

Decision No. QLDLC 0005/14

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol
Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **KATE
MCKENZIE-SMITH** pursuant to
s.219 of the Act for a Manager's
Certificate

BEFORE THE QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chairman: Mr E W Unwin
Members: Ms M W Rose
Mr J M Mann

HEARING at QUEENSTOWN on 10 February 2014

APPEARANCES

Ms J Mitchell – Queenstown Lakes District Licensing Inspector – to assist
Sergeant L K Stevens – N Z Police – to assist
No appearance of applicant

ORAL DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

- [1] This the application by Kate McKenzie-Smith for a Managers Certificate. The application was filed with the former Queenstown Lakes District Licensing Agency on 19th July 2013.
- [2] Ms McKenzie-Smith is from overseas but at the time the application was filed she was resident in Queenstown. With the encouragement of her employer she sat and completed the required unit standards and is the holder of the Licence Controller Qualification. However there is no evidence that she has completed the bridging qualification as required by regulation 23 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Regulations 2013.
- [3] The applicant was interviewed by an Inspector in December of last year. She had some difficulty in answering (and possibly understanding) the questions, and she was given the option to return to re-sit the test.
- [4] A further interview was arranged in January. The applicant failed to appear. She was rung again and a third interview was arranged. At the interview a number of questions were asked, but it was clear that the applicant was unable

to answer them. In other words she appeared to have a very limited knowledge of the Act. Consequently the interview was terminated.

- [5] There was no response to further enquiries from the applicant which is an indication of a lack of suitability. It was discovered that the applicant had left her employment. Accordingly, the application was set down for a public hearing. The committee has been advised that the applicant had indicated that she did not wish to proceed.
- [6] The applicant failed to appear at the hearing. She has therefore been unable to establish the criteria set out in section 222 of the act. In those circumstances we have little hesitation in declining the application.

DATED at Queenstown this 13th day of April 2014



E W Unwin
Chairman