

Smoke Free Policy FAQ's February 2010

- Q. When did the University decide to become smoke free?
- A. *After a lengthy consultation period, in December 2008 Council approved the new Smoke Free Policy to be effective from 1st January this year.*
- Q. Where can I find the Smoke Free Policy?
- A. The [*Smoke Free Policy*](#) can be found in the [*Policy Register*](#):
<https://policies.auckland.ac.nz/policies/policies/default.aspx>
- Q. When will signs be going up around the University to advise that all campuses and University owned premises are smoke free?
- A. *Property Services are currently working on providing signage and erecting them in key locations around campuses. Signs will be rolled out on the City Campus to coincide with the start of Semester one with Grafton, Epsom, Tamaki and other sites to follow.*
- Q. Where can I get information regarding the Smoke Free Policy for our Department/office?
- A. *Smoke free materials (posters and handouts) are available on request from Claire Solomon (c.solomon@auckland.ac.nz) in the University Marketing Department.*
- Q. Does this Policy cover UniServices' staff?
- A. *"Members" of The University of Auckland as defined in the Policy includes all members of staff of University companies, e.g. UniServices.*
- Q. Can I smoke in Wynyard Street?
- A. *Wynyard Street may continue to be called a "street" but it has been University property since 1982. It clearly falls within the Policy.*
- Q. Are people allowed to smoke on the pavement outside the Library? (Alfred Street)
- A. *The Smoke Free Policy applies to property owned or controlled by the University. Whilst the University has no authority over property owned by the Auckland City Council, staff and students wishing to smoke are asked to be considerate of other users of the pavements and roads, and to dispose of their cigarette butts in an appropriate and tidy manner to avoid littering.*
- Q. What can I do if I see someone smoking?
- A. *A co-operative and informative approach, rather than "policing", is strongly recommended as there may be members of the public or students on University premises who are not aware of the Policy. It is suggested that if you see someone smoking on University premises or facilities, you*

should politely advise/remind them that all University premises and facilities are smoke free. Smoking in any place where smoking is prohibited is a breach of the University Disciplinary Statute and staff and students are expected to comply with this Policy as they would with any other. Staff members who persistently breach the Policy should be reported to their line manager so that appropriate action may be taken; students who do so should preferably be warned (and in writing) and if they then persist, taken to the Discipline Committee.

Q. There are still some butt bins around the University – shouldn't they be removed?

A. *All butt bins have now all been removed; however, if one has been overlooked in your area, please contact Kieran Pollard in Property Services (k.pollard@auckland.ac.nz) who will arrange for it to be removed.*

Q. Whom should I contact if I have any queries?

A. *If you have any queries, please contact the Registrar, Tim Greville, in the first instance (t.greville@auckland.ac.nz).*