

12 February 2025

Sent via email to [REDACTED]

RE: LG25-0033 – License count

Dear [REDACTED],

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION – RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information held by the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC). On 20 December 2024 you requested the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

1. How many off-licences were operating in your territorial authority boundaries as at 31st December 2024 (if you cannot confirm at that specific date, how many off-licences do you currently have operating in your territorial authority boundaries? Please kindly confirm which date you have used)
2. Of these, please advise how many are endorsed under section 40 (i.e. remote sellers only).
3. We are interested in getting a sense of how many licensees are engaging in remote delivery, and while we understand that off-licences not endorsed under section 40 can start delivering remotely without notifying you, if you have any figures for off-licences that have delivered remotely in the last year, we would appreciate seeing that as well.
4. How many on-licences were operating in your territorial authority boundaries as at 31st December 2024 (if you cannot confirm at that specific date, how many off-licences do you currently have operating in your territorial authority boundaries? Please kindly confirm which date you have used)
5. A copy of your most recent annual report to the Alcohol Regulatory & Licensing Authority (ARLA).

QLDC RESPONSE

To address your request, we consulted our Alcohol Licensing Team and they have provided the below response.

- 1. *How many off-licences were operating in your territorial authority boundaries as at 31st December 2024 (if you cannot confirm at that specific date, how many off-licences do you currently have operating in your territorial authority boundaries? Please kindly confirm which date you have used)***

- As at today there are 141 current off-licences

- 2. *Of these, please advise how many are endorsed under section 40 (i.e. remote sellers only).***

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3. We are interested in getting a sense of how many licensees are engaging in remote delivery, and while we understand that off-licences not endorsed under section 40 can start delivering remotely without notifying you, if you have any figures for off-licences that have delivered remotely in the last year, we would appreciate seeing that as well.

- There have been five remote seller licences surrender their licences over the past year seeing a reduction in remote seller licence numbers.

4. How many on-licences were operating in your territorial authority boundaries as at 31st December 2024 (if you cannot confirm at that specific date, how many off-licences do you currently have operating in your territorial authority boundaries? Please kindly confirm which date you have used)

- As of today, there are 348 on-licences in the district.

5. A copy of your most recent annual report

- All Annual reports can be found on our website. Here is the link for the same:

<https://www.qldc.govt.nz/services/alcohol-licensing/arla-annual-report/>

We trust the above information satisfactorily answers the relevant components of your request.

Kind regards,

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