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Tēnā koe Aimee

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 23 March 2026. You requested:

If someone successfully claims a medical defence for medicinal cannabis after failing a roadside drug test, what impact will it have on people applying for Duty Manager certificates or when it comes to renewing them? Will the police oppose their application or renewal?

Your request asks Police to form an opinion which it is not obliged to do so under the Official Information Act 1982. In deciding whether to endorse or oppose an application for a Duty Manager Certificate, Police considers the context of any infringement notices (if any), alongside the applicant's overall history and previous encounters with Police when assessing their suitability to hold a certificate. Therefore, Police are unable to directly comment on the impact that a medical defence for medicinal cannabis may have on the application or renewal of a Duty Manager Certificate, as there are a number of factors that may influence decisions.

Further information regarding roadside drug testing is available here:

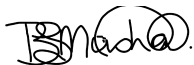
<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/drugs-and-alcohol/updates-drug-driving-legislation>

Further information regarding medical defence is available here:

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/infringement-services/medical-defence>

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Nāku noa, nā



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