

Campus Drug and Alcohol Policy

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Introduction | Kupu Whakataki

The University strives to provide a safe and secure environment for all Students and Staff on Campus. This policy clearly sets out the rules regarding drug and alcohol use on campus.

Policy Statement | Kaupapa Here

This Policy applies to all Staff, Students and Visitors on Campus.

Where Staff or Students are representing the University off campus, they are still expected to

- exercise moderation and responsibility regarding their alcohol consumption; and
- not import or export, produce, manufacture, supply, sell, possess, or consume any controlled drugs by any person on Campus for which the person does not have a legal prescription or licence.

The Hall of Residence (Halls) have their own policies and rules around consumption of drugs and alcohol that will apply to their residents, visitors to the Halls and Halls environs.

Drugs

It is illegal to import, export, produce, manufacture, supply, sell, possess or consume controlled drugs under [section 6](#) of the [Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 \(New Zealand Legislation website\)](#). The University is committed to maintaining a drug free campus.

Alcohol

The University promotes a responsible attitude towards the provision, service, and consumption of alcohol. The moderate consumption of alcohol can be a part of socialising for many people, but the excessive use and subsequent harms associated with overuse creates many social and environmental problems.

This Policy reflects not only the University's ethos around moderate and responsible consumption of alcohol but also its intention to reduce alcohol related harm. The University's ethos and intention are driven by the [Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 \(New Zealand Legislation website\)](#) ('the Act'), which states at [section 4 \(1\)](#) that,

'...the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol should be undertaken safely and responsibly; and that the harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol should be minimised.'

Rules

1. It is illegal to import or export, produce, manufacture, supply, sell, possess, or consume any controlled drugs by any person on Campus for which the person does not have a legal prescription or licence.
2. It is acknowledged that for personal or cultural reasons, people on Campus may not wish to partake in alcohol use and their choice must be respected.
3. Staff and Students who choose to consume alcohol are encouraged to do so moderately and responsibly.
4. It is not acceptable to be on Campus at any time while intoxicated, anyone found breaching this rule may be removed from Campus.
5. Alcohol may only be consumed on Campus at a licensed premises unless approval to do otherwise has been given via an [Event Notification Form \(ENF\) \(University Security website\)](#).

Note: Regular off-license premise consumption may be applied for in advance e.g., a staff gathering held monthly may be applied for in one ENF that covers the relevant period within any one calendar year.

6. Staff consuming alcohol during work hours not otherwise approved via an ENF, must have permission to do so from their line manager.
7. Students and USCA clubs and societies are accountable for their own decisions and actions regarding alcohol use; they are also responsible for knowing, understanding, and complying with University policies, regulations, instructions, and relevant legislation.
8. The consumption and sale of alcohol within UCSA environs are the responsibility of the UCSA and must still comply with this Policy and applicable law. Please refer to the [UCSA \(UCSA website\)](#).
9. Where a Special Licence is required, the conditions relating to the adequate provision of and promotion of food, non-alcoholic beverages, signage, management of prohibited persons, and other conditions aimed at ensuring the responsible supply of alcohol are prescribed in each Special Licence issued. If Special Licence

conditions are not met, the sale and supply of liquor is deemed unauthorised, and each unauthorised sale can incur significant penalties.

10. Within the University Campus, liquor and alcohol advertising (including promotional activities, posters, flyers, and any promotional material) is prohibited. There are two exceptions to this rule:

- UCSA premises
- Clubs Days sponsorship signage.

However, advertising of alcohol is still subject to this Policy and therefore must not promote or encourage the excessive consumption of alcohol in anyway (e.g., offer discounts on alcohol, promote drinking games).

Education and Healthcare

The University promotes the well-being of its Staff and Students by providing educational material concerning at-risk drinking. Additional information is available from the [Alcohol.org.nz \(Te Hiringa Hauora/Health Promotion Agency website\)](#) and [Students Against Driving Drunk \(SADD\) \(SADD website\)](#).

For assistance relating to treatment for personal problems concerning alcohol or drug use, please contact your doctor, [the alcohol and drug helpline \(Alcohol and Drug helpline website\)](#), or the [Health Centre – Counselling Services \(University Health Centre website\)](#) if you are a patient.

Licensing Act Compliance

To ensure compliance with the Act, the Police, District Licensing Agency Inspectors and representatives of the Medical Officer of Health regularly monitor Licensed Premises and Events. Breaches of the Act can result in severe penalties.

Enforcement

Enforcement of this Policy will be undertaken by either the appropriate statutory authority or agency and/or the University.

Any breach of this Policy by Staff or Students may result in disciplinary action being taken.

Tautuhinga | Definitions

Campus – includes all University property, including vehicles, field stations, regional campuses and centres and applies to all activities under the general control of the University.

Halls environs – all grounds controlled by the Halls.

Licensed premises – means a premises that holds a licence issued to it under the [Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 \(New Zealand legislation website\)](#).

Special Licence – allows for the sale or drinking of alcohol at events but is normally used to temporarily extend the hours or the area of a premises currently licensed, or to licence one-off events where no licence is currently held.

Staff or staff member – for the purposes of this policy, the definition of “staff” or “staff member” extends to cover all persons working at, for, or on behalf of, the University (whether paid or unpaid), including but not limited to contractors, subcontractors and their employees, adjunct appointees, Erskine visitors, consultants, guest lecturers, interns and volunteers.

Student – a person who is currently enrolled as a student at the University, either directly or through official arrangements with another organisation.

UCSA Environs – all grounds controlled by an external body or organisation under agreement with the University.

Visitor – a person other than a University staff member or student who is given access to or use of University resources.

He kōrero anō | Related Documents and Information

Whakaturetanga | Legislation

- [Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 \(New Zealand Legislation website\)](#)
- [Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 \(New Zealand Legislation website\)](#)

Ngā Waeture | Regulations

- [Behavioural Misconduct Regulations \(University Regulations website\)](#)

Te Pātaka Kaupapa Here | UC Policy Library

- [Employee Disciplinary Policy \(PDF, 211KB\)](#)
- [Event Management Policy \(PDF\)](#)
- [Staff Code of Conduct \(PDF, 429KB\)](#)
- [Student Code of Conduct \(PDF, 220KB\)](#)

Te Pae Tukutuku me te Ipurangirotu o UC | UC Website and Intranet

- [Health Centre – Counselling \(University Health Centre website\)](#)
- [Health and Safety Advisor \(University About UC website\)](#)

Mōwaho | External

- [Alcohol.org.nz \(Te Hiringa Hauora/Health Promotion Agency website\)](http://Alcohol.org.nz)
- [Alcohol Drug helpline \(Alcohol Drug helpline website\)](#)
- [Students Against Driving Drunk \(SADD\) \(SADD website\)](#)
- [University of Canterbury Students' Association \(UCSA\) \(UCSA website\)](#)

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