

## **SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY**

### **1. Zero tolerance policy**

- 1.1 ATSL operates a zero tolerance substance abuse policy towards students, related professionals, and instructors during the hours of the delivery of the course and on the yard premises.
- 1.2 Any person reasonably suspected of being under the influence of drugs, alcohol, legal or illegal substances or attempting to use such substances during the duration of the delivery of the course session or day will be asked to leave the premises and will be summarily excluded from the course at whatever stage including immediately prior to examination

### **2 Smoking**

- 2.1 Smoking represents an extreme hazard to safety and life in stable yards and is permitted on the yard premises only within designated smoking areas.
- 2.2 Any person failing to adhere to this policy with regard to smoking or in breach of any signage at the yard premises in relation to smoking will be asked to leave the premises for the remainder of the day and will miss all associated lectures and practical content delivered during that period.

### **3 Appeals and Open Awards notification**

- 3.1 Any breach of the Substance Abuse policy will be notified to Open Awards immediately.
- 3.2 A right of appeal against summary exclusion from the course will be available but the right of appeal will require the students to demonstrate beyond all reasonable doubt that substance abuse had not taken place.