

Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University (MBSTU)

Smoke-Free Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to protect the health and well-being of all students, faculty, staff, and visitors by ensuring a smoke-free environment across the university. MBSTU is committed to promoting a clean, healthy, and sustainable campus that supports the physical and mental wellness of the university community.

2. Scope

This policy applies to:

All students, faculty members, administrative and support staff, and visitors.

All university-owned, leased, or operated properties, including:

Academic buildings, laboratories, offices, and libraries

Halls of Residence, cafeterias, canteens, and sports facilities

Gardens, pathways, parking areas, and open spaces within campus boundaries

University vehicles and transportation services

3. Policy Statement

MBSTU is a 100% smoke-free campus.

The use, possession, or sale of tobacco products (including cigarettes, bidis, e-cigarettes, vaping devices, hookah, and smokeless tobacco) is strictly prohibited in all areas of the university campus. Smoking is not allowed within 100 feet of any campus building entrance, exit, or ventilation system. The university does not permit tobacco-related advertisements, sponsorships, or promotions in any form within its premises or at university events.

4. Definitions

Smoking: Inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lit tobacco or similar product, including e-cigarettes or vaping devices.

Tobacco products: Cigarettes, bidis, cigars, chewing tobacco, zarda, gul, khaini, and any other smokeless or electronic nicotine delivery systems.

University premises: All land, buildings, facilities, vehicles, and spaces under the university's jurisdiction.

5. Implementation and Responsibilities

The Registrar Office shall oversee implementation and ensure compliance.

The Proctor Office and Campus Security will monitor adherence to the policy.

The Directorate of Student Welfare and Counselling and the Medical Center will organize awareness campaigns on the harmful effects of smoking. All the departments/offices and the authorities of halls of residence are responsible for enforcing this policy within their respective areas.

6. Awareness and Education

Anti-tobacco education programs and campaigns shall be conducted regularly. “No Smoking” signs will be displayed prominently in all buildings and open spaces. Orientation programs for new students and staff will include information on this policy.

7. Support for Smoking Cessation

The university shall provide or refer individuals to counseling and cessation programs through:

The Directorate of Student Welfare and Counselling Centre, the University Medical Center, in Collaboration with local health organizations or NGOs specializing in tobacco cessation.

8. Enforcement and Penalties

Any individual found violating the policy shall be subject to disciplinary action according to university rules. Visitors who violate the policy may be asked to leave the premises. Persistent violations may result in further administrative actions as determined by university authorities.

9. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed every three years by a committee appointed by the Vice-Chancellor to ensure its effectiveness and compliance with national tobacco control laws. Feedback from students and staff will be considered in the review process.

Approved By: Proper Authority



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