

UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS



NOTICE TO STAFF, STUDENTS AND VISITORS - PROHIBITION OF SMOKING AND OF CONSUMING ALCOHOLIC DRINKS ON UoM PREMISES

All Staff, Students and Visitors of the University are hereby informed that **smoking and/or consuming alcoholic drinks are strictly prohibited both inside and outside all buildings across all UoM Premises**. Staff, Students and Visitors are strongly advised to strictly abide by this No-Smoking and No-Alcohol Policy.

Strict disciplinary action will be taken against those breaching the No-Smoking and No-Alcohol Policy.

It is also important to note the following provisions of the law and their associated penalties:

1. The Public Health (Restrictions on Tobacco Products) Regulations 2023 (GN No. 87 of 2023)

- **No person shall smoke a tobacco product in a public place;**
- A **public place** refers to **all indoor areas and outdoor premises** of a pre-primary, primary, secondary or **tertiary institution**, including any other educational institution, homes for children or any other premises where services to children are provided;
- **"tobacco product"** means any product composed, in whole or in part, of tobacco, including tobacco leaves or any extract or any mixture containing tobacco, and it **includes:**
 - (i) cigarettes, bidis, cigars, cigarillos, little cigars, smokeless tobacco, Roll-Your-Own tobacco, pipe tobacco, waterpipe tobacco, green tobacco, leaf tobacco, heated tobacco products, cigarette papers, tubes or filters; and

- (ii) electronic nicotine delivery systems, electronic non-nicotine delivery systems and other products containing nicotine and devices used for their consumption that may be used manufactured or marketed to replace or imitate tobacco products.
- Any person who **contravenes these regulations** shall commit an **offence** and shall, on conviction, be liable to a **fine** of not less than Rs5,000 and not exceeding Rs10,000 and to **imprisonment** for a term not exceeding 12 months.

2. Public Health (Prohibition on Advertisement, Sponsorship and Restriction on Sale and Consumption in Public Places of Alcoholic Drinks) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

- "Alcoholic drink" means a drink having an alcoholic strength exceeding 0.5 per cent of alcohol by volume
- Consumption of **alcoholic drinks in public places is prohibited.**
- A **public place** includes **a workplace**, health institution, **educational institution, sports complex**, public fair, public concert and public conveyance
- A person contravening these regulations are, on conviction, liable to a **fine** not exceeding 10,000 rupees **and** to **imprisonment** for a term not exceeding 12 months.

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