

Clean Air Policy

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1. BACKGROUND

Lincoln University is a Clean Air campus, embracing a vision of integrating health and wellbeing into the culture and processes of our campus to eliminate exposure to tobacco smoke for all staff, students, contractors and visitors, and supporting the Government's vision for a smoke-free New Zealand.

2. PURPOSE

The University has adopted a Clean Air Policy from August 2020 based on the following:

- a) all staff, students, contractors and visitors on campus are entitled to a smoke-free environment
- b) the University promotes and supports healthy lifestyles and wellbeing
- c) as an educational institution we lead by example
- d) the successful implementation and compliance of the policy requires everyone to respond in a courteous and respectful manner.

3. APPLICATION

This Smoke Free Policy also applies to the use of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), personal vaporizers, and electronic nicotine delivery systems. For the purposes of this policy, inhalation of vapour created by electronic cigarettes or vaping devices is considered smoking.

This policy applies to all staff, students, contractors and visitors

4. POLICY

All areas of the Lincoln University campus are deemed as smoke-free, with the exception of designated outdoor smoking concession spaces for the years 2020-2022.

Smoking is not permitted in any buildings, including student accommodation.

Smoking is not permitted in any vehicle owned or leased by the university.

Smoking is not permitted outside the main entry gates to the university.

Exemptions

Temporary concessions for outdoor smoking and vaping spaces are available on campus while we support staff and students to quit smoking. The concession areas are:

- a) the area between Lincoln Agritech and the NRE Building
- b) the signposted area on the lawn north of the Hudson building
- c) an area determined by the Accommodation Manager.

Smoking in these concession spaces is prohibited on building steps or within 10m of open doorways and windows, and driveways. Smoking concession spaces are reviewed annually by the Health and Safety Committee.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Health, Safety and Wellbeing Manager is responsible for monitoring compliance with this policy, and ensuring smoking cessation information and assistance is available for staff.

The Wellbeing and International Support Manager is responsible for ensuring smoking cessation information and assistance is available for students.

The Accommodation Manager is responsible for determining annually where a concession space for halls students will be and ensuring compliance with this space.

The campus community is responsible for upholding this policy by courteously reinforcing the requirement for smokers to use the designated outdoor smoking concession areas and ensuring all contractors and visitors to campus are aware of this policy.

6. LINKS TO RELATED LEGISLATION

- [Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 \(HSWA\)](#)
- Ministry of Health [Smokefree Aotearoa 2025](#)
- [The Human Rights Act 1993 \(HRA\)](#)

7. LINKS TO RELATED DOCUMENTS

- [Code of Conduct Policy](#)
- [Disciplinary Policy and Procedure](#)
- [Student Discipline Regulations](#)

8. REVIEW

This procedure will be reviewed by the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Manager every three years.

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