



Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre Smoke Free Policy

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Smoke Free QEIIMC Reserve

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Audience:

All Staff, Students, Visitors, Patients, Contractors

1.0 Purpose and Scope

The Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre (QEIIMC) has been a smoke and vape free campus since January 2008. This applies to all areas of the site, including (but not limited to) owned or leased buildings, structures, outdoor spaces, car parks, grounds, and vehicles.

Smoking and vaping are strictly prohibited across the entire QEIIMC Campus, including common areas and properties occupied by QEIIMC tenants. This is in accordance with the *Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre Act 1966* and the *Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre (Delegated Site) By-laws 1986* and aligns with the WA Health Smoke Free Policy (MP 0158/21), with the endorsement of the QEIIMC Trust Board.

The policy aims to:

- Clearly set out the smoke and vape free rules and regulations for the QEIIMC Campus, in compliance with relevant Federal and State legislation, QEIIMC By-laws, statutes, rules and policies.
- Communicate these requirements to all QEIIMC tenants and stakeholders and encourage tenants to adopt their own internal Smoke Free Policies.
- Inform all patients, visitors, staff, students, contractors, and other campus users of the key requirements in place to maintain a smoke and vape free environment.
- Support ongoing compliance with the *Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre (Delegated Site) By-laws 1986*.

The QEIIMC Trust, in collaboration with its tenants and stakeholders, promotes the importance of a healthy lifestyle, and aims to enhance the QEIIMC reputation as a world class centre of excellence in health care, research, and education.

2.0 Applicability

This Smoke Free Policy applies to all users of the QEIIMC Campus, including but not limited to:

- Patients
- Visitors
- Staff
- Tenants
- Students
- Contractors
- Stakeholders

In addition, all QEIIMC buildings and landscaped areas must remain free from:

- Tobacco advertising
- Tobacco promotion
- Tobacco sponsorship
- The sale of tobacco products

2.1 Non-Compliance with the Policy:

- If an individual is found smoking or vaping on campus, they will be respectfully asked to stop and reminded that QEIMC is a smoke and vape free environment.
- Responses to non-compliance should be focused on support and education, particularly for employees. Information about available support services (e.g. Quitline, 'MyQuitBuddy', 12-week free course of Nicotine Replacement Therapy by NMHS) can be provided to NMHS staff.
- For staff, students, and contractors, ongoing or serious breaches of the policy may lead to further action in accordance with their respective codes of conduct or contractual agreements.

3.0 Principles and Key Requirements

The QEIMC Trust has adopted the following principles to support a safe, healthy, and smoke free environment across the QEIMC Campus:

All QEIMC users including patients, visitors, staff, tenants, students, contractors, and stakeholders must comply with the relevant legislation and regulations, including:

- The QEIMC (Delegated Site) By-laws 1986, which prohibit smoking on the QEIMC Campus.
- The Tobacco Products Control Act 2006, which bans smoking in enclosed public places.
- The Work Health and Safety (General) Regulations 2022, which require that workers are not exposed to smoke in enclosed workplaces or near building entrances, windows, or air conditioning vents.

While the QEIMC Trust acknowledges that smoking is a personal choice, it is committed to protecting all campus users from the harmful effects of environmental tobacco smoke. A smoke and vape free campus supports the health and wellbeing of the entire QEIMC community.

4.0 Roles and Responsibilities

Person Responsible	Actions
QEIMC Trust	The QEIMC Trust has the authority to: • Oversee compliance of the Policy.
QEIMC Tenants	QEIMC Tenants are responsible for: • Adhering to the QEIMC Smoke Free Policy and to act as roles models and further communicate the Smoke Free Policy to their patients, visitors, staff, students and contractors.
QEIMC Campus Users	QEIMC Campus Users are responsible for: • Contributing to a supportive culture and maintain a smoke free environment on the QEIMC Campus; • Ensuring that all individuals or groups are informed of the relevant aspects of this Policy;
Contractor managers	Contractor managers are responsible for: • Implementing appropriate actions to promote and monitor compliance (online contractor induction training will provide contractors with information on the Policy).

5.0 Policy Monitoring, Review and Assurance

Monitoring and review activities will be undertaken through consultation by the QEIMC Trust, which will (without limitation):

- Assess compliance with the policy and demonstrate/confirm its effectiveness; and
- Identify, assess and promptly address any deficiencies or opportunities for innovation with relevant stakeholders.

6.0 Definitions

Smoke Free and Vape Free	Refers to the use of tobacco, vapes and other tobacco products, such as cigars, pipes, waterpipes, kreteks and bidis.
QEIMC Campus	Means the QEIMC Reserve land in respect of which powers are for the time being delegated to the Hospital under section 13 of the Act.
QEIMC Tenant buildings	A building owned by or under the control of the QEIMC Trust by virtue of a lease or rental agreement.
QEIMC Campus Users (Staff, Contractors, Visitors)	• All individuals working on the QEIMC campus, including hospital staff, tenant organisation employees and personnel engaged in work related activities; • Any person or business that undertakes a contract to provide goods, services and works either directly or through third party; • Any person not employed, contracted or engaged in work or student study on the QEIMC campus. This includes patients and family members, friends and general public.

Custodians

Project Director of the QEIMC Trust as the Policy Owner qeimctrust@health.wa.gov.au

Relevant Legislation

[National Tobacco Strategy 2023 – 2030](#)

[Tobacco Products Control Act 2006](#)

[Work Health and Safety Act 2020](#)

[Work Health and Safety \(General\) Regulations 2022](#)

[WA Health Smoke Free Policy \(MP 0158/21\)](#)

[WA Health Guidelines for the implementation of the Smoke Free Policy](#)

7.0 Review

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8.0 Approval

This policy has been approved and issued by the Project Director of the QEIMC Trust as the Policy Owner.

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