

Policy subject: Disposable Item Use Minimisation Policy	Policy number: 54/P.D/2024	Date of last revision: 2024/11/15
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Overview:

Palestine Ahliya University (PAU) is committed to reducing the environmental impact of disposable items. This policy aims to minimize the use of single-use disposable products on campus, promoting sustainability and encouraging the adoption of reusable and eco-friendly alternatives.

Scope:

This policy applies to all departments, students, staff, and contractors at PAU, addressing the use, distribution, and disposal of disposable items on campus.

Objectives:

1. To significantly reduce the use of disposable items on campus.
2. To promote the adoption of reusable and sustainable alternatives across all campus operations.
3. To reduce the environmental footprint associated with disposable products.
4. To increase awareness about the environmental impacts of disposable items.

Statements:

- PAU is dedicated to phasing out single-use disposable items such as plastic cutlery, plates, cups, and bags.
- The university will support the use of reusable, biodegradable, or recyclable alternatives wherever possible.
- Efforts will be made to reduce disposable packaging in food services and other campus-related activities.
- PAU will engage suppliers and vendors to minimize disposable product use and adopt sustainable packaging solutions.

Procedures:

1. **Identification of Disposable Items:** Departments will assess and identify areas where disposable items are used, such as in cafeterias, events, and office supplies.
2. **Alternative Solutions:** PAU will provide reusable, biodegradable, or recyclable alternatives, such as metal or bamboo cutlery, glassware, and reusable bags.

3. **Awareness Programs:** PAU will organize educational campaigns to inform the university community about the environmental impact of disposable items and encourage the adoption of sustainable practices.
4. **Collaboration with Vendors:** The university will work with vendors and suppliers to reduce the packaging and promote products made from sustainable materials.
5. **Monitoring and Reporting:** PAU will track the use of disposable items on campus and report progress through regular audits. Continuous efforts will be made to find opportunities for reducing disposable product consumption.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):

1.	Number of Reusable Products Available on Campus
2.	Number of Awareness Initiatives for Consumption Reduction