



**NSW Department of Justice
Liquor & Gaming NSW**

APPLICATION NO: 1-4413696981

APPLICATION FOR: Liquor – on-premises – catering service

TRADING HOURS: Monday to Saturday 10:00 AM to 12:00 AM
Sunday 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM

APPLICANT: Hafizullah Habibi

LICENCE NAME: Diamond Palace Reception Lounge

PREMISES ADDRESS: 387 Guildford Rd
GUILDFORD NSW 2161

ISSUE: Whether a delegated Liquor & Gaming employee on behalf of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority (ILGA) should grant or refuse an application for an on-premises catering service

LEGISLATION Section 45(1) of the *Liquor Act 2007*

ILGA DELEGATED DECISION – APPLICATION FOR ON-PREMISE CATERING SERVICE LICENCE FOR

DIAMOND PALACE RECEPTION LOUNGE

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 Justice, has decided to grant the application for an on-premises licence (catering service), 1-4413696981

On 10 November 2016, and after careful consideration of the application and other material, the delegate decided to approve the application, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions imposed:

1. 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.

2. Consumption on premises

Good Friday

12:00 noon - 10:00 PM

(liquor can only be served with or ancillary to a meal in a dining area)

Christmas Day

12:00 noon - 10:00 PM

(liquor can only be served with or ancillary to a meal in a dining area)

December 31st

Normal opening time until normal closing time or 2:00 AM on New Year's Day, whichever is the later

Note: Trading is also allowed at other times on Good Friday and Christmas Day if authorised by an extended trading authorisation. Liquor can only be served with or ancillary to a meal in a dining area after 5:00 AM on Good Friday and Christmas Day.

3. The premises are to be operated at all times in accordance with the Revised Plan of Management – Diamond Palace Reception dated 15/12/2014 and RSA House Policy as may be varied from time to time in consultation with the Local Area Commander.
4. The business of providing the Catering Service must be for fee, gain or reward. Functions held pursuant to the Catering Service must be pre-booked. A Catering Service booking register must be maintained.
5. No drinks commonly referred to as shots, shooters, slammer, and/or bombs are to be sold or supplied.
6. The licensee must maintain a closed-circuit television system on the premises in accordance with the following requirements:
 - a. the system must record continuously from opening time until one hour after the premises are required to close (or, in the case of premises that are not required to cease trading, continuously at all times)
 - b. any recorded image must specify the time and date of the recorded image,
 - c. the system's cameras must cover the following areas:
 - i. all entry and exit points on the premises,
 - ii. the footpath immediately adjacent to the premises,
 - iii. All publicly accessible areas (other than toilets) on the premises.

The licensee must also:

- d. keep all recordings made by the CCTV system for at least 30 days, and

- e. ensure that the system is accessible by at least one member of staff at all times it is in operation, and provide any recordings made by the system to a police officer or inspector within 24 hours of any request by a police officer or inspector to provide such recordings.
7. Immediately after the person in charge of the licensed premises becomes aware of an incident involving an act of violence causing an injury to a person on the premises, the person must:
 - a. Take all practical steps to preserve and keep intact the area where the act of violence occurred, retain all material and implements associated with the act of violence in accordance with the Crime Scene Preservation Guidelines issued by the NSW Police; and
 - b. Make direct and personal contact with the Local Area Commander or his/her delegate, and advise the Commander or delegate of the incident; and,
 - c. Comply with any directions given by the Commander or delegate to preserve or keep intact the area where the violence occurred.

STATEMENT OF REASONS

1. Material before the ILGA delegate

The decision made by the delegate had the application and other relevant material:

- (1) Application form – Lodged 12 May 2016 (DOC16/047119)
- (2) Plan of Management for the Premises dated 15 December 2014 (DOC16/047127)
- (3) Premises plan of the proposed licensed area (DOC16/047121)
- (4) NSW National Police Certificate dated 21 April 2016 (DOC16/047124)
- (5) Identification documentation lodged with application (DOC16/047125)
- (6) Responsible service of alcohol competency card with an expiry date of 17 April 2021 (DOC16/047123)
- (7) S96(AA) Modification to land and environment court approval for use of existing premises as a reception lounge proposing to delete the trial period and associated amendments dated 25 January 2016, issued by Holroyd City. (DOC16/047126)
- (8) Council Submission form Cumberland Council dated 9 May 2016 (DOC16/054570)
- (9) Police Submission Holroyd LAC received 30 May 2016 (DOC16/112916)
- (10) Email correspondence dated 7 November 2016 from the Authority to the applicant requesting further information in relation to the application. (DOC16/144221)
- (11) Email correspondence from Agent of the applicant providing responses to request for additional information, imposition of conditions and response to Police submission, received 9 November 2016 (DOC16/144920)

2. 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:

3 Objects of Act

- (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.

3. 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 3A 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.

4. Community impact test

- (1) 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.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Local and Broader Community - for the purposes of this decision, the delegate is satisfied that the relevant “local community” is the community within the State suburb of Guildford and the Broader Community, the Cumberland Council.

5. Analysis of Submissions and other Materials

- (1) Having reviewed all of the material, I am satisfied that this application for an on-premise liquor licence to operate with its principal business being that of a catering service as defined by the *Liquor Act 2007*.
- (2) The licence will be exercised in accordance with a Plan of Management that provides operational practices in place to; minimise the potential for adverse impacts to the neighbourhood; that complies with conditions of the licence; and to

ensure compliance with the *Liquor Act 2007* and Liquor Regulations to ensure liquor is consumed responsibly; to minimise the potential for intoxication; that intoxicated persons are not permitted entry to the reception lounge; and that liquor is not sold to minors.

- (3) Submissions were received by the Secretary, Delegate of the Department of Justice, Council and NSW Police. The applicant was given the opportunity to provide responses to the submissions. The applicant consents to conditions proposed by Police and provides a detailed Plan of Management.
- (4) I am satisfied that the statutory advertising requirements have been met.

6. Overall social impact

(1) Positive benefits

Having examined the material provided with the application, I am satisfied that the grant of the liquor licence will provide a fully catered function centre to the Guildford local community. The licensing of a reception centre which has been BYO for some time without any alcohol related issues is unlikely to be of negative impact on the local or broader community.

(2) Negative impacts

Police reviewed the application and did not object to the granting of the on premise licence.

7. Conclusion

- (1) I am satisfied that procedural fairness was afforded to the applicant and interested parties regarding the decision whether or not to grant the application, as 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.
- (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 venue 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) I am satisfied that the applicant has provided consent to imposing the conditions contained in the licence document.
- (6) 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 on-premise liquor licence with conditions.

Decision Date: 10 November 2016



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Manager, Licensing (Business Licensing)

Liquor & Gaming NSW

Delegate of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

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. For original applicants, the review application fee is the same as the initial application fee. For non-original applicants, the application fee is \$100.

For ILGA reviews of delegated decisions, make an application for review via the Liquor and Gaming Application Noticeboard at:

<https://www.liquorandgaming.justice.nsw.gov.au/pages/public-consultation/online-application-noticeboard/online-application-noticeboard.aspx>. The Review Application form can be accessed on line via the Application Number hyperlink.

Further information can be obtained from the Reviews page on the Liquor & Gaming website at: <https://www.liquorandgaming.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/ilga/decisions-of-interest/reviews-of-decisions/reviews-of-liquor-and-gaming-decisions.aspx>