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SMOKEFREE POLICY

Section	Safety, Health and Wellbeing		
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INTRODUCTION

Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (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 Smoke-Free Environments Act 1990.

SCOPE

This is an NMIT-wide policy and applies to all NMIT employees, students and visitors whilst on any of NMIT’s 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 even outdoors, 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
- The Institute 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 the Institute’s aim to promote a smokefree lifestyle as the norm.
- That leading by example is an important role for an educational institution.
- That on-going compliance of the Policy requires everyone to respond in a courteous and responsible manner.
- This policy extends to all Institute facilities, including regional campuses, outreach stations and other NMIT premises.
- Smoking is not permitted in any vehicle owned or leased by the Institute.
- The sale and promotion of tobacco and vaping products is prohibited on all NMIT campus sites.

- Universally recognized 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

Employees and students 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 [Formal Complaints Resolution Procedure](#) to deal with issues arising from the *Smokefree Policy*.

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

REFERENCES

INTERNAL

[Formal Complaints Resolution Procedure](#)
[Safety, Health & Wellbeing Policy](#)
[Student Charter](#)
[Staff Charter](#)

EXTERNAL

[Smokefree Environments Act, 1990](#)
[Quitline](#)