



Dr. D. Y. PATIL VIDYAPEETH, PUNE

(Deemed to be University)

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Smoke-Free Policy

Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune

Amended in March 2024



Dr. Narendra M. Kadu
Registrar

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NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of the resolution passed by the **Academic Council** at its meeting held on **15th March, 2024** vide **Resolution No. AC-14 (x)-24** and by the **Executive Council** at its meeting held on **22nd March 2024** vide **Resolution No. EC-14(x) -24**.

It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune has published "**Revised Smoke-Free Policy (Amended in March, 2024)**" for the staff of the Vidyapeeth.

This Policy comprises of the following parts:

1. Objectives
2. Implementation
3. Roles and Responsibilities
4. Disciplinary Procedures

The "**Revised Smoke-Free Policy (Amended in March, 2024)**" will serve as a detailed guideline and will be useful to all concerned. This will come into force with immediate effect.




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Copy to;

1. P.S. to Chancellor for the Kind information of Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth Pune.
2. P.S. to Vice Chancellor for the Kind information of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
3. P.S. to Pro Vice Chancellor for the Kind information of Hon'ble Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
4. Director (IQAC), Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
5. Director (Administration: Quality Assurance, Faculty Development & Research), Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune
6. Director (Research), Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
7. Controller of Examinations, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
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Encl: As above

SMOKE-FREE POLICY

WHEREAS Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune popularly known as "DPU", managed by **Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth Society, Pune**, was declared as "Deemed-to-be-University", **under Section 3 of UGC Act 1956** in 2003. To start with, there was one constituent college i.e. Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Pune. Later on a few more constituent colleges were established and / or brought under the ambit of the DPU.

AND WHEREAS today the Vidyapeeth has 14 constituent institutions under its umbrella. All the institutions have the approval / recognition of the relevant statutory bodies to offer UG, PG Degree Super-specialty and Ph.D. programmes in relevant and emerging disciplines, specializations and super specializations.

AND WHEREAS, as per the provisions of University Grants Commission (Institution Deemed to be University) Regulations, 2019 sub clause 10.7 and sub-sub Clause No. 10.07.1 and 10.07.2 of the Regulations and also as per provisions of the Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune Bye-Laws, Byelaw No 1.1.4 clause No. i, ii, iii, vii, xx, xviii (19) provides that the Board of Management shall be the Principal Organ of Management and the Apex Executive Body of the Institution Deemed to be University, with powers to make rules and shall be the final decision making body in respect of every matter including academic, administrative, personnel, financial, development matters of institution Deemed to be University.

AND WHEREAS, as per the provisions of University Grants Commission (Institution Deemed to be University) Regulations, 2023 in Clause Nos. 17 B (a) and also as per the provisions of the Byelaws of Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth Pune, Bye Law No.1.2.4 which contains the powers of Academic Council to make recommendations to the Board of Management for matters of academic interest.

AND WHEREAS, in exercise of the powers conferred under the University Grants Commission (UGC) Regulations, and in accordance with the provisions of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 (COTPA), as well as the Vidyapeeth Byelaws of Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune (Deemed to be University), the University hereby makes the following Smoke-Free Policy to ensure a smoke-free environment across all its campuses and facilities. This policy is aligned with the UGC (Promotion of Healthy Campus) Guidelines, 2022, which mandate all higher education institutions to adopt stringent measures for the prevention and control of smoking and the use of Tobacco products (including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, bidis, and chewing tobacco), Marijuana, Hookah, E-cigarettes, Vaping Products, herbal cigarettes, non-tobacco smoking materials, Kratom, Clove Cigarettes, Synthetic Cannabinoids, Cocaine, Crack Cocaine, and Salvia Divinorum, thereby fostering a safe and healthy academic environment.

INTRODUCTION:

Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune, recognizes the significant health risks associated with the use of tobacco and the importance of fostering a healthy campus environment. Tobacco use, in any form, poses a serious threat not only to the user but also to those exposed to secondhand smoke and related toxins. Universities play a critical role in promoting public health, and by adopting a Tobacco-Free Campus Policy, Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth aims to safeguard the well-being of students, faculty, staff, visitors, and the surrounding community.

This policy aligns with national and global efforts to reduce tobacco use, promote cessation, and prevent the initiation of tobacco use among youth and adults alike. By creating a tobacco-free environment, the university supports individuals in making healthier choices and reduces the environmental and health-related impacts of tobacco on campus. The Tobacco-Free Campus Policy is an essential part of the university's broader commitment to health, safety, and sustainability, ensuring that the campus remains a safe and conducive place for learning, working, and thriving.

POLICY STATEMENT: Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune, is dedicated to providing a smoke-free campus environment that promotes health, safety, and well-being for all its members, including students, faculty, staff, and visitors. This Smoke-Free Campus Policy strictly prohibits smoking in all forms within university premises, both indoors and outdoors, to protect individuals from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke and to create a healthier atmosphere conducive to learning and working.

POLICY OBJECTIVE: The objectives of this Smoke-Free Policy are:

- To safeguard the health of the university community by reducing exposure to secondhand smoke and preventing the negative health outcomes associated with smoking.
- To support individuals who wish to quit smoking by offering cessation resources and fostering an environment that discourages smoking.
- To comply with local, state, and national regulations regarding smoke-free zones and public health initiatives.
- To enhance the cleanliness and environmental sustainability of the campus by reducing tobacco-related litter and pollution.

SCOPE: This policy applies to all university-owned, leased, or controlled properties, including both indoor and outdoor spaces. It is applicable to all members of the university community, including students, faculty, staff, contractors, and visitors. The policy covers all forms of smoking, including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and electronic smoking devices such as e-cigarettes and vaping products.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- **Prohibition of Smoking:**
 - Smoking is strictly prohibited in all indoor and outdoor areas of the campus, including but not limited to academic buildings, offices, dormitories, parking lots, common areas, and university-owned vehicles.
 - The use of electronic nicotine delivery systems (e-cigarettes, vaping devices), and any other products that simulate smoking is also banned.
- **Signage:**
 - Clear and visible signs stating the university's smoke-free policy will be installed at all entrances, across the campus, and in areas where smoking was previously common.
 - The signs will provide information on available smoking cessation support services and outline penalties for violations.
- **Education and Awareness:**
 - The university will undertake campaigns to raise awareness about the harmful effects of smoking and secondhand smoke, along with information on smoking cessation resources.
 - Educational workshops and programs aimed at promoting smoke-free living will be organized periodically for the campus community.
- **Enforcement:**
 - Enforcement of this policy is the responsibility of all members of the university community.
 - Violations of the Smoke-Free Policy may result in disciplinary action in accordance with university regulations. This may include fines or other penalties as outlined in the university's disciplinary procedures.
- **Compliance:**
 - All students, faculty, staff, visitors, and contractors are expected to comply with the smoke-free policy at all times.
 - Non-compliance will be managed through education and, if necessary, formal disciplinary measures. Visitors and contractors will be notified of the policy upon entering the campus.
- **Review and Amendments:**
 - The university will review the effectiveness of the Smoke-Free Policy periodically and amend it as needed to reflect changes in regulations or improve policy outcomes.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **University Administration:**
 - Responsible for policy implementation, resource allocation for education and enforcement, and periodic policy review.
 - Ensure all campus members are informed of the policy and its consequences.
- **Faculty and Staff:**
 - Faculty and staff are expected to comply with the policy and help promote a smoke-free environment through education and advocacy.
- **Students:**
 - Students must adhere to the policy and support smoke-free initiatives by participating in awareness programs and encouraging peers to comply.
- **Visitors and Contractors:**
 - Visitors and contractors are required to follow the policy during their time on campus. The university will communicate the policy to all external parties.
- **Smoke-Free Monitors:**
 - The university may appoint Smoke-Free Monitors from among staff, students, or health ambassadors to ensure compliance and report any violations.
 - Contact details of the designated monitors will be displayed on campus signage for reporting purposes.
- **Cessation Support:**
 - The university will promote the National Quitline (1800-11-2356) and other local smoking cessation programs.
 - Information about counseling services, support groups, and cessation products will be provided to those interested in quitting smoking.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES:

Violators of the Smoke-Free Policy will be subject to the university's disciplinary procedures. Penalties may include warnings, fines, and other appropriate actions based on the severity and frequency of the offense.

PROMOTION OF A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE:

The university will actively promote wellness initiatives such as fitness programs, nutrition education, and stress-relief workshops, which support the overall well-being of the campus community and reinforce smoke-free living.

CONCLUSION:

The Smoke-Free Campus Policy at Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune, represents a significant step toward cultivating a healthier, safer, and more environmentally conscious academic community. By prioritizing the well-being of students, faculty, staff, and visitors, the university is taking a proactive stance against the harmful effects of smoking and secondhand smoke exposure. This policy reflects the institution's dedication to fostering a clean, green, and tobacco-free environment, which aligns with its broader mission of nurturing physical, mental, and emotional wellness across campus.

Moreover, this policy aims to minimize the detrimental environmental impact caused by tobacco-related waste, such as cigarette butts, which pollute public spaces and waterways. By promoting a smoke-free atmosphere, the university not only addresses public health concerns but also sets an example of social responsibility, advocating for sustainable practices that contribute to the preservation of our natural surroundings.

We encourage all members of the university community to embrace this initiative as a shared responsibility, recognizing that a smoke-free campus is beneficial for everyone. The success of this policy relies on the collective effort of every individual to create an environment that supports healthy lifestyle choices, positive habits, and academic productivity. The university will provide the necessary resources and support for those who may seek assistance in quitting smoking, ensuring that this transition is as smooth as possible.

Effective immediately upon notification, the Smoke-Free Campus Policy will be enforced across all university premises. Compliance is expected from all campus members, including students, faculty, staff, and visitors, as we work together to maintain a campus that reflects our shared values of health, respect, and responsibility. Through continued collaboration and commitment, we are confident that this policy will foster a positive and lasting impact on the entire university community.

Date of Implementation: 28/11/2022

Date of Revision: 22/03/2024

Sd/-
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