



# Smoking and Tobacco Control Policy

## University of Al-Ameed

### Policy Information

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| Policy Title       | Smoking and Tobacco Control Policy                                                                                      |
| Policy ID          | AU-HSE-STC-001                                                                                                          |
| Policy Category    | Health, Safety and Wellbeing Policy                                                                                     |
| Responsible Entity | University Presidency in coordination with the Anti-Smoking Subcommittee and relevant academic and administrative units |
| Approval Authority | University Council / University Presidency                                                                              |
| Effective Date     | 2025                                                                                                                    |
| Review Cycle       | Annual Review                                                                                                           |

## 1. Purpose

University of Al-Ameed is committed to providing a healthy and safe educational and working environment and to reducing exposure to tobacco smoke and the health risks associated with smoking.

This policy establishes the University's framework for controlling smoking and tobacco use across its campuses in accordance with applicable Iraqi legislation, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research directives, and institutional health and safety practices.

## 2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- students;
- academic and administrative staff;
- employees and contractors;
- visitors and external participants;
- all colleges, departments, centres and administrative units;
- University buildings, teaching and learning spaces, laboratories, offices, libraries, clinics and other University facilities;
- outdoor areas and common spaces under University control.



### 3. Policy Objectives

The University seeks through this policy to:

- protect students, staff and visitors from exposure to tobacco smoke;
- provide a healthy educational and working environment;
- regulate smoking across University campuses;
- promote awareness of the health risks associated with smoking and passive smoking;
- support national efforts to reduce tobacco use;
- ensure compliance with relevant Iraqi legislation and Ministry directives;
- encourage smoking prevention and health-promoting behaviour among members of the University community.

### 4. Policy Commitments

#### 4.1 Smoking Restrictions

University of Al-Ameed prohibits smoking inside its educational, academic, administrative and service buildings.

Smoking is not permitted in:

- classrooms and lecture halls;
- laboratories and clinical teaching areas;
- offices and administrative buildings;
- libraries and study areas;
- corridors, entrances and enclosed common areas;
- meeting and conference rooms;
- student facilities and other enclosed University premises.

These restrictions apply to students, staff, visitors and other persons present on University premises.

#### 4.2 Designated Smoking Areas

Smoking may only take place in **designated outdoor smoking areas approved by the University**, where such areas are provided.

The University has designated a specific smoking area away from its principal academic and administrative indoor environments in order to limit exposure of non-smokers to tobacco smoke.

Smoking outside designated areas is not permitted.



Designated areas shall be positioned and managed in a manner that seeks to minimise exposure to second-hand smoke and interference with educational, administrative and community activities.

### 4.3 Awareness and Prevention

The University supports continued education and awareness regarding the health, social and environmental effects of smoking and tobacco use.

Relevant University units may undertake:

- awareness lectures and seminars;
- health education campaigns;
- posters and educational materials;
- digital awareness messages through University platforms and screens;
- student-led awareness activities;
- educational activities addressing smoking, addiction and associated physical and mental health risks;
- participation in national anti-smoking and health-awareness initiatives.

### 4.4 Institutional Coordination

The University supports implementation of national and Ministry anti-smoking requirements through its relevant committees and administrative units.

The University's **Anti-Smoking Subcommittee** contributes to the coordination and follow-up of anti-smoking measures and related awareness activities in accordance with Ministry instructions and University procedures.

Colleges, departments and relevant administrative units are expected to cooperate in implementing this policy and promoting compliance within their respective facilities.

### 4.5 Compliance

All members of the University community and visitors are expected to comply with smoking restrictions and applicable University instructions.

Violations may be addressed in accordance with:

- Iraqi Anti-Smoking Law No. 19 of 2012;
- implementing instructions and relevant Ministry directives;
- University regulations and disciplinary procedures;
- applicable administrative and legal requirements.

The University may use appropriate signage, awareness materials and administrative measures to support compliance.



## 5. Implementation Framework

Implementation of this policy may include:

- installation and maintenance of no-smoking signage;
- identification and management of designated smoking areas;
- communication of smoking restrictions to students, staff and visitors;
- awareness campaigns and educational activities;
- coordination through the Anti-Smoking Subcommittee and relevant University units;
- monitoring compliance within University facilities;
- periodic review of smoking-control practices.

## 6. Monitoring, Review and Continuous Improvement

The University shall periodically review implementation of this policy and its smoking-control measures.

Relevant units may monitor:

- compliance with smoking restrictions;
- effectiveness and location of designated smoking areas;
- awareness and educational activities;
- complaints or observations relating to smoking;
- changes in national legislation and Ministry requirements.

The University may strengthen or revise its smoking-control measures where necessary to improve the health and wellbeing of students, staff and visitors.

## 7. Related References and Guiding Frameworks

This policy shall be implemented in alignment, where applicable, with:

- **Iraq Anti-Smoking Law No. 19 of 2012;**
- implementing instructions relating to Anti-Smoking Law No. 19 of 2012;
- directives of the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research;
- instructions of the Supervision and Scientific Evaluation Apparatus concerning anti-smoking committees in universities and colleges;
- University of Al-Ameed health, safety and conduct regulations;
- University awareness and health-promotion programmes.



## 8. Revision History

| Version | Date      | Description of Revision                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Approved By |
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| 1.0     | 2025/8/26 | Initial Policy Release                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Presidency  |
| 2.0     | 2026/5/20 | Comprehensive revision and expansion of the policy framework to strengthen institutional sustainability governance, operational implementation, digital transformation integration, reporting mechanisms, and alignment with current institutional development priorities and international sustainability practices. | Presidency  |