

IIUM TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS POLICY

1. RATIONALE

The International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) recognises that it has the utmost responsibility to ensure that its students and staff and other persons in IIUM are provided with a safe and healthy environment, free from tobacco smoke, use, sell, distribute and advertise of tobacco products and electronic cigarettes, in each of its campuses.

Hence, IIUM as a smoke and tobacco free higher learning institution endeavours to carry out the responsibility it owes to the student, staff and other persons in IIUM by implementing every possible initiative to curb any tobacco related activity or affiliation in its campuses.

Therefore, as an Islamic Institution, IIUM shall adopt the decree of the National Council Fatwa Committee on Islamic Religious Affairs Malaysia no. 37 held on 23rd March 1995 which ruled that smoking is *haram*¹ and the decree of the Special Meeting of the National Council Fatwa Committee on Islamic Religious Affairs Malaysia No. 3/2015, held on 21st December 2015 which has ruled that the use of electronic cigarettes and vape are *haram*.²

2. APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY

This Policy applies to all persons who enter the premises or properties of IIUM, including but not limited to students, staff, contractors, leaseholders and all other visitors to IIUM.

3. DEFINITIONS³

For the purposes of this Policy, the following definitions have the following meanings:

¹ <http://e-smaf.islam.gov.my/e-smaf/fatwa/fatwa/find/pr/15555>

² <http://e-smaf.islam.gov.my/e-smaf/index.php/main/mainv1/fatwa/pr/10333>

³ Tobacco-free School Campus Policy, American Lung Association, <https://www.lung.org/assets/documents/asthma/tobacco-free-school-campus.pdf>

- 1) "Electronic Smoking Device" means any electronic device, the use of which may resemble smoking, which can be used to deliver an inhaled dose of nicotine or other substances to the user. "Electronic Smoking Device" includes any such electronic smoking device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, electronic hookah, vape pen or any other product name or descriptor.
- 2) "Smoke or Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including hookahs and marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. "Smoking" also includes the use of an electronic smoking device which creates an aerosol or vapour, in any manner or in any form.
- 3) "Tobacco Product" means:
 - a. Any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, cigarillo, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, snuff;
 - b. Any electronic smoking device that delivers nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to an electronic cigarette, cigar, pipe, or hookah;
 - c. "tobacco product" includes any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product.
- 4) "Tobacco use" means smoking, chewing, dipping, or any other use of tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices.

4. PROHIBITION OF TOBACCO USE

Student, staff or other persons shall not be permitted to use any tobacco product at any time on IIUM campuses.

5. ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY

5.1 Contractual / collaborative relationship:

- i. IIUM would refrain from creating any contractual or collaborative relationship with any companies or individuals that are directly related to the tobacco industry or openly supports the tobacco industry.
- ii. If any of such relationship exists prior to this Policy, IIUM will not renew its commitment upon the expiry of such relationship. If such relationship has not been deliberated of its expiry, IIUM shall phase out from the relationship within one (1) year from the date of this Policy.

5.2 Events and programmes

IIUM would refrain from organising or approving any events or programmes relating to the act of smoking or tobacco itself, except where it deemed such events or programmes as necessary for awareness against the use of tobacco.

5.3 Dealing with individuals

The relevant authorities in IIUM will without prejudice enforce the relevant rules and regulations in IIUM pertaining the act of smoking and the possession of tobacco product including imposing of fines on individuals who smoke and/or possess tobacco product and furnish reports of any of such cases where disciplinary or legal action may be deemed necessary. Where it is relevant, the IIUM authority shall further extend such individual cases to the Ministry of Health for persecution under the relevant laws of Malaysia.

6. ADVERTISING, PROMOTION, REPRESENTATION, SPONSORSHIP AND SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

IIUM will not advertise, promote, accept sponsorship, or allow any representation or sale relating to tobacco products in any form on its premises or in any related events under its or its appointed representative's control except where it is necessary to aid in providing awareness to the IIUM community.

7. ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS

IIUM will not accept any funds for research projects, grants, events, programmes or student scholarships from the tobacco industry or any companies that openly support the tobacco industry.

8. DUTY OF PERSONNEL

Campus officials, staff, advisors, students or other persons appointed to represent IIUM shall not accept free gifts or enter into any arrangement, association, partnership with representatives that are directly related to the tobacco industry or openly support the tobacco industry.

9. CAREER EVENTS, INTERNSHIPS AND RECRUITMENT OF STUDENTS

IIUM shall refrain companies that manufacture or sell tobacco from participating in its campus career fairs, planning for internships or industrial training or other vocational or recruitment activities.

10. QUIT SMOKING RESOURCES

IIUM shall offer on-campus quit smoking resources including counselling, guidance and awareness campaigns that shall be consistently promoted around the campus.

11. IMPLEMENTATION AND NON-COMPLIANCE

11.1 Office of Security Management holds the responsibility for the implementation of this Policy and shall take necessary actions in the event of violation of this Policy.

11.2 This Policy is applicable to all staff and students of IIUM and any infringement of the policy may subject to disciplinary actions.

11.3 Allegations of non-compliance of this Policy shall be referred to the Office of the Legal Adviser for necessary disciplinary action.

12. MAINTENANCE OF POLICY

Office of Occupational Safety Health and Built Environment is responsible for the formulation and maintenance of this Policy.

13. POLICY REVIEW

This Policy will be reviewed six (6) months from commencement and then on an annual basis to ensure the policy is sustained, effective and up to date.

14. EFFECTIVE DATE

The commencement date for this Policy shall be decided and approved by the relevant IIUM authority.

15. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

This Policy shall be read together with the:

- (a) IIUM Constitution;
- (b) IIUM Code of Ethics;
- (c) IIUM Staff Disciplinary Rules;
- (d) IIUM Students' Disciplinary Rules; and
- (e) Any other relevant Rules of the University.