

ALCOHOL REGULATORY & LICENSING AUTHORITY

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Operation of the Authority under COVID-19 Alert Levels

Priority of hearings

During all COVID-19 Alert Levels, the Authority will give priority to:

- those matters currently set down
- urgent applications on a case by cases basis.

Factors considered in scheduling hearings

The Authority will consider the following factors when scheduling hearings:

- availability of the parties
- availability of courtrooms
- availability of staff and other resources to support the hearings
- health and safety.

Levels 3 or 4

In Auckland, it is not anticipated that any applications will be heard before L3 restrictions are lifted.

Any urgent application that is required to be heard before L3 restrictions are lifted will be the subject of a case management conference convened by the Authority.

At level 3 or 4, anywhere in the country, hearings are expected to be by way of remote participation instead of a face to face hearing, or dealt with on the papers without a hearing if the parties, and the Authority, agree.

Hearings by remote participation will be subject to the relevant scheduling factors above and all of the parties having the technology needed to participate.

Levels 1 or 2

The Authority is expected to operate as usual.

For hearings taking place in a courtroom, all participants are subject to appropriate health and safety restrictions (e.g. appropriate spacing of participants, recording contact details for contact tracing purposes).

Filing applications

Applications and associated documents can continue to be filed with the Authority.

Parties are urged to file documents electronically at: arla@justice.govt.nz

Paper applications will continue to be accepted by post.

Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

Chair**Alcohol Regulatory & Licensing Authority**

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