



POLICY ON THE USE OF ELECTRONIC-CIGARETTES ON LMETB PREMISES

Adopted by Louth and Meath Education and Training Board at a meeting of the Board on the 23rd March 2017

In accordance with the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005, it is the policy of the Louth and Meath Education and Training Board to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the safety, health and welfare at work of all staff and to protect students/learners, visitors, contractors and other persons at School/College/Centre from injury and ill health arising from any work activity.

Smoking of tobacco products is already prohibited in LMETB premises, as workplaces, by the [Tobacco Smoking \(Prohibition\) Regulations 2003](#).

Electronic Smoking/Vaporising Devices

The World Health Organisation is of the view that the safety of e-cigarettes has not been scientifically demonstrated and the potential risks they pose for the health of users remains undetermined.

Because e-cigarettes resemble ordinary cigarettes, their use may promote or re-normalise smoking, disrupt the environment for non-smokers, make it harder for smokers to quit and for the LMETB to support the smoke-free policy.

Scope of this policy

The use of electronic cigarette (e-cigarettes), 'vaping' and/or other electronic tobacco replacement products is banned from all LMETB Administration Offices, Schools, Colleges and Centres.

Implementation and Review

The successful implementation of this policy requires the full support and active co-operation of all staff, contractors and students of Schools/Colleges/Centres/Administrative Offices. Principals/Directors/Co-ordinators/APOs will have responsibility for the implementation of this policy.

In order to enforce implementation of this policy, signage such as Appendix 1 will be displayed prominently in all LMETB premises.

The date of implementation of this policy will be the date of adoption by the Education and Training Board.

This policy will be reviewed periodically in light of changes in legislation and advice received from the Department of Education and Skills, the Health Service Executive and other relevant sources.

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