

<b>Policy Subject: Smoke-Free Policy</b>	<b>Policy No.: 21/A. A/2018</b>	<b>Date of last revision: 1/1/2022</b>
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**Policy Overview:** This policy outlines the methodologies employed at Palestine Ahliya University to reduce smoking within the university.

**Objective:**

Creating a healthy and clean environment for all individuals on PAU premises, promoting well-being and reducing the health risks associated with smoking.

**Scope:** This policy is applicable to all students, faculty, staff, visitors, and contractors within PAU premises.

**Policy Statements and Procedures:**

1. **Smoke-Free Environment:** PAU is a smoke-free institution. Smoking, including the use of cigarettes, cigars, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), vaping devices, and any other form of smoking or tobacco use, is prohibited in all indoor and outdoor areas of the university campus.
2. **Designated Smoking Areas:** PAU has not designated smoking areas on campus. Smoking is not permitted within any university building, including entrances, hallways, offices, classrooms, labs, restrooms, and dining areas. Smoking is also prohibited in outdoor spaces, including courtyards, sports facilities, and parking lots.
3. **Enforcement:** All members of the PAU community, including students, faculty, and staff, are responsible for adhering to and enforcing this policy. Non-compliance may result in disciplinary actions, in accordance with university regulations.

4. Support for Smoking Cessation: PAU is committed to supporting individuals who wish to quit smoking. Resources and information about smoking cessation programs, counselling services, and other support mechanisms will be made available through the university's health services.
5. Education and Awareness: PAU conducts educational campaigns, workshops, and seminars to raise awareness about the dangers of smoking and the benefits of a smoke-free environment. Informational materials and signage will be prominently displayed across the campus to communicate the smoke-free policy.
6. Review and Evaluation: PAU will regularly evaluate the effectiveness of this smoke-free policy through surveys, feedback mechanisms, and health-related data. Adjustments to the policy may be made based on the evaluation results and emerging needs of the university community.

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