

**IN THE MATTER OF**

A Complaint against **LEIGH ELLIOTT**  
under section 74 of the Private  
Security Personnel and Private  
Investigators Act 2010

**DECISION**

- [1] The police have laid a complaint against Leigh Elliott as they say that he is not suitable to be a certificate holder. Mr Elliott holds a Certificate of Approval (COA) in the classes of crowd controller, personal guard and property guard that is valid until 13 November 2023. They advise that Mr Elliott has been convicted of three separate offences since he was granted his COA including contravening a protection order and possessing methamphetamine. He has also had warnings with respect to drug and weapon possession in the preceding few years.
- [2] The Police further advise that Mr Elliott resided in Australia prior to coming to New Zealand in 2017 and between 1995 and 2017 amassed 37 charges including a conviction for assault in 2016 and a conviction for an offence of dishonesty in 2014. These convictions are grounds that disqualify a person from holding a COA pursuant to s62(f)(vi) and (vii) of the Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010. Accordingly, without him providing evidence to the contrary, particularly with respect to his drug use, the Police consider his COA should be cancelled.
- [3] In April 2022 Mr Elliott was advised by the Authority that the complaint would be set down for a telephone hearing. Mr Elliott was directed to file a response to the complaint addressing why he considers he is still suitable to be a certificate holder supported by references from his employer or others with standing in his community by 6 May 2022. He was advised that if he wished to defend the complaint, he must attend the telephone hearing.
- [4] The telephone hearing was held today, and Mr Elliott did not attend, nor did he make any contact with the Authority or the Police in advance of the hearing. He also failed to file submissions as directed. Accordingly, on the evidence available to me I cannot be satisfied that Mr Elliott is any longer suitable to hold a COA. Therefore, Mr Elliott's COA is cancelled, effective immediately.
- [5] Mr Elliott is to return his COA and formal ID to the Licensing Authority within seven days of receipt of this order. Failure to do so is an offence under the Act.
- [6] This decision is to be published on the Licensing Authority's website.

**DATED** at Wellington this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022



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**Deputy Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority**