

Decision No. QLDLC 0880/2021

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act
2012

AND

IN THE MATTER of an
application by **BALJOT SINGH** of **44
CAIRNMUIR CRESCENT,
CROMWELL** pursuant to s.219 of the
Act for a Manager's Certificate.

Chairman: Mr LA Cocks

Members: Mr JM Mann

Mr B Pay

HEARING at QUEENSTOWN 17th February 2022

APPEARANCES

Ms S H Swinney – Licensing Inspector – to assist

RESERVED DECISION OF THE DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. An application was filed by Baljot Singh on the 17th June 2019 for a Manager's Certificate. It was considered in accordance with s.191(1) and s.222 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
2. The applicant obtained the LCQ qualification on 13th December 2018. He provided two references with his application showing he was employed full time at New World Cromwell and on a part time basis at Queenstown Liquor Centre. The Inspector reported significant inconsistencies in responses provided by the applicant when further work experience detail was sought. Mr Singh failed his first attempt to pass the required test to demonstrate his knowledge and requirements under the Act and attempts to book a further test were unsuccessful.
3. The application was not opposed by the Police.
4. The applicant advised the Agency on 6th July 2020 that he was overseas due to Covid 19. Immigration New Zealand confirmed on 4th February 2021 that Mr Singh departed New Zealand on 10th February 2020 and had not made any application for

re-entry to New Zealand. Mr Singh was in New Zealand under a work visa with an expiry date of 3rd November 2021.

5. The Inspector highlighted that we are directed by s.222 of the Act to have regard to the following matters:
 - 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 managing any premises or conveyance in respect of 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 under section 220 of this Act.*

6. The applicant does not have the relevant qualifications and his experience is questionable based on the dubious information provided. Further to this, as he is not currently residing in New Zealand and therefore not employed as a manager of any particular licensed premises, he does not satisfy s.219 requirements. Finally, Mr Singh did not appear to address his application at a formal hearing on 17th February 2022.

7. Accordingly, the Committee rules pursuant to s.221(1) of the Act, that this application for a new Managers Certificate is refused.

DATED at Queenstown this 16th March 2022.



LA Cocks
Commissioner
Queenstown Lakes District Licensing Committee

