Decision No. CertApp065/26

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by Emma Lee Liddle for a Manager's Certificate pursuant to s.219 of the Act

BEFORE THE WAIKATO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Commissioner: Jason Howarth

DECISION

The application for a Manager's Certificate is granted.

[1] This is an application by Emma Lee Liddle for a Manager's Certificate.

[2] No report under Section 220 of the Act has been received which raises matters in opposition to the application. Accordingly, the matter is dealt with on the papers.

[3] The application is made in the name of Emma Lee Liddle, however the identification document and LCQ submitted with the application is Emma Lee Smith. The Inspector has enquired into this and has cited the applicant's marriage certificate. The applicant has requested that her married name be used. I consider this appropriate.

Criteria for determining the application:

[4] In deciding whether to issue a Manager's Certificate the committee must consider the matters detailed in Section 222 of the Act. These are:

(a) the applicant's suitability to be a manager;
(b) any convictions recorded against the applicant;
(c) any experience, in particular recent experience, that the applicant has had in controlling any premises for which a licence was in force;
(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; and
(e) any matters dealt with in any report made under section 220.

Reasons and decision:

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[5] The Inspector's report notes that the applicant displays a good knowledge of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 and of host responsibility, and is aware of their responsibilities as a duty manager. The Police report does not note any convictions recorded against the applicant.

[6] The Inspector report's the applicant has "satisfactory experience in the industry". The letter of support provided with this application, indicates the applicant has been employed since July 2026, less than six-months experience that is expected. However, the Inspector also reports the applicant has previously held a Managers Certificate granted by the Taupo District Licensing Committee. The certificate expired in December 2025 while the applicant was no longer employed in industry. I consider, that because a Managers Certificate has been previously issued, that experience requirement is met. They hold the prescribed qualification required under Section 218 of the Act.

[7] The Inspector has not identified any issues of concern in their report to suggest that a certificate should not be issued. The Police report similarly does not raise any issues of concern.

[8] I am satisfied as to the matters to which I must have regard as set out in Section 222 of the Act and I grant Emma Lee Liddle a Manager's Certificate.

[9] The Manager's Certificate may issue immediately to the applicant.

DATED at Ngaaruawaahia on the 17th of November 2026

DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE
Waikato District Council

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Jason Howarth
Commissioner

Waikato District Licensing Committee