

Functions of the Waikato District Licensing Committee

Annual Report for the 12 month period ending 30 June 2024

Section 199 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 requires the Waikato District Council submit an annual report. This report is for the 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 licensing period. The information detailed in this report is based on an information request from ARLA for this annual return.

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Licences 2023/2024

Licence Type	New Licence	Licence Renewed	Licence Refused
On Licence	8	5	1
Off Licence	6	4	0
Club Licence	0	0	0

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Managers Certificates 2023/2024

Number Issued (New)	105
New Applications Refused	0
Number Renewed	126
Number Renewals Refused	2

As of 30 June 2025, there were 62 On-Licences, 52 Off-Licences and 45 Clubs holding a licence within the Waikato licensing district.

Comments on any changes or trends in the Committee's workload in 2023-2024

Three day hearings are adding additional pressure on staff to support hearings

New Initiatives the Committee has developed/adopted in 2023/2024

N/A

Has your Territorial Authority developed a Local Alcohol Policy?

Yes, at 30 June 2024, the Local Alcohol Policy was under appeal with ARLA.

Please comment on the ways in which you believe the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is, or is not, achieving its objective. Note: the objective of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is that:A) The sale, supply, and consumption of alcohol should be undertaken safely and responsibly; andB) The harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol should be minimised.

Commissioner Response: There is no evidence that the Act is not achieving the object of the Act in general. However, whether there is appropriate recognition of the impacts of alcohol related harm in some of our most vulnerable communities is debatable.

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What changes or trends in licensing have you seen since the Act came into force?

Commissioner Response: Recent amendments to the Act alongside greater community awareness of alcohol related issues and organised community engagement has seen more public objections against some licenses.

What changes to practices and procedures under the Act (if any) would you find beneficial?

Commissioner Response: Clearer communication of things such as extended suitability would be helpful, particularly through the MOoH reporting.