BADJI MOKHTAR UNIVERSITY – ANNABA

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

INSTITUTIONAL SMOKING CONTROL POLICY AND PROMOTION OF A SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT

Institutional Document – SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being

Preamble

Badji Mokhtar University–Annaba, aware of the harmful effects of tobacco use and exposure to tobacco smoke on health, is committed to promoting a healthy, protective university environment conducive to the well-being of its entire community. This policy formalizes, at the institutional level, the national provisions relating to tobacco control and establishes prevention, awareness-raising, and support activities.

It is established in particular within the framework of Executive Decree No. 01-285 of 24 September 2001 defining the public places where tobacco use is prohibited and the procedures for implementing this prohibition, as well as the Order of 21 June 2016 defining the procedures for implementing the prohibition of smoking in establishments and structures falling under the higher education and scientific research sector.

Article 1 – Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to prevent and reduce tobacco use within the University, protect students, staff, visitors, and users from exposure to tobacco smoke, and promote a health-supportive university culture.

Article 2 – Scope

This policy applies to all students, teaching and research staff, administrative and technical staff, hospital-university staff, visitors, service providers, and other users of facilities under the University and its institutions.

Article 3 – Principle of a Smoke-Free Environment

The University affirms its commitment to a smoke-free environment. Smoking is prohibited in university areas covered by national regulations, including lecture halls, classrooms and tutorial rooms, laboratories, libraries, offices, meeting rooms, faculty rooms, dining areas, cafeterias, and other premises falling under the higher education sector.

Article 4 – Signage

Clear and visible signage reminding people of the prohibition of smoking is installed in the buildings and areas concerned. The signage is maintained in good condition and renewed whenever necessary.

Article 5 – Prevention and Awareness-Raising

The University regularly organizes information and awareness-raising campaigns on the risks associated with tobacco use and second-hand smoke. These activities may include lectures, posters, awareness days, educational activities, and campaigns conducted with scientific clubs and student associations.

Article 6 – Support and Smoking Cessation Assistance

Within the remit of the relevant structures, the University facilitates the referral of individuals wishing to reduce or stop their tobacco use to health services, occupational health services, and competent hospital-university structures. Support activities are conducted with due regard for confidentiality and the dignity of individuals.

Article 7 – Role of Occupational Health Services and Health Structures

Occupational health services and, where appropriate, hospital-university structures contribute to prevention, information, and referral activities related to tobacco use. They may participate in needs assessments and in the organization of health promotion activities.

Article 8 – Involvement of the University Community

The success of this policy depends on the involvement of the entire university community. Heads of structures, staff, students, scientific clubs, and associations are encouraged to contribute to tobacco prevention and compliance with smoke-free areas.

Article 9 – Monitoring and Evaluation

Periodic monitoring of the implementation of this policy is carried out by the structure or committee designated by the University. Monitoring may cover awareness-raising activities carried out, signage coverage, prevention activities, and support initiatives. The results may be incorporated into the annual report on health, well-being, and sustainable development.

Article 10 – Regulatory References

This policy is based in particular on:

• Executive Decree No. 01-285 of 24 September 2001 defining the public places where tobacco use is prohibited and the procedures for implementing this prohibition;

• the Order of 21 June 2016 defining the procedures for implementing the prohibition of smoking in establishments and structures falling under the higher education and scientific research sector;

• Order No. 499 of 30 May 2016 establishing the Prevention and Awareness-Raising Committee on Tobacco and defining its missions and composition;

• Law No. 18-11 of 2 July 2018 on health, particularly the provisions relating to tobacco control.

Article 11 – Entry into Force and Revision

This policy enters into force following its adoption by the competent body of the University or Faculty. It is subject to periodic review in order to take into account changes in national regulations, the needs of the university community, and the results of its evaluation.

Institutional Commitment

Through this policy, Badji Mokhtar University–Annaba reaffirms its commitment to health promotion, the prevention of non-communicable diseases, and the protection of the university community from the effects of tobacco use. This approach contributes to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG 3) – Good Health and Well-being.

Done in Annaba, on: 02/11/2025

For the University:

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