

IN THE MATTER of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012
(the Act)

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by 5 Mile Distilling Limited for the renewal of an Off licence pursuant to Section 127 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 in respect of the premises situated at 16 Oruanui Street, Taupo and known as “**5 Mile Distilling**”

DECISION OF THE TAUPŌ DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Before the Taupo District Licensing Committee:

Commissioner: Murray Clearwater

The Application:

This is an application by 5 Mile Distilling Limited for the renewal of an Off Licence in respect of premises situated at 16 Oruanui Street, Taupo, known as “5 Mile Distilling”. The applicant is the holder of an off licence, licence number 20/OFF/0135/2025 which was first granted by the Taupō District Licensing Committee on 16 July 2025.

The application was duly advertised on the Taupo District Council website from 9 June 2025 for a period of 25 working days and no objection or notice of desire to be heard has been received. Display of the public notice has been carried out in the terms of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 by the licensee and no objections were lodged by any members of the public.

The Reasons for the Decision:

The applicant is a proven operator and has not come to notice in an adverse manner for any of the reporting agencies. The hours are reasonable, and the social responsibility practices appear sound.

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The Inspector has provided a comprehensive report that outlines the safe and responsible operation of this licence for the first 12 months of this licence.

The Police have raised no matters in opposition.

The MOoH have opposed ‘the application wanting separate licensed area for the ON and OFF Licence. They also argue that tastings must be free under the off licence and cannot be charged for.

There is no lawful basis for the concerns of the MOoH. It is common practice for ON and OFF licences to have the same licensed area as many taverns have here in Taupo and the rest of NZ. Similarly paid tastings in breweries, wineries and distilleries is common practice and is about to be further formalised in amendments before Parliament.

We put the ‘opposition’ of the MOoH to one side and approve the renewal on the current conditions.

The Decision:

We are satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in the Act and approve the renewal of the licence for three years on the same conditions as previously granted by the Taupo District Licensing Committee.

I direct that a notice of renewal and a replacement licence be issued.

Renewed at Taupō on 16 July 2026



Murray Clearwater

Commissioner

Taupō District Licensing Committee



GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ
Taupō District Council

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Notice of Renewal of Off Licence

Section 135, Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

To: **5 Mile Distilling Limited**

Licence **20/OFF/0135/2026** replacing licence **20/OFF/0135/2025**

The Off Licence in respect of the premises situated at 16 Oruanui Street, Taupo known as “**5 Mile Distilling**” is renewed.

The present conditions of the licence shall continue to apply.

Subject to the requirements of the Act relating to the payment of fees, and to the provisions of the Act relating to the suspension and cancellation of licenses, the licence continues in force—

- Until the close of the period for which it is renewed; or
- If an application for the renewal of the licence is duly made before it would otherwise expire, until the close of the period of 3 years after the period for which it is renewed.

The period for which the licence is renewed is three years and will expire on:

16 July 2029

Renewed at Taupō on 16 July 2026

Murray Clearwater
Commissioner
Taupō District Licensing Committee

IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO DISPLAY THIS NOTICE. PLEASE RETAIN FOR BUSINESS RECORDS

Off Licence

Section 17 to 20, and 64 Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012



GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ
Taupō District Council

Licence Number: 20/OFF/0135/2026

Pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, **5 MILE DISTILLING LIMITED** is authorised to sell or deliver alcohol, on or from the premises situated at 16 Oruanui Street, Taupo, and known as 5 Mile Distilling, to any person for consumption off the premises and to supply alcohol free, as a sample, for consumption on the premises.

If this licence is not endorsed under section 40 of the Act, the licensee is also authorised to sell alcohol on or from the premises and deliver it somewhere else.

The authority conferred by this licence must be exercised through a manager or managers appointed by the licensee in accordance with Subpart 7 of Part 2 of the Act.

CONDITIONS

This licence is subject to the following conditions:

1. Alcohol may be sold, or delivered from, the premises for consumption off the premises, or supplied free as a sample for consumption on the premises, only on the following days and hours: **Monday to Sunday from 10.00am to 10.00pm.**
2. No alcohol is to be sold on, or delivered from, the premises on Good Friday, Easter Sunday or Christmas Day or before 1.00pm on Anzac Day.
3. While alcohol is being supplied free as a sample, water is to be provided to patrons free of charge at the place where the samples are being supplied.
4. A properly appointed certificated or Acting or Temporary Manager must be on duty at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol, and their full name must be on a sign prominently displayed in the premises.
5. The Licensee must display:
 - a. At every point-of-sale, signs detailing restrictions on the sale and supply of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons,
 - b. At the principal entrance to the premises, so as to be easily read by people immediately outside the premises, a sign stating the ordinary hours of business during which the premises will be open for sale of alcohol,
 - c. A copy of the licence attached to the premises so as to be easily read by persons attending the premises.

THE LICENSED PREMISES

The sale or delivery of alcohol is authorised in or from the premises generally. The premises situated at 16 Oruanui Street, Taupo are more precisely identified as outlined in a plan date stamped as received by the Taupo District Licensing Committee on 5 June 2025

DURATION

Subject to the requirements of the Act relating to the payment of fees, and to the provisions of the Act relating to the suspension and cancellation of licences, this licence continues in force –

- a) Until the close of the period for which it was last renewed or if it has never been renewed, until the close of the period of 12 months after the day it was issued.
- b) If an application for the renewal of the licence is duly made before it would otherwise expire, until the close of the period of 3 years after the period for which it is renewed.

This licence expires on 16 July 2029 unless further renewed

Dated at Taupō on 16 July 2026

Murray Clearwater
Commissioner - Taupō District Licensing Committee

A copy of this licence must be displayed at the principal entrance to the premises. The entrance from 16 Oruanui Street, Taupo is designated as the principal entrance.