

## Smokefree Policy Update



Auckland Council's Smokefree Policy 2017 – 2025 is being rolled out to promote more smokefree public spaces.



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### Kaupapa Here Auahi Kore

The Smokefree Policy is aimed at improving the health and well-being of Auckland's communities by reducing the prevalence of smoking and de-normalising smoking behaviour.

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Kimberly Rees, Policy Analyst with our Community and Social Policy team, said a significant area in the policy is to make outdoor dining areas smokefree in the restaurants, bars and cafés that have a licence with council to use the footpath and/or public space.

“We have added a smokefree requirement to the annual outdoor dining licences which will come into effect when that annual licence gets renewed.

“For most restaurants, bars and cafés this will take place in August (2018). For some, it will be on their individual renewal date,” she said.

We will continue to communicate this change to affected parties through various channels and in collaboration with Hospitality New Zealand and the New Zealand Restaurant Association.

BID-operating business associations will each receive direct communication from Auckland Council.

“We will send each BID an email with more detail on what specific venues are affected by this change in your area for your information,” Ms Rees said.

- Any questions, feel free to contact Kimberly Rees - Policy Analyst, Community and Social Policy Department on [kimberly.rees@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:kimberly.rees@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)
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