

Liquor & Gaming NSW

NSW Department of Enterprise Investment and Trade Liquor & Gaming NSW

Application No.	APP-0010041447
Application for	Packaged (online) liquor licence
Trading hours	Monday to Sunday 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM
Applicant	AQUA VITAE LICENSES PTY LTD
Licence name	AQUA VITAE LICENSES
Premises address	SUITE 109 150 PACIFIC HWY, NORTH SYDNEY, NSW 2060
Issue	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 <i>Liquor Act 2007</i>

Under delegation issued by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority under section 13 of the Gaming and Liquor Administration Act 2007, 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: 12 July 2022



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Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade
Delegate of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Analysis of Submissions and statutory requirements

1. The licensed premises will be a commercial office where sales invoices are processed on-line. Council advised that they have no objection to the liquor licence.
2. Police have no objection to this application but have requested two additional conditions which I have not imposed, see Schedule 1, (Membership of the Local Liquor Accord and no deliveries to minors).
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.

Materials considered by the ILGA delegate

Information considered

1. Application form received: 4 May 2022
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: Compliant
6. Approved Manager: Compliant
7. Licensee Training: Compliant
8. Development consent: Compliant
9. Correspondence between Liquor & Gaming NSW to the applicant.
10. Correspondence from Police.
11. Correspondence from Council.
12. Applicant's consent to conditions.
13. Liquor & Gaming Live Data statistics.

Analysis of stakeholder submissions

1. NSW Police:
No objection
2. Local consent authority
No objection
3. Public
Not received

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. Liquor will be stored in a storeroom at North Sydney.

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 are taken to prevent intoxication on the premises, and that those practices will remain in place.
4. 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 on-premises 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.

For ILGA reviews of delegated decisions, make an application for review via the [Liquor and Gaming Application Noticeboard](#). The Review Application form can be accessed online via the make a submission button.

Further information can be obtained from the [Reviews of liquor and gaming decisions](#) 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.

Licence conditions to be imposed

AQUA VITAE LICENSES

1. 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 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.

2. Restricted trading & NYE (std)

Retail sales

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 to 12:00 midnight on a Sunday

3. 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

4. No tastings

The licensee must ensure that no tastings are conducted on the premises.

5. No advertising

No advertising or promotional material relating to liquor is to be displayed outside the premises.

6. No liquor storage (exempt if council approval is in place)

No liquor products for sale under this licence are to be delivered or stored at the licensed premises.

7. Plan of management condition

The premises is to be operated at all times in accordance with the Plan of Management dated July 2022 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.

8. 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.

9. Licensee training must be completed no later than six months from the date of grant of this liquor licence

Proposed conditions not imposed on the licence

Proposed conditions not imposed on the licence:		Proposed by:	Reason code (see Reasons for not imposing requested conditions below)
1.	The licensee or its representative must join and be an active participant in the local liquor accord	Police	C
2.	The licensee must ensure that the liquor is delivered and received by persons aged 18 and over	Police	C

Reasons for not imposing requested conditions

- **A** –Already covered by the Liquor Act.
- **B** - Already covered/already a condition in the DA.
- **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 sufficiently made out by the person putting forward the condition.
- **D** - Already covered in the Plan of Management. Plan of management condition has been imposed.
- **E** - Not in 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.