

NZPSPLA 006972/2018

**IN THE MATTER OF**

The Private Security Personnel and  
Private Investigators Act 2010

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

An application for a Certificate of  
Approval by **JED COLLIER**

**DECISION**

[1] Mr Collier has applied for a Certificate of Approval (COA), together with a temporary COA, both in the classes of Crowd Controller. The Police oppose Mr Collier's application because of his lengthy list of Australian convictions during the last seven years.

[2] Among these convictions are seven 2013 convictions for stealing a motor vehicle and two convictions for attempting to steal a motor vehicle. In addition, in 2015 he was convicted of possession of methamphetamine for supply, driving recklessly, driving without a licence and failing to stop when requested by the Police. He has been sentenced to terms of imprisonment on several of these offences. Having served time in prison is grounds for disqualification under s 62 of the Act and means that Mr Collier is ineligible for a temporary COA.

[3] In his application Mr Collier declared he had two convictions for driving reckless and had been disqualified from driving for two years. Mr Collier did not mention his other convictions nor the fact that on his most recent conviction for driving recklessly he was sentenced to nine months imprisonment and disqualified from driving for ten years, not two years.

[4] In his response to the Police opposition Mr Collier advises that he has completed mixed martial arts training and has learnt, among other things, to diffuse difficult situations. He also refers to having undertaken health and fitness training and first aid training. He does not however refer to addressing the issues that resulted in his offending particularly in relation to his methamphetamine convictions.

[5] Mr Collier has provided references which refer to him as being honest and reliable and a fit and proper person to hold a licence. However, one of those referees had only known Mr Collier since October 2018. In addition, I can place little weight on the referee who has known Mr Collier for ten years and says that in all that time he has found him to be honest and reliable. This is because in those ten years Mr Collier has amassed 9 convictions for stealing or attempting to steal motor cars, two convictions for reckless driving when trying to escape from the police, drug convictions and on at least two separate occasions been sentenced to terms of imprisonment.

[6] I accept that Mr Collier has had no convictions since the end of the prison sentence imposed in 2015. He also appears to have taken some positive steps to make something better of his life. However, until he can be open about his offending history, including showing some insight into the seriousness of what he has done and the steps he has taken to ensure he stays out of trouble, I cannot find he is a fit and proper person to hold a COA.

[7] After considering all the evidence before me as to Mr Collier's background circumstances and character I am not satisfied that he is currently suitable to be a responsible crowd controller in accordance with s 53(5) of the Act.

[8] Mr Collier's application for a Certificate of Approval is therefore declined.

DATED at Wellington this 6th day of March 2019



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P A McConnell  
Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority