inspector on the grounds of a lack of recent experience that the applicant has had in controlling any premises for which a licence is in force; hence the matter progressing to Public Hearing.

**2. Reporting Agencies**

- 2.1 The Police opposed the application on the grounds of a lack of recent experience that the applicant has had in controlling any premises for which a licence was in force. At the hearing Senior Constable Carter questioned Mr Singh whether further experience had been obtained since the application was lodged, to which Mr Singh confirmed that no further experience had been gained.
- 2.2 The Liquor Licensing Inspector opposed the issuing of the manager's certificate on the grounds of the applicant's lack of recent experience in controlling licensed premises as detailed in her report dated 8 January 2018. At the hearing Ms Maere told the

Committee that she met with Mr Singh on 19 December 2017 where he demonstrated good knowledge of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 and host responsibility.

**3. Considerations of Section 222 matters**

*a. The applicant's suitability to be a manager;*

The Committee acknowledged the applicant demonstrated a good level of knowledge about the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, and host responsibility.

*b. Any convictions recorded against the applicant;*

The applicant has no convictions recorded.

*c. Any experience, in particular recent experience, that the applicant has had in controlling any premises for which a licence was in force;*

The applicant Mr Singh worked in a Liquor Centre as a voluntary trainee store person one (1) day per week, for six (6) hours over the course of about eight (8) months and ended in October 2014. Mr Singh has not worked in the liquor industry since.

*d. Any relevant training, in particular recent training, that the applicant has undertaken and evidence that the applicant holds the prescribed qualification required under Section 218;*

Mr Singh completed a Licence Controller Qualification (LCQ), on 21 September 2017.

*e. Any matters dealt with in any report made under Section 220;*

NZ Police have objected based on the applicant's recent experience in controlling any premises for which a licence was in force.

The Liquor Licensing Inspector has opposed the application on the grounds of the applicant's lack of recent experience in controlling any premises for which a licence was in force.

**4. Decision**

4.1 Whilst the Committee acknowledged that the applicant demonstrated a good level of knowledge about the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 the applicant's lack of employment in the industry and his lack of recent experience in the liquor industry could not be overlooked.

4.2 Accordingly the decision of this Committee is to decline Sandeep Singh's application for a Manager's Certificate.

**DATED** at LEVIN this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.



N Gimblett  
Chairperson

