DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY KAZAKHSTAN

Smoking policy

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1 Introduction

1.1 DMUK promotes a healthy lifestyle amongst staff and students. These rules have been drawn up to maintain a safe environment for work and study.

1.2 De Montfort University's (DMUK) policy is to ensure a smoke-free working and learning environment; therefore**,** smoking **is prohibited** in university buildings**, including**:

- the use of tobacco products, heated tobacco products, shisha tobacco, shisha mix and tobacco heating systems;
- the use of non-tobacco products, electronic delivery systems (vapes), flavourings and liquids for such devices – products containing nicotine, made wholly or partly from tobacco leaves and/or other parts of the tobacco plant as raw materials, and their synthetic equivalents, prepared in such a way that they can be used for sucking, chewing or sniffing.

1.3 If smoking is detected on the premises, smoking paraphernalia and accessories shall be immediately confiscated and disposed of without being returned to the owner. In the event of complaints or repeated breaches, the University reserves the right to impose disciplinary measures and to notify the student's parents or legal guardians.

2 Scope

These Rules apply to everyone, including staff, students, visitors, contractors, etc.

3 Roles and Responsibilities

3.1 The Head of Human Resources will support and assist in the development of the Regulations.

3.2 Staff must prevent both colleagues and students from smoking near the building and fire safety systems.

3.3 Any evidence of cigarette smoking should be reported to the line manager and security staff so that they can take stricter measures against offenders.

3.4 Staff and students are obliged to comply with these rules; failure to do so may result in disciplinary action, and the University may call the police to bring the offender to administrative liability.

- Article 441. Breach of the ban on the consumption of tobacco products, including heated tobacco products, shisha tobacco, shisha mixtures, tobacco heating systems, electronic smoking devices and their liquids, in places where this is stipulated by the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan
  The consumption of tobacco products, including heated tobacco products, shisha tobacco, shisha mixtures, tobacco heating systems, electronic smoking devices and liquids for such devices, in places where such consumption is prohibited by the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, with the exception of the case provided for in parts 1–2 of this article, shall result in the imposition of a fine on individuals amounting to fifteen monthly calculation indices. The consumption of tobacco products, including heated tobacco products, shisha tobacco, shisha blends, tobacco heating systems, electronic smoking devices and the liquids used with them, on board an aircraft shall result in the imposition of a fine on individuals amounting to fifteen monthly calculation indices. An offence under paragraph 1 of this Article, committed repeatedly within one year of the imposition of an administrative penalty, shall result in the imposition of a fine on individuals in the amount of shall result in the imposition of a fine on individuals amounting to twenty monthly calculation indices.
- From 20 June 2024, the sale and distribution of smokeless tobacco products, vapes, flavourings and liquids for them will be classified as criminal offences in the Republic of Kazakhstan. If you are caught selling or distributing smokeless tobacco products, electronic consumption devices (vapes), flavourings and liquids for them, we will contact the police, and you may face criminal prosecution under Article 301-1 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan.



4 Smoking outside DMUK campus buildings

All students, staff and visitors may only smoke in designated areas marked with ‘Smoking Area’ signs. In the event of a breach of these rules, the university reserves the right to call the administrative police and present video footage as evidence of a breach of the Rules and the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

5 Smoking waste

Smokers are asked to dispose of used cigarettes and related smoking paraphernalia in the designated bins. Incorrect disposal of this litter may pose a fire hazard.

6 Monitoring and revision

6.1 These rules may be revised as necessary by the Facilities Management Department and the security service, as well as by any member of staff where there is a justified need.

6.2 Revisions may also be made in the event of changes to legislation or local DMUK regulations.

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