



8 September 2025

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your email requesting information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). A decision has now been made on your request pursuant to section 13 of the LGOIMA, and to provide the information requested.

In your request, you asked for information about off-licences in the Whakatāne District, specifically:

- The most recent population estimate for your district

The population of the Whakatāne District (2024) is 38,300

- The number of off-licences in your district in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and currently

Year	Number of off-licences in Whakatāne District
2021	We do not have this data
30 June 2022	28
30 June 2023	27
30 June 2024	24
27 August 2025	22

- The number of applications to open off-licences in your district over the past three years, broken down by year.

Year	Number of applications to open off-licences in the last three years
2022	1 (withdrawn)
2023	1 (withdrawn)
2024	1 (withdrawn)
2025	0 at 27 August 2025

- The number of times applications for off-licences have been denied due to objections by people in the community over the past three years, broken down by year.

None

- Any correspondence your organisation has had with central government agencies or Ministers regarding reforms to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act in the past year.

The only correspondence over this period was the request for our annual ARLA (Ministry of Justice) report.

- Whether your district has a Local Alcohol Policy (yes or no)

Yes.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you are entitled to request a review by the Ombudsman. Further information can be obtained from the following website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that this response may be published on our website. All personal information will be removed.

Nāku noa, nā



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE