

**IN THE MATTER OF**

A complaint under s 74 of The Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010 (the Act) against **SIMILAI VEA**

**HEARD** remotely on 3 July 2024

**ATTENDANCES**

Snr Constable W Dabb for NZ Police  
S Vea – no appearance

**DECISION**

[1] Police are asking for Similai Vea's certificate of approval to be cancelled as he has been convicted of assault, unlawful intimidation (firearm), and 13 charges of obtaining by deception. Mr Vea's convictions are all grounds for disqualification under s 62 of the Act and therefore a mandatory ground for the cancellation of his certificate of approval.

[2] Mr Vea has had no contact with the Authority since his certificate of approval was granted in December 2021. He has neither responded to the Police complaint nor applied for waiver from the grounds for disqualification. His certificate of approval has been suspended since April 2022 when the initial complaint was filed, after he did not respond to the Police application to suspend his certificate.

[3] Mr Vea is on bail on a 24-hour curfew until his sentencing in August 2024. His violent offending involved the use of a firearm and included significant intimidation and violence. Mr Vea's dishonesty offending was associated with money laundering and each charge was for amounts of more than \$500.

[4] Police have established that multiple grounds for disqualification apply to Mr Vea, and I am satisfied that because of his convictions he is no longer suitable to be a certificate holder. I therefore make the following orders:

- Mr Vea's certificate of approval is cancelled effective immediately.
- Mr Vea is to return his security ID to the PSPLA within seven days of receiving this order. Failure to do so is an offence under the Act.

**DATED** at Wellington this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024

  


P A McConnell  
**Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority**