



Announcement of Walailak University

Re: Policy on Non-Smoker Protection, Designated Smoking Areas, and Vaping Prohibition, B.E. 2567 (2024)

Whereas it is necessary to amend the Policy to Protect Non-Smokers' Health and Designate Specific Smoking Areas, this revision has been made in response to the recent legalization of marijuana in Thailand and in alignment with Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG 3), which promotes health and well-being. The updated policy regulates the use of tobacco products, including both traditional and cannabis cigarettes, within designated smoking areas, while strictly prohibiting vaping and the use of electronic cigarettes across all university premises. These changes are implemented to safeguard the health and well-being of all members of the university community, consistent with our commitment to SDG 3.

By virtue of the provision of Section 24 of the Walailak University Act, B.E. 2535 (1992), Walailak University issues the Policy on Non-Smoker Protection, Designated Smoking Areas, and Vaping Prohibition, B.E. 2567 (2024) as follows:

1. This Announcement shall be called "Walailak University Policy on Non-Smoker Protection, Designated Smoking Areas, and Vaping Prohibition, B.E. 2567 (2024)."

2. This Announcement shall take effect on the day following the announcement date.

3. The Announcement of Walailak University Re: Policy to Protect Non-Smokers' Health and Designate Specific Smoking Areas, B.E. 2565 (2022) is hereby revoked.

4. The following definitions apply to this policy:

(1) "Tobacco" refers to products prepared from the cured leaves of the tobacco plant (*Nicotiana tabacum*), typically containing nicotine and used for smoking in cigarettes, cigars, pipes, or for chewing.

(2) "Cigarette" means a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper, intended for smoking. This includes traditional tobacco-based cigarettes.

(3) "Electronic Cigarette" refers to a battery-operated device that vaporizes a liquid solution, typically containing nicotine, flavorings, and other chemicals, for inhalation. Also known as an e-cigarette or vape.

(4) "Cannabis Cigarette" refers to a rolled cigarette containing cannabis (*Cannabis sativa* or *Cannabis indica*), including dried flowers, leaves, or other parts of the cannabis plant, intended for smoking.

5. Smoking of all tobacco products, including traditional cigarettes and cannabis cigarettes, is permitted only in designated smoking areas on university premises. Smoking in any other areas is strictly prohibited.

6. All areas under the supervision of the university, including but not limited to the Walailak University Hospital, health facilities, academic buildings, public transportation services, and sports and health centers, shall be considered smoke-free zones.

7. The use of electronic cigarettes, vaping devices, and any similar products is strictly prohibited on all university premises, both indoors and outdoors, to protect the health of the university community.

8. University units responsible for designating smoking and non-smoking areas, as stipulated in Item 6, must clearly post visible signs indicating these areas to minimize exposure to non-smokers.

9. All relevant departments at Walailak University shall actively promote and campaign for smoking cessation, encouraging students and staff to quit smoking through educational programs and health campaigns. Additionally, the university will collaborate with healthcare providers to offer smoking cessation programs to those seeking to quit smoking or vaping, in alignment with SDG 3's goal of promoting health and well-being.

10. Walailak University will continue to monitor and assess the health impacts of smoking and vaping on campus, with regular evaluations to ensure that the policy is effective in improving public health and reducing exposure to harmful substances. Reports on the policy's progress and effectiveness will be made available to the university community.

11. All individuals on the Walailak University campus are required to adhere strictly to this policy. Violations will be subject to penalties as stipulated by law and university regulations.

12. The President of Walailak University, or a designated representative, shall be responsible for the implementation of this policy. In cases of ambiguity or disputes regarding the interpretation or operation of this policy, the decision of the President shall be final.

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