




# Clean Water and Sanitation Policy

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# Introduction



Lankaran State University (LSU) recognizes that access to clean water, effective sanitation systems, and hygienic living and learning environments are essential to public health, academic productivity, environmental responsibility, and sustainable development.

The University is committed to managing water resources responsibly, maintaining safe sanitation infrastructure, reducing wasteful consumption, and promoting hygiene awareness across all university campuses and operations.

This policy sets out the institutional principles, responsibilities, targets, and implementation measures for the period 2026–2030.

# Policy Objectives



This policy seeks to:

Ensure reliable access to safe water across university facilities;

Maintain clean, functional, and accessible sanitation services;

Improve water efficiency and reduce unnecessary consumption;

Prevent water pollution arising from campus activities;

Promote hygiene and health awareness among students and staff;

Support teaching and research related to sustainable water management;

Strengthen accountability through measurable annual progress indicators.

# Applicability

This policy applies to:

All academic, administrative, and support units;

Students, staff, researchers, and campus visitors;

Classrooms, offices, laboratories, dormitories, cafeterias, and public areas;

Contractors, suppliers, and outsourced service providers where relevant;

Any university-managed property or facility.

# Core Policy Principles

## **Health and Safety First**

Water and sanitation systems shall protect the health, dignity, and wellbeing of all campus users.

## **Resource Efficiency**

Water shall be used responsibly, monitored regularly, and conserved wherever possible.

## **Prevention over Correction**

Leaks, contamination risks, and sanitation failures shall be prevented through timely maintenance and inspections.

## **Accessibility and Inclusion**

Facilities shall be accessible and usable for all members of the university community.

## **Continuous Improvement**

The University shall regularly review performance and upgrade systems where feasible.

# Institutional Actions

## **Water Supply Management:**

Maintain reliable water access in all major buildings;  
Inspect internal water systems periodically;  
Repair leaks and technical failures without undue delay;  
Improve infrastructure where necessary.

## **Water Efficiency Measures:**

Install water-saving fixtures during upgrades and renovations where feasible;  
Track annual consumption trends;  
Promote responsible daily water use among campus users;  
Review opportunities for rainwater harvesting and non-potable reuse.

## **Water Quality Protection:**

Protect potable water quality through regular checks where required;  
Prevent contamination from laboratories, workshops, and maintenance areas;  
Ensure wastewater and hazardous materials are handled appropriately;  
Promote environmentally responsible operational practices.



### **Sanitation Standards:**

Provide sufficient toilets and washroom facilities in major campus buildings;

Maintain routine cleaning schedules;

Ensure handwashing facilities are supplied with water and soap;

Address sanitation complaints promptly.

### **Hygiene Awareness:**

Conduct awareness activities on hand hygiene, cleanliness, and responsible facility use;

Use communication channels to promote healthy habits;

Encourage shared responsibility for campus cleanliness.

### **Education and Research:**

Support academic content related to water management, health, and sustainability;

Encourage student projects and research relevant to SDG 6;

Promote conferences, seminars, and publications in related areas.



# Institutional Targets (2026–2030)

By 2030, the University aims to:

Reduce avoidable water consumption by 20% against the 2025 baseline;

Complete annual inspection of water and sanitation systems in key facilities;

Deliver at least 2 hygiene or water awareness campaigns each year;

Integrate water-efficiency standards into renovation planning;

Support at least 10 academic outputs related to water, sanitation, health, or sustainability;

Improve response time to reported maintenance issues year by year.



# Governance and Responsibilities



Oversee policy coordination;  
Collect annual progress data;  
Prepare sustainability reporting and evidence documentation.

Facilities and Administrative Units  
Maintain infrastructure and service standards;  
Implement efficiency measures;  
Keep maintenance and usage records.

Faculties and Research Units  
Deliver teaching, research, and awareness contributions aligned with this policy.  
Students and Campus Users  
Use water responsibly;  
Respect sanitation facilities;  
Participate in awareness initiatives.

# Monitoring and Performance Review

The following indicators shall be reviewed annually:

- Total water consumption;
- Number of repairs and maintenance interventions completed;
- Sanitation inspection outcomes;
- Number of awareness activities delivered;
- Participation rates in campaigns;
- Relevant academic outputs;
- Progress toward 2030 targets.



# **Non-Compliance and Corrective Action**

Failure to follow applicable procedures relating to water use, hygiene, waste disposal, or facility protection may result in corrective measures under university rules and operational procedures.

## **Policy Review**

This policy shall be reviewed each year and updated when necessary to reflect infrastructure needs, legal requirements, operational priorities, and sustainability commitments.

## **Institutional Commitment**

Lankaran State University is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and sustainable campus environment through responsible water management and high sanitation standards. Through consistent implementation of this policy, the University aims to strengthen wellbeing, environmental performance, and institutional resilience by 2030.