



PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 Section 127 & 101

DARKROOM LIMITED, (THE LICENSEE, 336 St Asaph Street, Central City, Christchurch), has made application to the District Licensing Committee at Christchurch for the renewal of **ON-LICENCE RENEWAL** in respect of the premises situated at **336 St Asaph Street, Central City** known as **DARKROOM**.

The general nature of the business conducted under the licence is: **ON-LICENCE TAVERN**

The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is sold under the licence are:

MONDAY TO SUNDAY 10.00 AM TO 2.00 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY

The application may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the office of the Christchurch District Licensing Committee, Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch. Phone 941 8999 to arrange with the Alcohol Licensing Team.

Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the grant of the application may, not later than 25 working days after the date of the first publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the District Licensing Committee, P O Box 73013, Christchurch 8154.

No objection to the renewal of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 131 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

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Application for renewal of licence

Section 100, Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

About this application:

Please complete this form and forward it with all required documents. You can submit the form (and documents) online through the webpage or in person, or post to Christchurch City Council, 53 Hereford Street, PO Box 73013, Christchurch 8154.

This application cannot be accepted if the form is incomplete and documents are missing. Filing is not complete unless your invoice is paid. Invoices are posted to you 2 months in advance of the due date to your last address provided to us.

Accepted methods of payment are: CASH – EFTPOS – Internet Banking.

Note: Application fees are non-refundable and are for the processing of your application and must be paid when you apply for your renewal.

We can only process your application once we have both the Proof of Payment of fees AND the required paperwork (application form and required documents).

The original of this application should be filed with the District Licensing Committee no later than 20 working days before the expiry of the licence. After that time it may be filed only with the permission of the District Licensing Committee. **In no case may the renewal application be filed after the licence has expired. You will be deemed unlicensed and a full new licence application will be required.**

Any questions contact the Alcohol Licensing Team to discuss and for more information, ph 03 941 8999 or alcohollicensing@ccc.govt.nz

- Endorsements: (state by type every endorsement sought) ☐ Caterer ☐ BYO ☐ Auctioneers ☐ Remote sales
- Renewal with Variation: (changes to licence conditions) ☐
- Renewal of Club-off licence ☐

1. Renewal application for: (details as on current licence)

a. Trading name:

b. Licensee:

c. Licence number:

d. Licence Expiry date:

If Renewal with Variation: Risk Weighting verification and fees recalculation for invoice (Office to complete)

(If variation, please make an appointment with an Inspector to discuss and have your fees and risk weighting confirmed before payment as we may have to make **adjustments to your renewal invoice before you make payment.**)

Total Weighting: Fee Category:

Updated Premises Certificate of Compliance (alcohol) application needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If YES, Certificate already applied for? ☐ Yes ☐ No OR ☐ Already issued and attached?

Inspector confirmed application vetted and complete for lodgement ☐ Yes ☐ No – refer to lodgement notes on back page

Inspectors Signature: Date of verification: dd/mm/yyyy

2. Details of Applicant

a. Company or Club or Society name or full legal name(s) if individual to be on licence:

Darkroom Limited

b. Other names/aliases known by: N/A

c. Date of Birth: N/A

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

d. Occupation/Current employment (including for all Directors): Live music veune

e. Residential address: 336 Saint Asaph Street, Christchurch 8011

f. Website: www.darkroom.bar

g. Convictions of Company Directors, Partners, or individuals:

Have you ever been convicted of any offence (including traffic but not parking)? Note: As per the Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004, if you have no convictions in the last 7 years, you need not declare any convictions prior to that date other than convictions relating to imprisonment or indefinite disqualified from driving. ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, give details below. (You may wish to explain the circumstances on another page)

NB: Information on how to check your criminal record history details can be found at justice.govt.nz/criminal-records

Name of offence:	Date of conviction:	Penalty suffered:

j. Daytime Contact Name: Nick Vassar

Email: darkroomchch@gmail.com

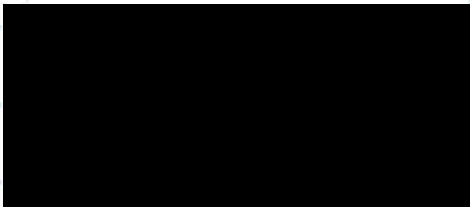
k. Preferred mode of contact: email

l. Status of applicant: (tick appropriate box)

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| ☐ Natural Person | ☒ Private Company | ☐ Trustee |
| ☐ Licensing Trust | ☐ Partnership | ☐ Public Company |
| ☐ Government Department | ☐ Local Authority | |
| ☐ Manager under the protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988 | | |
| ☐ Body Corporate to which section 28(1)(b) of the Act applies. Authority incorporated under: <input type="text"/> | | |
| ☐ Incorporated Society | | |
| Other: <input type="text"/> | | |

3. Details of all Managers appointed for the premises

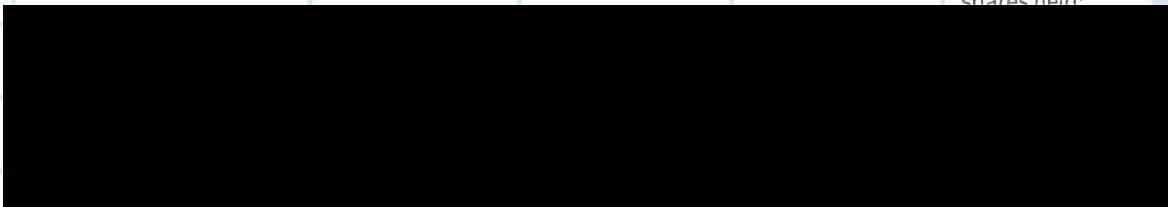
Full list of all current manager(s) employed and Certificate Numbers of Manager's Certificate(s):
(Please attach separate sheet if required)

Name:	Known as:	Address:	Certificate number, or if no certificate held confirm if they have applied for one	Expiry Date
Nicholas Vassar	Nick Vassar		60/CERT/233/2019	5/4/26
Emma Shaw	Feather Shaw		60/CERT/220/2019	2/4/26

Note: please remember to complete a separate **Notice of Duty Manager Appointment or Change** form for all new Duty Manager appointments or termination of duty managers.

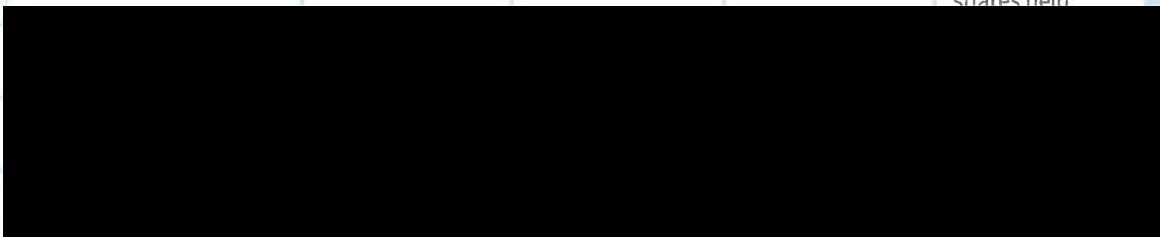
4. Further details of where applicant is a company

- a. Date of incorporation: 6/12/2018
- b. Place of incorporation: New Zealand
- c. Full details of each director, and the secretary (if any), as follows:

Full name:	Address:	Date of birth:	Place of birth:	Designation:	Face value of shares held:
Emma Louise Shaw					
Nicholas William John Vassar					

- d. Private Company only: Authorised Capital: Paid-up Capital:

- e. Private Company: Full details of each person who holds any shares issued by the company:

Full name:	Address:	Date of birth:	Place of birth:	Designation:	Face value of shares held:
Emma Louise Shaw					
Nicholas William John Vassar					

- f. Public Company: Full details of each person who holds 20 percent or more of the shares, or of any particular class of shares, issued by the company.

Full name:	Address:	Date of birth:	Place of birth:	Designation:	Face value of shares held:

5. Further details of where applicant is a partnership

a. Full details of each partner as follows:

Full name:	Address:	Date of birth:	Place of birth:	Designation:	Face value of shares held:

b. Signature of each partner:

6. Premises details

a. Legal address of Club premises: (Note: for Remote Sales this is the office base)

336 Saint Asaph Street, Christchurch 8011

Is this premises location known by any other address? (Note: for Remotes Sales this could be your website address)

b. Type of licence: On License

c. Existing licence number: 60/ON/76/2023

d. Expiry date: 29/03/2026

e. Trading name: Darkroom

f. **Details of premises area.** The current licence includes (please attach plans annotated with licenced area):

Internal areas include: Bar room, foyers, art gallery

Outside areas include: driveway

Any leased public space areas? If YES, please attach copy of the lease. ☐ Yes ☒ No

g. Does the applicant own the proposed licensed premises? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If NO:

Owners full name: Yong Jin Chen & Ju Rong Zhang

Owners address: 336 Saint Asaph Street, Christchurch 8011

Form and term of tenure (state whether to be held as leasehold, or under tenancy agreement, or licence):

Tenancy agreement, 3 years with right of renewal every 3 years

NB: Additional information and/or signed documents may be requested in some instances to confirm tenure.

h. What part (if any) of the premises does the applicant intend should be designated as:

- **Restricted designation:** no person under 18 may be present on the premises.
- **Supervised designation:** persons under 18 may be present, but only if accompanied by a parent, or legal guardian, i.e. Court appointed. Those under 18 cannot be sold alcohol, but may be supplied by the parent or guardian.
- **Un-designated:** Any person of any age may be present on the premises. Those under 18 cannot be served alcohol, but may be supplied by their parent, or legal guardian.

NB: Any designated areas MUST be marked on the plan for the premises

A restricted area:

A supervised area: All areas

i. Has the premises area or layout changed in any way since the last renewal, or are you planning to make any changes in the future? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, how?

- There are more than 10 employees in the entire building; or
- Overnight accommodation is provided for more than 5 people.

Please contact Fire and Emergency NZ (telephone 372 8600) for more information about evacuation schemes and fire safety requirements.

7. Business details (Please attach separate sheet if required.)

- a. What is the general nature of the business? (e.g. hotel, tavern, restaurant, entertainment/nightclub):

entertainment/nightclub

- b. Is the sale of alcohol intended to be the principal purpose of the business? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(i) If NO, what is intended to be the principal purpose of the business? Live music venue/art gallery

(ii) What part of Section 32 of the Act is applicable to this application? N/A

If section 32(1)(f) (grocery stores) applies you must complete the relevant Statement of Annual Sales Revenue available here ccc.govt.nz/consents-and-licences/business-licences-and-consents/alcohol/alcohol-licences/off-licence/

If section 32(1)(b) (Bottle store) applies:

What percentage of your annual sales is expected to be from sale of alcohol? N/A

NB: to assist you may wish to use the form found at the link above.

- c. Is the applicant engaged, or intending to be engaged, in the sale or supply of any goods other than alcohol and food, or in the provision of any services other than those directly related to the sale or supply of alcohol and food? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, what is the nature of those other goods or services?

- d. Current licensed hours: 11am - 2am

- e. Full On-licence: are you also intending to permit BYO? ☐ Yes ☒ No

- f. Has any of the a-c questions above changed since the last renewal or are you planning to make changes to these in the future?

No

- g. If off-licence remote sales, state the address from where the alcohol will be stored and dispatched from.

N/A

8. Conditions (Please attach separate sheet if required.)

The following questions relate to Variations – changes to licence conditions. Please attach separate sheet if required.

- a. Are there any changes sought to the present conditions of the licence? ☐ Yes ☒ No (If yes please also refer to note at 11)

If YES, please detail what changes are sought (this includes hours, premises area, nature of the business)

If seeking changes:

- Please DO NOT publish Public Notices until further discussion with the Alcohol Licensing Team on phone (03) 941 8827.
- An updated Premises Certificate of Compliance (Alcohol) authorising the changes sought may be required. Applications requesting changes cannot be accepted without this certificate. For more information refer to the Step-by-Step guide www.ccc.govt.nz/consents-and-licences/business-licences-and-consents/alcohol/alcohol-licences/variations-to-alcohol-licences-changes-to-your-business/

- b. **For Club Licences only:** Your Club Licence permits you to sell alcohol to authorised customers under s60(1)(a). Do you also want to be able to sell alcohol to guests of authorised visitors from other clubs? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9. Host Responsibility (Please attach separate sheet if required.)

The following questions relate to Host Responsibility. In conjunction with completing the questions, you should provide with this application a copy of your 'Host Responsibility Policy' by using the guidelines on our website at ccc.govt.nz/alcohol

a. What provisions does the applicant intend to make for the sale and supply of alcohol?

- Food (attach menu's, including all day or snack menu):

Pizza, Toasties, Garli Bread, Hot Chips

- Non-alcoholic refreshments:

coke, sprite, ginger ale, various juices, flavoured milk, red bull, Peroni 0%, Heineken 0%

- Low-alcoholic beverages (Between 1.1% and 2.5%ALC):

Macs Mid, Heineken Light

- Alcohol range available (attach full drinks menu)

see attached menu

b. What steps does the applicant propose to take to provide assistance with or information about alternative forms of transport from the premises, for staff and patrons?

signage on display, we'll organise ubers or can call taxis if need be

c. What other steps does the applicant propose to take aimed at promoting the responsible consumption of alcohol?

signage, refusing service and ejecting any intoxicated patrons, plenty of free water available, food always available, training staff

d. What steps does the applicant propose to take to ensure that the requirements of the Act in relation to the sale of alcohol to prohibited persons (i.e. minors, intoxicated persons, other persons to whom alcohol may not be sold pursuant to the licence) are observed?

signage, refusing service and ejecting any intoxicated patrons, IDing anyone who looks under 25 and ejecting anyone under 18 unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, staff training

e. To what extent, where, and how is drinking water intended to be freely available to patrons? (i.e. explain whether water is bar service only, water jugs, or plumbed water stations (and locations))

Water is always available at the bar via water jugs which are refreshed regularly

f. What appropriate systems, staff and training does/will the applicant have in place to ensure compliance with the law?

Signage, SCAB training, regular meetings, todays date and 2008 etc. sign behind bar, always a duty manager working

g. What are the current and possible future noise levels and how does the applicant intend to mitigate them?

Live music is monitored at the sound desk and on the street to ensure compliance, we have signage at the entrance/exit encouraging people leaving to respect the neighbourhood and please leave quietly

h. What are the current and possible future levels of nuisance and vandalism and how does the applicant intend to mitigate them?

Currently there are very rarely any instances of nuisance and vandalism, in part thanks to our location being slightly out from the main central part of the city. We ensure adequate staffing numbers to keep an eye on behaviour throughout our venue, including outside areas and on street.

i. What other licensed premises are there in the vicinity of this proposed premises? And, will the granting of this licence contribute to an increase in alcohol related problems in the area? (Explain)

Space Academy and Scoundrel We do not believe renewal of our liquor license will increase alcohol related problems in the area as Darkroom, Space Academy and Scoundrel are all destination venues and/or host ticketed events, meaning punters are more invested in the entertainment.

j. What is the land near the proposed premises being used for? Will the granting of a licence for your premises impact on changing neighbouring land use? If so, in what way?

At present neighbouring land use is mixed, with one residential down further down the road, and one on the street behind as well as a number of car mechanics or similar businesses. Neighbouring businesses operate in the day times, and residential is far enough away from us to be affecte

10. Please attach the following documents:

You must provide the following prescribed documents (your application will not be accepted without these documents)

- ☒ Floor plans annotated to show licensed area (for whole of premises, including any outside area and mark any restricted or supervised designated areas)
- ☒ Leased outside areas – Footpath, public or private space lease details and plan if held for any outside areas (annotated to show licensed area)
- ☒ Photo of principle entrance to the premises
- ☒ Certificate of Incorporation (including the details of directors and shareholders)
- ☒ Premises Certificate of Compliance (Alcohol) (may be required when seeking a Variation of the licence)
- ☒ All Grocery Stores must complete a Statement of Annual Sales Revenue if applicable. Template statement available here ccc.govt.nz/consents-and-licences/business-licences-and-consents/alcohol/alcohol-licences/off-licence/

You should also provide the following documents to assist with assessment of your application (if these are not provided this will delay assessment of your application)

- ☒ Duty Manager appointment forms for all your duty managers or any additional duty managers
- ☒ Host Responsibility Policy
- ☒ Food Menu
- ☒ Drinks/ beverage menus
- ☒ Any other information you wish to include to support your application, e.g. business plan, promotional materials etc
- ☒ **Bottle Stores:** To assist with confirmation of percentage annual income expected from alcohol you may wish to complete a Statement of Annual Sales Revenue if applicable. Template statement available here ccc.govt.nz/consents-and-licences/business-licences-and-consents/alcohol/alcohol-licences/off-licence/

Clubs:

- ☒ 1. Provide an updated copy of Club charter and membership rules (including details of any Affiliated memberships)
- ☒ 2. A list of names of clubs with which the club has reciprocal visiting rights for members; and
- ☒ 3. A Club Alcohol Management Plan and Club Alcohol Policy (desirable)

Notes:

- The Agencies may request to inspect a copy of your staff training plan/manuals.
- Please remember to complete a separate **Notice of Duty Manager Appointment or Change form for any new Duty Manager appointments or termination of duty managers** and provide a copy to both the Alcohol Licensing Team and the Police, as detailed on the form ccc.govt.nz/consents-and-licences/business-licences-and-consents/alcohol/managers-certificate-notification-of-management-change

11. Payment and submitting the application

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12. Important to note – Public notification of application

All alcohol licence application public notices are published on the dedicated webpage located on ccc.govt.nz/alcohol. Applications are no longer required to be published in the local newspaper.

1. We will take care of the publication of your public notice when you make your application to us.
 - There is a small administration charge for our assistance in loading the content onto the licensing notification webpage. The fee will need to be paid in advance of publication.
 - Your notice will be published within a week of your application being received and the public notice fee being paid.
2. We will send you a copy of the published notice for your records at the same time we send you the front entrance notice for display on your premises. You will need to display the notice on your main entrance for at least 15 working days.
3. Except in the case of a conveyance, within 10 working days after filing this application with the District Licensing Committee, the applicant must ensure that notice of this application in form 7 is attached in a conspicuous place on or adjacent to the site to which this application relates (unless the Secretary of the District Licensing Committee agrees that it is impracticable or unreasonable to do so).

13. Authorisation

You must complete this section in full

Have you completed ALL relevant sections of this form and attached ALL requested documents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Incomplete applications WILL be returned. We can only process your application once we have BOTH the Proof of Payment of fees AND the required paperwork (application form and required documents).

Privacy Statement

Information contained in your application and any supporting information will be held by Christchurch City Council to enable your application to be processed under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. This information will be made available to the public on request as part of the public notification of your application. The information will be provided to the statutory reporting agencies (the Police, the Medical Officer of Health, and the Council's Licensing Inspectors) for the purposes of assessing and reporting on your application, and to the Christchurch District Licensing Committee for the purposes of making a decision on your application. This information may form part of a public hearing of your application before the Christchurch District Licensing Committee and may be used in the Committee's decision for your application. Decisions will be made publicly available.

The Council is required to keep a record of every premises licence application (including for renewals and variations) filed with the District Licensing Committee and the Committee's decision on it. This information (which includes the application and all attachments) is made available to the Council's Licensing Inspectors, the Medical Officer of Health, and the Police for the purposes of monitoring ongoing compliance with any licence conditions and undertakings, Duty Manager appointments, and the Act.

The Council is required to report statistics about applications to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority.

Any member of the public may, under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, request access to information held by the Council. The Privacy Act 2020 applies to the Council and under that Act, you have the right to see and correct personal

14. Important to note — Renewal with Variation Lodgement and Invoicing

Please make an appointment with an Alcohol Licensing Inspector to lodge your new renewal with variation before you make payment. The inspector will confirm your risk rating and fees and if required re-issue your invoice for payment of fees.

Renewal with Variations will not be accepted without an Inspector Verification being completed.

15. Processing Timelines:

Manager Certificate applications should be made well before your certificate is required. On average about 5-6 weeks is required for a standard application to allow for processing, statutory reporting on your application, and issuing of a District Licensing Committee (DLC) decision on your licence. Timelines will be longer if there are agency oppositions or missing information on your application. More information about statutory timelines can be found at ccc.govt.nz/alcohol

Lodgement notes – for office use only