# Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade Liquor & Gaming NSW



# LICENCE DETAILS

Application No.	APP-0011698629		
Application type	Packaged (online) liquor licence		
Trading hours	Monday to Friday 10:00 AM to 06:30 PM		
Applicant	THE WHISKY SOCIETY PTY LTD		
Licence name	The Whisky Society Pty Ltd		
Premises address	Unit 4, 6-8 Gower St, SUMMER HILL NSW 2130		
Matter	Whether a delegated Liquor & Gaming employee on behalf of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority (ILGA) should grant or refuse an application for a packaged (online) liquor licence		
Legislation	Section 45(1) of the Liquor Act 2007		
Decision details	Under delegation issued by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority under section 13 of the <i>Gaming and Liquor Administration</i> <i>Act 2007</i> , a designated Public Service employee or other Public Service employee of Liquor & Gaming NSW in the Department of Enterprise Investment and Trade, has decided to grant the application for a packaged (online) liquor licence, subject to conditions set out at Schedule 1 imposed on the licence.		
Decision date	10/08/2023		
Delegate details	Zof El Husseini, A/Team Leader Liquor and Gaming NSW Delegate of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority		

# STATEMENT OF REASONS

## ANALYSIS OF SUBMISSIONS AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

- 1. The licensed premises will be a home office where sales invoices are processed online. A Home Business is covered under the SEPP requirements. Council advised that they have no objection to the liquor licence.
- 2. No public submissions were received relating to any matters with the application.
- 3. I am satisfied that the applicant has been provided with an opportunity to consider and comment upon the conditions contained in the licence document.
- 4. I am satisfied that the statutory advertising requirements have been met.
- 5. Having reviewed all the material, I am satisfied that granting this application for an Online-Packaged Liquor Licence will not be detrimental to the local or broader community.
- 6. Plan of management.

## MATERIALS CONSIDERED BY THE ILGA DELEGATE

#### Information considered

- 1. Application form received: 26 June 2023
- 2. Plan of proposed licensed area: Compliant
- 3. Certification of Advertising: Compliant
- 4. Plan of management
- 5. Documents
  - a) National Police Certificate: N/A
  - b) ID: N/A
  - c) RSA competency card: N/A
- 6. Approved Manager: Compliant
- 7. Licensee Training: Compliant
- 8. Development consent: Not required home office
- 9. Correspondence between Liquor & Gaming NSW to the applicant.
- 10. Correspondence from Police.
- 11. Correspondence from Council.
- 12. Applicant's response to submissions received.
- 13. Applicant's consent to conditions.

#### Analysis of stakeholder submissions

1. NSW Police:

Police had no objections to the application which they recommended conditions are considered in Schedule 1.

2. Local consent authority

Council submission was received stating application under State Environmental Planning Policy (exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008.

3. Public

#### OVERALL SOCIAL IMPACT

#### 1. Positive benefits

The proposed licence will provide convenient access to liquor by taking orders online, by phone, fax or mail order, and delivery to customers via courier.

No sales will be made in person at the licensed premises and members of the public will not be permitted to attend the premises to place or collect their orders.

#### 2. Mitigation of potential negative impacts

I am satisfied that the business model, conditions imposed, and any other information contained in the application will provide that the lawful operation of the premises will not be detrimental to the local or broader community.

#### CONCLUSION

- 1. I am satisfied that procedural fairness was afforded to the applicant and interested parties regarding the decision whether to grant the application. All of those required to be notified of the application were provided with the opportunity to make written submissions and all submissions received were considered and helped inform this decision. The decision was made by the delegate having reviewed the application statement, business model and risk analysis, stakeholder submissions and other relevant material.
- 2. In accordance with section 45(3)(a) of the Act I am satisfied that the proposed licensee is a fit and proper person to carry on the business or activity to which the proposed licence relates.
- 3. Having considered the management plan and related material, under section 45(3)(b) of the Act, I am satisfied that practices will be in place at the premises as soon as the licence is granted that ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, that all reasonable steps will be taken to prevent intoxication on the premises, and that those practices will remain in place.
- Consistent with section 45(3)(c) of the Act requiring development consent from the local council, I am satisfied that the required development consent or approval is in force.
- 5. In making this decision under delegation from of the Authority, all statutory objects and considerations prescribed by section 3 of the Act were considered and accordingly, I have determined to grant the liquor licence application with conditions.

#### RELEVANT EXTRACTS FROM THE LIQUOR ACT 2007

#### Legislative framework, statutory objects and considerations

In determining the application, the delegate has considered relevant provisions of the Act, including the objects and considerations that are prescribed by section 3, which state:

- 1. The objects of this Act are as follows:
  - a) to regulate and control the sale, supply and consumption of liquor in a way that is consistent with the expectations, needs and aspirations of the community,
  - b) to facilitate the balanced development, in the public interest, of the liquor industry, through a flexible and practical regulatory system with minimal formality and technicality,
  - c) to contribute to the responsible development of related industries such as the live music, entertainment, tourism and hospitality industries.
- 2. In order to secure the objects of this Act, each person who exercises functions under this Act (including a licensee) is required to have due regard to the following:

- a) the need to minimise harm associated with misuse and abuse of liquor (including the harm arising from violence and other anti-social behaviour),
- b) the need to encourage responsible attitudes and practices towards the promotion, sale, supply, service and consumption of liquor,
- c) the need to ensure that the sale, supply and consumption of liquor contributes to, and does not detract from, the amenity of community life.
- d) the need to support employment and other opportunities in the
  - i. live music industry, and
  - ii. arts, tourism, community and cultural sectors.

#### **Statutory tests**

- 1. In determining an application for a licence, under section 45(3) of the *Liquor Act* 2007, the delegate must also be satisfied that:
  - a) the applicant is a fit and proper person to carry on the business or activity to which the proposed licence relates,
  - b) practices will be in place as soon as the licence is granted that ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, that liquor is sold, supplied or served responsibly on the premises and that all reasonable steps are taken to prevent intoxication on the premises and that those practices will remain in place, and
  - c) if development consent is required under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (or approval under Part 4 Division 4.1 or Part 5.1 of that Act is required), to use the premises for the purposes of the business or activity to which the proposed licence relates – that development consent or approval is in force.
  - d) The proposed approved manager/licensee has completed the relevant tiered industry training as per legislative requirements.

#### **Community impact test**

Under section 48(5) of the *Liquor Act 2007*, the delegate must not grant a licence, authorisation or approval of a kind prescribed by section 48(2) of the Act unless the Authority is satisfied, having regards to the Community Impact Statement, where required, and any other matter the delegate is made aware of during the Application process, that the overall impact of the licence, authorisation or approval in question being granted will not be detrimental to the local or broader community.

The test applying under section 48(5) relates to delegated decisions in relation to:

- a) the grant or removal of a small bar licence (where required),
- b) a packaged liquor licence (limited to telephone/internet sales),
- c) an application for extended trading hours to permit the sale of liquor after midnight in relation to a small bar (where required), an on premises relating to a restaurant that includes an application for a primary service authorisation, an onpremises licence relating to a karaoke bar, a catering service or a vessel, and an application for a producer/wholesaler licence that includes an application for a drink on premises authorisation.

The Community Impact Statement provides the Authority with information about the views of relevant stakeholders and other aspects of the local community in which the proposed licensed premises is to be located. This includes, for example, the proximity of the licensed premises to hospitals or health facilities, nursing homes, schools and places of worship.

#### Important Information

In accordance with Clause 5 of the Gaming and Liquor Administration Regulation 2008, this decision is reviewable by ILGA.

The licence applicant and persons who were required to be notified of the application and who made a submission can apply for an application for review. An application for a review must be lodged with ILGA within 28 days of the date of the publication of this decision. An application fee applies. In the case of the applicant, the fee payable is the fee applying to the original application. In all other cases, the fee is \$100.

Applications for review of ILGA delegated decisions, can be made via the <u>Liquor and</u> <u>Gaming Application Noticeboard</u>. The Review Application form can be accessed online via the *make a submission* button.

Further information can be obtained from the <u>Reviews of liquor and gaming decisions</u> page on the Liquor & Gaming website.

# SCHEDULE 1

# Conditions considered by the ILGA delegate

All requests to impose conditions on the licence are reviewed on a case by case basis and a merit based assessment is conducted.

In considering whether a proposed condition has merit, delegates consider:

- a) whether the need for the condition has been adequately established
- b) whether the benefits of imposing the condition are likely to outweigh the costs and
- c) whether the proposed condition is proportionate to the potential harm identified.

#### The Whisky Society Pty Ltd

Licence conditions to be imposed	Licence condition details		
Retail closure period	Section 11A of the <i>Liquor Act 2007</i> applies to this licence. Liquor must not be sold by retail on the licensed premises for a continuous period of 6 hours between 04:00 AM and 10:00 AM during each consecutive period of 24 hours. The licensee must comply with this 6-hour closure period along with any other limits specified in the trading hours for this licence		
Restricted trading &	Retail sales		
NYE (std)	Good Friday	Not permitted	
	December 24th	Normal trading Monday to Saturday, 8:00AM to 12:00 midnight on a Sunday	
	Christmas Day	Not permitted	
	December 31st	Normal trading Monday to Saturday, 10:00AM to12:00 midnight on a Sunday	
No walk-up sales	The licensee must ensure that the sale of liquor is limited to taking orders over the telephone or by facsimile or mail order, or through an Internet site		
No tastings	The licensee must ensure that no tastings are conducted on the premises.		
No advertising	No advertising or promotional material relating to liquor is to be displayed outside the premises.		
Plan of management condition	The premises is to be operated at all times in accordance with the Plan of Management dated 20 June 2023 as may be varied from time to time after consultation with NSW Police. A copy of the Plan of Management is to be kept on the premises and made available for inspection on the request of a police officer, council officer, Liquor & Gaming NSW inspector, or any other person authorised by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority.		
No same day delivery	Alcohol is not permitted to be delivered to a customer (other than a person authorised to sell liquor) on the same business day as the order is placed.		

Proposed condition not imposed on the licence	Proposed by	Reason code (see 'List of reasons and codes for not imposing requested conditions' below this table)
Retail closure period		
Section 11A of the Liquor Act 2007 applies to this licence. Liquor must not be sold by retail on the licensed premises for a continuous period of 6 hours between 4:00 AM and 10:00 AM during each consecutive period of 24 hours. The licensee must comply with this 6-hour closure period along with any other limits specified in the trading hours for this licence.	Police	G
Restricted trading & NYE (std) Retail sales		
Good Friday Not permitted		
December 24th Normal trading Monday to Saturday, 8:00 AM to 12:00 midnight on a Sunday	Police	G
Christmas Day Not permitted		
December 31st Normal trading Monday to Saturday, 10:00 AM to 12:00 midnight on a Sunday		
No walk-up sales		
Limited to the sale of liquor only by means of taking orders over the telephone or by facsimile or mail order, or through an Internet site.	Police	G
No tastings		
The licensee must ensure that no tastings are conducted on the premises.	Police	G
No advertising		
No advertising or promotional material relating to alcohol is to be displayed.	Police	G
Plan of management		
The premises is to be operated at all times in accordance with the Plan of Management dated 20th June 2023 and may be varied from time to time after consultation with NSW Police. A copy of the Plan of Management is to be kept on the premises, and made available for inspection on the request of a police officer, council officer, Liquor & Gaming NSW inspector, or any other person authorised by the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority.	Police	G
No same day delivery		
Alcohol is not permitted to be delivered to a customer (other than a person authorised to sell liquor) on the same business day as the order is placed.	Police	G

#### List of reasons and codes for not imposing requested conditions

- A Already covered by the *Liquor Act 2007*.
- **B** Already a condition in the development consent.
- **C** Not a relevant condition for this licence type. Condition sought is generally only imposed on high-risk licence type or in exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances have not been proposed by the person putting forward the condition.
- **D** Already covered in the plan of management. Plan of management condition has been imposed.
- **E** Not aligned with the business type and would impose disproportionate unnecessary financial and operational burden.
- **F** Being part of a liquor accord is on a voluntary basis only. Exceptional circumstances have not been proposed by the person putting forward the condition.
- **G** ILGA/L&GNSW condition wording has been imposed.