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101 Notification Requirements

An applicant for a licence must,—

- (a) within 10 working days after filing the application, ensure that notice of the application in the prescribed form is attached in a conspicuous place on or adjacent to the site to which the application relates; and
- (b) within 20 working days after filing the application, give public notice of the application.

Because of the change to Section 102(2), the DLC requires that an application should be publicly notified (on display) for 25 working days after attaching to the conspicuous place at the site.

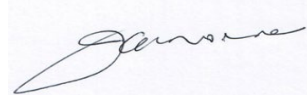
102 Objections to Applications

- (1) **Any person may object to an application for the grant of a licence**, whether as an individual or as a representative of a group or an organisation.
- (1A) However,—
 - (a) a trade competitor may object to an application only if the trade competitor is directly affected by the application in a way that does not relate to—
 - (i) trade competition; or
 - (ii) the effects of trade competition; and
 - (b) a person may not object to an application if the person receives, or is likely to receive, direct or indirect help from a trade competitor to object to the application.
- (2) An objection must be in writing and filed with the licensing committee within **25 working days after the first publication of the public notice** of the making of the application.
- (3) **No objection may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 105.**
- (4) This subsection applies to an application—
 - (a) for a licence for premises that is of the same kind as the licence currently in force for those premises; and
 - (b) in which the conditions sought are the same as apply to that licence.
- (4A) **In the case of an application to which subsection (4) applies, the ground for an objection may not relate to any matter other than the suitability of the applicant.**
- (5) The secretary of the licensing committee concerned must give a copy of every objection to the applicant.

On 31 August 2023, changes were made to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 whereby anyone can now object to licence applications. However, there are exceptions for trade competitors and their surrogates. Trade competitors cannot object if their objection is about trade. A trade competitor is a person holding an alcohol licence, regardless of whether they actually sell alcohol or where they sell it. Surrogate trade competitors cannot object to a Licence. A surrogate is a person receiving, or likely to receive, direct or indirect help from a trade competitor to object to an application.



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