Decision No. LicRen39/2026

IN THE MATTER of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by Rizak Pvt Limited for renewal of an off-licence pursuant to s.127 of the Act in respect of premises situated at 8 Liverpool Street TUAKAU known as "Liquor Centre Tuakau".

BEFORE THE WAIKATO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Commissioner: Jason Howarth

DECISION

The application for a renewal of an off-site licence is granted.

Application:

[1] This is an application by Rizak PVT Limited for renewal of an off-licence in respect of premises situated at 8 Liverpool Street, Tuakau, known as "Liquor Centre Tuakau,".

[2] The general nature of the business undertaken is that of a bottle store.

[3] The application was duly advertised in accordance with section 127(3) and no objection or notice of desire to be heard has been received. Reports from the Police, Medical Officer of Health and an Inspector do not raise any matters in opposition to the application. Accordingly, the application is determined on the papers.

Criteria for determining the application:

[4] In deciding whether to renew an off-licence the committee must have regard to the matters detailed in s.131 of the Act. These are:

(a) The object of the Act:
(b) The suitability of the applicant:
(c) Any relevant local alcohol policy:
(d) The days on which and the hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol:
(e) The design and layout of the premises:
(f) Whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes on the premises to engage in, the sale of goods other than alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so, which goods:

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(g) Whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes on the premises to engage in, the provision of services other than those directly related to the sale of alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so, which services:
(h) Whether the applicant has appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law:
(i) Any matters dealt with in any report from the Police, the Medical Officer of Health or an Inspector made under section 129:
(j) Whether the amenity and good order of the locality would be likely to be increased, by more than a minor extent, by the effects of a refusal to renew the licence:
(k) The manner in which the applicant has sold (or sold and supplied), displayed, advertised, or promoted alcohol

Reasons and decision:

[5] The Inspector's report does not raise any matters related to suitability. The applicant has provided information about the New Zealand Index of Deprivation (NZDep) rating of the area and reports it to be a decile 7. It is unclear if they are referring to the SA1 or SA2 area. The applicant has provided further commentary attribute to Statistics New Zealand "Overall, Tuakau is not generally viewed as severely deprived in the way that some parts of South Auckland or certain rural settlements are, but it does have pockets of socioeconomic disadvantage. "I have considered the deprivation rating in regard to suitability and extended suitability. Without further evidence, community objection or any adverse reporting from the agencies, the applicant is deemed suitable.

[6] The Waikato District Local Alcohol Policy came into force on 1 January 2017; however, the
revised Waikato District Local Alcohol Policy took effect on 15 September 2025, with all provisions coming into effect on the same date. The licence complies with the provisions of section 5 of the policy relating to off-licence policies

[7] There are no concerns related to the days and hours on when alcohol can be sold at the premises. The current days and hours are consistent with clause 5.6 of the local alcohol policy.

[8] The inspector has assessed the premises on 8 October 2026 using CPTED principles and noted no issues regarding the design and layout of the premises.

[9] The applicant does not propose to engage in services other than those directly related to
the sale of alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, food, vape products, and tobacco & related products.

[10] The Inspector reports that all staff undergo an induction and training programme undertaken by the applicant or a senior staff member, which includes the resources from the Health Promotion Agency (HPA) such as The Manager's Guide, Host Responsibility Guide, Intoxication Assessment Tool along with a copy of the current licence to ensure that all staff know the conditions of the licence. Ongoing staff training occurs monthly, and the staff training register is maintained and updated after each training.

[11] There have been no issues with noise complaints, vandalism, or tagging attributed to the
management of the premises. There are no adverse reports on the way the applicant has sold (and supplied), displayed or promoted alcohol.

[12] I now consider the object of the Act. Having inquired into this application the Inspector is satisfied that the application is in keeping with the object and the requirements of the Act.

[13] I am satisfied as to the matters to which I must have regard as set out in s.131 and I renew the licence for three years from the most recent date of expiry and authorise the issue of a notice of renewal and replacement licence.

Conditions

[14] Section 135 provides that, subject to section 133, the licence may be renewed on the conditions presently attaching to it or on any different conditions, relating to any matter, that the committee thinks fit.

(a) No alcohol is to be sold or delivered on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day, or before 1.00 pm on Anzac Day.

(b) Alcohol may be sold under the licence only on the following days and during the following hours::

Monday to Sunday 9.00 am to 10.00 pm

(c) The whole of the premises is designated as a supervised area.

(d) Drinking water must be freely available to customers at the following places while alcohol is being supplied free as a sample on the premises: where the samples are being provided.

(e) The licensee must take the following steps to ensure that the provisions of the Act relating to the sale and supply of alcohol to prohibited persons are observed:

(i) Display appropriate signs adjacent to every point of sale detailing the statutory restrictions on the supply of alcohol to minors and the complete prohibition on sales to intoxicated persons.

(f) The licensee must take the following steps to ensure that the provisions of the Act relating to the management of the premises are observed:

(i) All staff will be trained in their responsibilities under the Act.

(ii) A sign shall be prominently displayed inside the premises, which identifies by name the manager on duty responsible for the management of the sale and supply of alcohol under the licence.

(g) The sale or delivery of alcohol is authorised on the premises generally. The premises situated at 8 Liverpool Street, Tuakau, are more precisely identified in a plan dated and stamped as received by the Waikato District Licensing Committee on 14 July 2022.

DATED at Ngaaruawaahia on 10th of November 2026

LICENSING COMMITTEE Waikato

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