

Decision number: 039-2026

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by
**Maren Beatrice Anna
Schuessler** pursuant to
s.219 of Act for a manager's
certificate.

BEFORE THE WESTLAND DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

THE APPLICATION

This is an application by **Maren Beatrice Anna Schuessler** for a manager's certificate to manage licensed premises known as **Stumpers Bar & cafe**.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The applicant holds the prescribed Licence Controller Qualification/s and was employed in licensed premises at the time of applying for this certificate.

The Licensing Inspector has provided a report outlining the applicant's experience in controlling licensed premises and has tested their understanding of their responsibilities as a manager.

Neither the New Zealand Police nor the Licensing Inspector challenge the suitability of the applicant.

However, the Inspector reports that the applicant has resigned from her position in hospitality and has moved out of district.

In GAO [2008] NZLLA 973 ¹the Authority said in [3] *Mr Gao appeared before us today and explained that he is not currently employed but may look for work in the industry in the future. It has been explained to Mr Gao that General Managers'*

¹ GAO [2008] NZLLA 973 at [3]

Certificates are not issued in a vacuum and that the holder of a General Manager's Certificate is expected to have employment in the industry and the support of an employer.

Ms Schuessler does not meet this prerequisite, and the application **cannot** be dealt with on the papers.

DECISION

The application and supporting information **does not** satisfy the committee that the criteria we must have regard to as set out in s.222 of the Act have been met.

The District Licensing Committee Chairman, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 **refuses** an application by **Maren Beatrice Anna Schuessler** for a Manager's Certificate as we deem the application incomplete.

There is no evidence of employment in hospitality nor a committed employer supporting her application.

This decision is not infinite. Should Ms. Schuessler find employment in a licensed premises in the Westland District the application can be resurrected.

Meantime the application is to be filed.

DATED at Hokitika this 8th day of April 2026



Murray Clearwater
Chairperson/Commissioner
Westland District Licensing Committee

