

IN THE MATTER of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol
Act 2012 (“the Act”)

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by **Jaskaran
Singh** pursuant to s.219 of the
Act for the grant of a Manager’s
Certificate

HEARING BEFORE THE FAR NORTH DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Members: Mr John Thorne (Chairperson)
Ms Ann Court (Member)
Mr Graeme Wright (Member)

HEARING at **PAIHIA** on 22 November 2024

APPEARANCES

Mr Jaskaran Singh (applicant)
Mr Sukwinder Singh – witness for and to assist the applicant
Ms Megan Edwards – Far North District Alcohol Licensing Inspector – to assist
Sergeant Michelle Row- Police Alcohol Harm Prevention Officer - to assist

ORAL DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

INTRODUCTION

1. This is an application by **Jaskaran Singh** seeking the grant of a manager’s certificate.
2. The applicant is currently employed at the Paihia Sports Bar. He commenced employment on the 05 February 2024. He holds the LCQ and has completed Serve Wise and problem gambler training.
3. The Police reported with no matters of opposition.
4. The Licensing Inspector reported on the application and expressed concerns about the applicants level of knowledge on the role of Duty Manager. There were also apparent anomalies within written reference from the employer Sukwinder Singh. The Inspector reported some confusion caused by language difficulties and erroneous entries on the application form which had been prepared and submitted by an agent Apex Licensing, without being vetted

and signed by the applicant. By Chairperson Directional Minute the matter was thus set down for a full committee hearing.

EVIDENCE OF THE APPLICANT

5. Mr Singh had prepared a brief of evidence. He took us through it to clarify any confusion over dates and employment history. He portrayed as being a suitably competent candidate to be granted a managers certificate.
6. He said he was remiss in not checking the accuracy and signing the application form before it was lodged with the council by his agent on his behalf.

WITNESS FOR THE APPLICANT

7. His employer Sukwinder Singh gave evidence in support and confirmed to us the contents of his positive written reference provided with the initial application. He told us Jaskaran Singh was currently appointed a temporary manager and he had full confidence in his ability to be an appointed duty manager at the Paihia Sports Bar. He had paid the application fee for his employee.

THE POLICE

8. Sergeant Michelle Row the Police Alcohol Harm Prevention Officer had no opposition to the grant of the certificate.

THE INSPECTOR

9. The Inspector's Report was taken as read and Ms Edwards confirmed that any confusion arising over dates and premises ownership had now been resolved. Since the matter was set down for hearing the applicant has accumulated another 2 months employment experience. The applicant will be reinterviewed at renewal time one year hence.

THE LAW

10. Section 222 Criteria for manager's certificates

In considering an application for a manager's certificate, the licensing committee or licensing authority, as the case may be, must consider 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 controlling any premises for which a licence was in force:

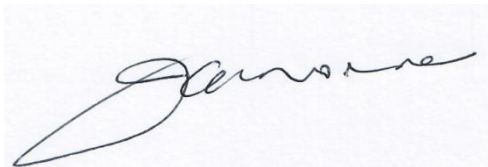
(d)any relevant training, in particular recent training, that the applicant has undertaken and evidence that the applicant holds the prescribed qualification required under [section 218](#):

(e)any matters dealt with in any report made under [section 220](#).

DECISION

11. The Far North District Licensing Committee, acting pursuant to Section 221 Of the Act and having considered the criteria prescribed by Section 222, **grants** an application by **Jaskaran Singh** for a Managers Certificate.
12. The certificate will be granted for 12 months and may be issued immediately.

DATED at Kerikeri this 26th day of November 2024



John Thorne
Chairperson/Commissioner
Far North District Licensing Committee

