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SMOKEFREE POLICY

Section	Safety, Health and Wellbeing		
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INTRODUCTION

Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology | Te Pūkenga (NMIT) is committed to providing a positive, healthy learning environment. To this end, all campus sites are totally ‘smokefree’.

PURPOSE

NMIT has a duty to provide a safe environment for people on its campus sites. This policy has been written in accordance with, and meets the requirements of, the *Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990*.

SCOPE

This is an NMIT-wide policy and applies to all NMIT kaimahi (workers/employees), ākonga (learners) and visitors whilst on any NMIT campuses or property (eg. vehicles).

DEFINITIONS

In this policy **Campus** means the physical grounds and premises occupied by NMIT, including any areas leased by NMIT.

References to smoking or being ‘smokefree’ includes vaping, the use of e-cigarettes or any other apparatus which vaporizes substances for the purpose of inhalation.

POLICY

- All areas of NMIT campus sites are 100% smokefree including outdoor areas. All members of the NMIT community who do not smoke are entitled, so far as is reasonably practicable, to be protected from second-hand smoke when on campus.
- NMIT supports all efforts and initiatives to promote a smokefree lifestyle as the norm.
- All members of the NMIT community including visitors are expected to respect NMIT’s aim to promote a smokefree lifestyle as the norm.
- Leading by example is an important role for an educational institution.
- On-going compliance of this Policy requires everyone to respond in a courteous and responsible manner.
- This policy extends to all NMIT facilities, including regional campuses, outreach stations and other NMIT premises.
- Smoking is not permitted in any vehicle owned or leased by NMIT.
- The sale and promotion of tobacco and vaping products is prohibited on all NMIT campus sites.

- Universally recognised no-smoking signage is located on NMIT campus entrance signs, information and location maps.
- Information regarding New Zealand’s attitude to smoking is provided on the NMIT website.

SUPPORT

Kaimahi (workers/employees) and ākonga (learners) who wish to stop smoking are encouraged to contact “Quitline” – a free service dedicated to helping people quit the smoking addiction (<https://quit.org.nz/> or 0800 778 778).

DISPUTE/COMPLAINTS RESOLUTION

There are provisions within the existing NMIT [NMIT Ākonga Concerns and Complaints Resolution Procedure](#) to deal with issues arising from the *Smokefree Policy*.

Where an issue is unable to be resolved in-house it will be referred, in accordance with the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990, to the Director-General.

REFERENCES

INTERNAL

[NMIT Ākonga Concerns and Complaints Resolution Procedure](#)
[Te Pūkenga Wellbeing and Safety Policy](#)
[Student Charter](#)
[Staff Charter](#)

EXTERNAL

[Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990](#)
[Quitline](#)