

FAQs

What is Smoking?

“Smoking,” as defined by Oxford Dictionaries ¹

Noun

The action or habit of inhaling and exhaling the smoke of tobacco or a drug.

Adjective

Emitting smoke or visible vapour.

‘Smoking Products’ include, but are not limited to, tobacco, all cigarette products, e-cigarettes, and all smoke-producing devices for example cigars, pipes, hookahs, etc..

Why have SETU’s Carlow and Wexford campuses decided to implement a Smoke and Vape Free campus and prohibit smoking to designated shelters only?

South East Technological University (SETU) recognises the need to help reduce the harmful effects of tobacco and related smoking products and wishes to promote a healthy environment for all staff, students, service users and visitors to our campus. By adopting this initiative SETU will:

- Put into action the wishes of 85% of University staff and student respondents² to the Smoke Free Campus Committee survey of 2016
- Provide a supportive environment for those who have already stopped smoking and those who wish to quit or who wish to decrease usage
- In line with 40% of Smoke Free Campus questionnaire respondents, continue to provide accommodations for those who wish to smoke, with construction of three new designated smoking shelters
- Promote clean air and a healthy environment for all
- Prepare students for smoke-free work environments
- Possibly prevent individuals from initiating smoking in the first instance

Do smokers have a legal right to smoke or vape?

No, there is absolutely no legal right to smoke or vape. Everyone has a right to a healthy smoke free environment.

To whom will this initiative apply?

The no-smoking or vaping initiative will apply to everyone; staff, students, service users, contractors, visitors or anyone who enters the campus.

¹ <https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/smoking> ² 1,300 respondents to Smoke Free Campus Survey in 2016

Where is smoking prohibited on campus?

- All outdoor common and educational areas
- Inside all University buildings
- Campus open areas and footpaths
- Campus car park
- Recreational areas
- Outdoor facilities

Where is Smoking Permitted?

Smoking is permitted in the three designated smoking shelters on campus grounds. Map available on

www.itcarlow.ie/smokeless

Who will implement the initiative?

The success of this initiative depends on consideration and co-operation by smokers/vapers and non-smokers/non vapers alike.

Are supports available for smokers who wish to quit?

Yes, SETU will support smokers and vapers who wish to quit with a number of initiatives including but not limited to, provision of a 'Smokerlyser' to test carbon monoxide levels, access to the medical suite on campus, provision of information literature, referral to Smoking Cessation Clinics, fun health and fitness activities, etc.