

# **Erciyes University Procedures and Principles for Smoke-Free Campus Practices**

## **FIRST SECTION**

### **Purpose, Scope, Legal Basis, and Definitions**

#### **Purpose**

**Article 1** – (1) The purpose of these procedures and principles is to regulate the conditions related to smoke-free campus practices at Erciyes University.

#### **Scope**

**Article 2** – (1) These procedures and principles cover the provisions regarding the conditions for smoke-free campus practices at Erciyes University.

#### **Legal Basis**

**Article 3** – (1) These procedures and principles are prepared based on the Law No. 4207 on the Prevention and Control of Harm from Tobacco Products and the Circular No. 2016/6 of the Ministry of Health's Turkish Public Health Institute.

#### **Definitions**

**Article 4** – (1) The following terms are used in these procedures and principles:

- **Tobacco:** Refers to any form of cigarette, electronic cigarette, hookah, or other tobacco products containing nicotine that can be smoked, chewed, absorbed, or consumed in any form.
- **Passive Smoking:** Refers to the inhalation of smoke by a non-smoker when they are near a smoker, thereby breathing in the mixture of smoke exhaled by the smoker.
- **Smoke-Free Campus:** Refers to tobacco-free practices adopted by universities to prevent passive smoking, as expected by the Ministry of Health and the Higher Education Council.
- **University:** Refers to Erciyes University.
- **Senate:** Refers to the Senate of Erciyes University.

## **SECOND SECTION**

### **Determination of Smoke-Free Campus Practices**

**Article 5** – A smoke-free campus policy has been adopted to prevent passive smoking by non-smokers, restrict access to tobacco products for users, and reduce the encouragement of tobacco use. The following provisions outline the implementation of a smoke-free campus policy at our university, including the ban on tobacco products and the penalties for violators:

- This policy applies to all academic and administrative staff, students, and visitors at Erciyes University.
- This policy is valid in all areas of Erciyes University's campus and all spaces open to visitors.
- Smoking areas on the university campus are restricted. "Smoke-Free Zone" signs have been created at building entrances, with markings on the ground. Smoking areas are placed at least 10 meters away from building entrances and exits.

- Personnel in each building have been authorized, with official approval, to impose administrative fines for smoking violations in accordance with Laws No. 4207 and 4733. The list of authorized personnel is kept on record and updated annually.
- Violations of the law can be reported to Erciyes University Protection and Security Department, and security personnel will contact the authorized personnel responsible for issuing fines.
- Smoking cessation clinics are available within the Pulmonology Department of Erciyes University's Health Application and Research Center, offering continuous support for those wishing to quit smoking.
- Smoking is prohibited in university vehicles, and a "No Smoking" warning is posted, including for the driver.
- No tobacco sales are permitted anywhere on the university campus.
- Warning signs are displayed in visible areas across the campus.
- The Young Green Crescent Club at Erciyes University continues its activities to support smoke-free campus initiatives.
- During Green Crescent Week (March 1-7), the university raises awareness of the smoke-free campus policy by sharing visuals on social media.

### **THIRD SECTION**

#### **Miscellaneous and Final Provisions**

##### **Cases Not Covered by the Regulations**

**Article 6** – (1) In cases not covered by these procedures and principles, other relevant legislation and Senate decisions shall apply.

##### **Enforcement**

**Article 7** – (1) These procedures and principles come into effect on the date they are approved by the Senate of Erciyes University.

##### **Execution**

**Article 8** – (1) The Rector of Erciyes University shall execute these procedures and principles.