

<b>Policy subject:</b> Plastic and Disposable Item Minimisation Policy	<b>Policy number:</b> 53/P.D/2024	<b>Date of last revision:</b> 2024/11/15
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### Overview:

Palestine Ahliya University (PAU) is dedicated to reducing the environmental impact of plastic and disposable items by minimizing their usage across campus. This policy aims to foster sustainable practices and contribute to a cleaner, greener environment.

### Scope:

This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, and contractors at PAU involved in the use, distribution, and disposal of plastic and disposable items on campus.

### Objectives:

1. To reduce the consumption of single-use plastic and disposable items.
2. To encourage the use of sustainable, reusable alternatives.
3. To minimize the environmental footprint of PAU's operations.
4. To raise awareness and educate the university community on the importance of reducing plastic waste.

### Statements:

- PAU will gradually eliminate the use of single-use plastics such as bags, straws, bottles, and utensils.
- The university will promote the use of reusable, biodegradable, or recyclable alternatives.
- Efforts will be made to minimize packaging waste in food services and other campus activities.
- PAU will collaborate with vendors and suppliers to reduce packaging materials and promote eco-friendly products.

### Procedures:

1. **Alternative Products:** PAU will encourage the use of reusable or biodegradable alternatives to plastic and disposable items, such as cloth bags, metal straws, and reusable cups.
2. **Awareness Campaigns:** Workshops and campaigns will be organized to educate the campus community about the environmental impact of disposable plastics and the benefits of alternatives.

3. **Waste Minimization Practices:** Departments will adopt best practices in minimizing plastic waste, including reducing packaging and choosing environmentally friendly materials.
4. **Collaboration with Vendors:** PAU will collaborate with food vendors and suppliers to ensure that they adopt sustainable practices and reduce the use of disposable plastic items.
5. **Monitoring & Reporting:** The university will track the reduction in the use of plastic and disposable items through periodic audits and reports, aiming for continuous improvement.

**Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):**

1.	Percentage Reduction in Plastic Consumption Year-over-Year
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