Decision No. QLDLC MC7866 1063/2021

**IN THE MATTER** 

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act

2012

AND

**IN THE MATTER** 

of an application by LUCY CHARLOTTE GODDARD of 59/716 FRANKTON ROAD, QUEENSTOWN 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 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## **APPEARANCES**

Ms S H Swinney – Licensing Inspector – to assist

## RESERVED DECISION OF THE DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

- 1. An application was filed by Lucy Charlotte Goddard on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 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 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020. She provided two references with her application, one from a previous employer (Attiqa where she was employed for around eight months) and one from her then current employer (Restaurant Manager of Sherwood where she was employed for around three months). Ms Goddard was in New Zealand under a work visa with an expiry date of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020.
- 3. The application was not opposed by the Police.
- 4. The Inspector reported the applicant stated she was employed at Sherwood on Frankton, however all attempts by the Agency to make contact with Ms Goddard to book a time for the required test to demonstrate her knowledge and requirements under the Act, were unsuccessful. On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 confirmation was received from Immigration New Zealand that Ms Goddard left New Zealand on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

- 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 her failure to respond to the Agency's attempts to make contact after she submitted her application, bring into question her suitability. Further to this, as she is not currently residing in New Zealand and therefore not employed as a manager of any particular licensed premises, she does not satisfy s.219 requirements. Finally, Ms Goddard did not appear to address her application at a formal hearing on 17<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

LA Cocks

Commissioner

Queenstown Lakes District Licensing Committee