

Guide for Facility & Hospital Owners

From a smoke-free place to a model cessation clinic

For: Owners of facilities, hospitals, and clinics

Turning your facility into a fully smoke-free place isn't just a legal duty — it's an investment in your staff, your clients, and your organization's reputation. This guide covers steps for a complete no-smoking policy, and how to set up a model cessation clinic if your facility is a hospital or medical center.

Steps to fully implement a no-smoking policy

- 1. Issue a clear written policy** — An official statement that the whole facility (including the entrance area) is smoke-free.
- 2. Post signage everywhere visible** — At entrances, hallways, restrooms, and waiting areas.
- 3. Train your staff** — A short session explaining the policy and how to politely and firmly handle violations.
- 4. Offer a healthy alternative** — If needed, set up a break area completely separate from any smoking activity.
- 5. Set up a follow-up system** — Review compliance regularly (weekly at first) and log any issues.
- 6. Encourage staff who smoke to quit** — Connect them to the free support program via the Pink Lung platform.

Steps to build a model cessation clinic (for hospitals & medical centers)

- 1. Allocate a suitable space** — A room or quiet corner allowing private one-on-one sessions.
- 2. Train or hire qualified staff** — A doctor or nurse trained in cessation protocols (the 5A's model).
- 3. Set fixed hours** — A published weekly schedule for walk-ins and referrals from other clinics.
- 4. Set up a referral and tracking system** — A follow-up form for each case documenting progress and upcoming appointments.
- 5. Link the clinic to Pink Lung** — To access training materials, case follow-up, and shared expertise.

Requirements for Pink Lung certification

Certification criteria

- A documented no-smoking policy communicated to everyone.
- Clear signage at all entrances and public areas within the facility.
- At least 80% of staff trained on the policy and how to enforce it.
- No recorded violations in the 3 months before applying.
- A designated person or department responsible for compliance follow-up.
- For hospitals: an active cessation support service or clinic.
- Annual certificate renewal following an assessment visit from the platform team.

Steps to apply for certification

- 1. Fill in the application form** — Available on the Pink Lung platform with your facility's details.
- 2. Attach required documents** — The written policy, photos of signage, and training records.
- 3. Host an assessment visit** — A team from the platform visits to confirm actual compliance.
- 4. Receive your certificate and logo** — Display it at your entrance and on your promotional materials.

A step toward health excellence for your facility

- ◆ Register your facility on the Pink Lung platform and start the certification journey.
- ◆ Request a free consultation visit to assess your current status.
- ◆ Join the network of partner health facilities and set an example for others.

A smoke-free facility today = a healthier community tomorrow.

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