

Alcohol Regulations and Licensing Authority (ARLA)

Annual report 2022-2023 – submitted 21 September 2023

1.	Please provide the name of your District Licensing Committee, and a generic email address to which general correspondence will be certain of a response.
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2.	Please provide the name, email, and contact phone number of your Committee's Secretary.
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Licences for 2022-2023

The following questions relate to the number of licences and managers' certificates your committee issued and refused in the 2022-2023 financial year.

Note: the 2022-2023 financial year runs from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

4.(a)	In the 2022-2023 year, how many total applications did your committee grant for new on licences and to renew existing on licences?
New on licences = 5 Renewals = 13 Total = 18	
4.(b)	In the 2022-2023 year, how many total applications did your committee refuse for new on licences and to renew existing on licences?
0	
4.(c)	In the 2022-2023 year, how many total applications did your committee grant for new off licences and to renew existing off licences?
New off licences = 5 Renewals = 6 Total = 11	
4.(d)	In the 2022-2023 year, how many total applications did your committee refuse for new off licences and to renew existing off licences?
0	
4.(e)	In the 2022-2023 year, how many total applications did your committee grant for new club licences and to renew existing club licences?
New club licences = 0 Renewals = 7 Total = 7	
4.(f)	In the 2022-2023 year, how many total applications did your committee refuse for new club licences and to renew existing club licences?
0	

4.(g)	In the 2022-2023 year, how many managers certificates did your committee issue?
52	
4.(h)	In the 2022-2023 year, how many applications for managers certificates did your committee refuse?
1	
4.(i)	In the 2022-2023 year, how many applications for managers certificates were withdrawn?
1	

Renewals 2022-2023

4.(j)	In the 2022-2023 year, how many licence renewals did your committee issue?
26	
4.(k)	In the 2022-2023 year, how many licence renewals did your committee refuse?
0	
4.(l)	In the 2022-2023 year, how many managers' certificate renewals did your committee issue?
125	
4.(m)	In the 2022-2023 year, how many managers' certificate renewals did your committee refuse?
0	
4.(n)	As at 30 June 2023 what is the total number of on-licences (new and existing) in your licensing district?
86	
4.(o)	As at 30 June 2023 what is the total number of off-licences (new and existing) in your licensing district?
38	
4.(p)	As at 30 June 2023 what is the total number of club licences (new and existing) in your licensing district?
50	

Operations relating to District Licencing Committee (DLC) operations and experiences in 2022-2023

5.	Please comment on any changes or trends in the DLC workload in 2022-2023.
Workload remains steady as alcohol decisions are processed.	
6.	Please comment on any new initiatives the committee has developed/adopted in 2022-2023.
The Committee has taken part in DLC training webinars that have been offered by the Health Promotion Agency (HPA). Fees have been introduced for public notices on Council website and hearing costs.	
7.(a)	Has your DLC developed a Local Alcohol Policy (LAP)?
Yes. The policy covers the licensing districts of Southland District Council and Invercargill City Council.	
7.(b)	If yes at what stage is the policy?
In force – 31 March 2020.	

8.	If the answer to 7 is in force, what effect do you consider your Local Alcohol Policy is having?
The requirements of the LAP are taken into account by the DLC when considering decisions for applications. The default hours of the act for on licences are 4am closing, the policy states 3am. In the Southland District there would be a handful of premises that would be open and trade that late. The policy requires evidence of consultation with sensitive sites for a new licence or a significant variation to a licence. It does not provide detail as to what the committee would expect to see from the applicant. This could be noted for the LAP review.	
9.(a)	If the answer to 7 is in force, is your Local Alcohol Policy due for review?
No	
9.(b)	If the answer to 9A is Yes, has such a review been undertaken; and, if so with what result?
N/A	
10.	Please comment on the ways in which you believe the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is, or is not, achieving its object. Note: the object of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is that: a) the sale, supply, and consumption of alcohol should be undertaken safely and responsibly b) the harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol should be minimised.
Applying the object of the act correctly allows businesses that operate safely and responsibly to sell alcohol despite the opposition of what is sometimes a vocal minority (given that submissions in support of an application aren't received).	
11.	What changes or trends in licensing have you seen since the act came into force?
There has been an increase in community engagement through objections and consultation as per the LAP Policy.	
12.	What changes to practices and procedures under the act (if any) would you find beneficial?
Possible timeframes for ARLA to hear applications and release decisions.	

NB: Additionally, in accordance with the Authority's obligations prescribed in s 65(1) of the act, would you also please provide to ARLA@justice.govt.nz a separate detailed list of the names, addresses and types of licenced premises currently operating in your licensing district?