



SMOKING POLICY

Revision Version 1 (April 2014)

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To state the Institute's policy with regard to smoking in the Institute.
- 1.2 To highlight the impact of the Legislative Framework which governs the responsibility of the Institute in these matters i.e.:-
- Food Hygiene Regulations (SI No 205 of 1950)
 - Tobacco (Health Promotion and Protection) Act 1988
 - Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 1989
 - Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005
 - Tobacco (Health Promotion and Protection) Regulations 1990
 - Tobacco (Health Promotion and Protection) Regulations 1995
 - Public Health (Tobacco Act) 2002 & 2004

2.0 OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY

- 2.1 To establish a smoke free environment for all staff, students and visitors by:
- Minimising and, if possible, eliminating exposure of staff, students and visitors to Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) or possible inhalation of smoke
 - Making allowance for the needs of smokers, where it is possible to do so, while still achieving the primary objective of minimising the risk of exposure to ETS and adherence to the provisions of the legislation

3.0 POLICY STATEMENT

- 3.1 In accordance with the various regulations set out above smoking in the Institute is expressly prohibited in buildings, except in the Courtyard of the Quadrangle Building. For the avoidance of doubt this includes all tobacco products, all e-cigarettes products, all herbal cigarette products, etc.
- 3.2 The sale of cigarettes, cigars, tobacco products, e-cigarettes and herbal cigarettes, etc. is prohibited on Campus.
- 3.3 A smoking exclusion zone of 6m applies to all entrances/exits/windows to campus buildings.

4.0 INTERNAL RESPONSIBILITY

- 4.1 Primary responsibility for ensuring that there is full compliance with the provisions of this policy rests with those who smoke while all staff and students of the Institute are encouraged to be proactive in support of this policy

- 4.2 Heads of Department/Function, Caretaking and Administrative, Library and all other Supervisory Staff have particular responsibility for the implementation of these regulations, in respect to their areas.
- 4.3 Academic staff have particular responsibility for the implementation of these regulations within teaching spaces under their control.
- 4.4 Student representatives also have a responsibility for the implementation of these regulations.
- 4.5 Breaches of these regulations will be addressed through the appropriate disciplinary procedures.

5.0 COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATUTORY REGULATIONS

- 5.1 In addition to any action under internal disciplinary procedures staff and students are reminded of potential offences under the legislation with fines of up to €3000. The Institute will cooperate in full with National Office of Tobacco Control in any investigation of alleged breaches of the Regulations

6.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

- 6.1 The effective date for this revised policy and regulations is 07 April 2014

7.0 REVIEW

- 7.1 As required, in response to internal changes or external changes