

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale of Liquor Act 1989

**AND**

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of an application by **CAROL ANNE COGHLAN** pursuant to s.118 of the Act for a General Manager's Certificate

**BEFORE THE LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY**

Chairman: District Court Judge E W Unwin  
Member: Dr J Horn

**HEARING** at INVERCARGILL on 17 November 2009

**APPEARANCES**

No appearance by or on behalf of applicant  
Mrs D M McDonald – Invercargill District Licensing Agency Inspector – in opposition

**ORAL DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY**

[1] Before the Authority is an application by Carol Anne Coghlan for a General Manager's Certificate.

[2] The application was filed with the Invercargill District Licensing Agency on 25 September 2008. At the time that she filed her application the applicant was working at the Invercargill airport café and had been recently appointed as a temporary manager.

[3] In a report opposing Ms Coghlan's application the Inspector noted that Ms Coghlan had not completed a training course nor gained the Licence Controller Qualification, despite having been encouraged to do so on several occasions. Further recent enquiries revealed that her employer stated that she was no longer working at these premises and in fact was no longer in the industry.

[4] The Authority has stated on a number of occasions that it will not issue its certificates in a vacuum, that is, if the applicant is not working in the industry. Furthermore the applicant did not appear at the public hearing in support of her application.

[5] Finally, Ms Coghlan does not hold the Licence Controller Qualification and so cannot meet the criteria set out in s.117A of the Act. Therefore, as a matter of law this application must be declined.

**DATED** at WELLINGTON this 3<sup>RD</sup> day of December 2009