

IN THE MATTER OF

The Private Security Personnel and
Private Investigators Act 2010

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

Complaint by The Police under s 74 of
the Act against **PAUL AIUTA**

HEARD

By telephone on 12 February 2020

APPEARANCES

Sergeant A McMillan for NZ Police
P Aiuta – no appearance

DECISION

[1] Mr Aiuta has been convicted of wounding with intent, possession of cannabis for supply and possession of methamphetamine. He was sentenced to 2 years and 7 months imprisonment. The convictions and prison sentence are grounds for disqualification under s 62 of the Act. The Police are asking for the cancellation of that Mr Aiuta's certificate of approval.

[2] Mr Aiuta was apprehended in relation to the drug offences close to his place of work as a security guard. The assault charge was not related to Mr Aiuta's work but was serious and unprovoked.

[3] I am satisfied that grounds for disqualification now apply to Mr Aiuta and that given the nature and circumstances of his offending Mr Aiuta is no longer suitable to hold a certificate. This is a mandatory ground for cancellation of Mr Aiuta's certificate under s 82 of the Act.

[4] I therefore make the following orders:

- Mr Aiuta's Certificate of Approval is cancelled from the date of this order.
- Mr Aiuta is to return his certificate of approval to the Licensing Authority within seven days of the receipt of this order.

DATED at Wellington this 12th day of February 2020



P A McConnell
Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority