

Questions:

1. Please provide the name of your District Licensing Committee.
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4. The following questions relate to the number of licences and managers' certificates your Committee issued and refused in the 2020-2021 financial year.

Note: the 2020-2021 financial year runs from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

Licences 2020-2021

In the 2020-2021 year, how many 'on licences' did your Committee issue? 5

In the 2020-2021 year, how many applications for 'on licences' did your Committee refuse? 0

In the 2020-2021 year, how many 'off licences' did your Committee issue? 1

In the 2020-2021 year, how many applications for 'off licences' did your Committee refuse? 0

In the 2020-2021 year, how many club licences did your Committee issue? 0

In the 2020-2021 year, how many applications for club licences did your Committee refuse? 0

Managers' certificates 2020-2021

In the 2020-2021 year, how many managers' certificates did your Committee issue? 46

In the 2020-2021 year, how many applications for managers' certificates did your Committee refuse? 0

In the 2020-2021 year, how many applications for managers' certificates were withdrawn? 8

Licence renewals 2020-2021

In the 2020-2021 year, how many licence renewals did your Committee issue? 55

In the 2020-2021 year, how many licence renewals did your Committee refuse? 0

As at 30 June 2021 what is the total number of licences (new and existing in your licensing district)?

On-licences	Off-licences	Club licences
96	42	53

5. Please comment on any changes or trends in the Committee's workload in 2020-2021.

Nil.

6. Please comment on any new initiatives the Committee has developed/adopted in 2020-2021.

Nil.

7. Has your Committee developed a Local Alcohol Policy?

Yes

7A. If the answer is yes, what stage is your Local Alcohol Policy at?

In force

8. If the answer to 7 is Yes, what effect do you consider your Local Alcohol Policy is having?

Providing clear consistency on hours in the Southland region, as it is a combined LAP with the Gore District Council and the Invercargill City Council. It also requires local consultation with direct neighbours for new and varied applications.

9. If the answer to 7A is 'in force', is your Local Alcohol Policy due for review?

No. It was adopted on 6 December 2019 and operative on 31 March 2020, so it is due to be reviewed by 2025.

10. If the answer to 9 is Yes, has such a review been undertaken; and, if so with what result?

N/A.

11. Please comment on the manner in which Covid-19 has impacted on DLC operations.

It has had little effect this year, unlike last year when we had an increase in the number of queries being raised, and fewer special licenses and manager's certificates.

Due to the effect on the tourist industry and people being able to come and go more freely from NZ, we are settling into working in a new normal in the industry, especially around Te Anau/Fiordland, with numbers increasing again.

12. 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;*
and

b) *the harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol should be minimised.*

The Act is not having an impact on the binge drinking culture in NZ, even though it is acknowledged that this was not the purpose of the Act. Another concern is drinking among young people. This culture is occurring largely in the home or out and about, not on licensed premises.

The Act has been effective in regard to consumption at licensed premises, for example intoxication at these premises being minimised.

13. To what extent, if any, do you consider that achievement of the object of the Act may have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic?

More drinking at home may have led to more alcohol harm; however we do not have any evidence to support this.

14. What changes or trends in licensing have you seen since the Act came into force?

Certainly the LAP brought clarity on hours, that were previously managed through accords. In the Southland area, Councillors make up the District Licensing Committees. This has resulted in higher level of interest in alcohol licensing from local representatives, and a key advantage of their high level of local knowledge that they bring.

15. What changes to practices and procedures under the Act would you find beneficial?

We think an audit approach to alcohol licensing may be of benefit, similar to the MPI food safety regime, that many of our alcohol licensees are operating under. Food businesses have food safety plans, that are prescriptive on certain food safety standards. The businesses are then audited to ensure that they are following their plans.

The 'on licence toolbox' resource for example covers the content that businesses should be doing. The alcohol auditor would then ensure that the business is operating in accordance with their plan, and they would have evidence to support this.

Thank you for completing your annual report.