

Circular Details	Circular No 18-24 / 05 September 2018 / A618429
Previous Circular	<i>17-30 Consultation on drafts of the new Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW and associated Procedures</i>
Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers / Complaints Coordinators / Conduct Reviewers
Contact	Council Governance Team – (02) 4428 4100 / olg@olg.nsw.gov.au
Action required	Information

Status of the new Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW and Procedures

What's new or changing

- The new 2018 *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* (the Model Code) and *Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* (Procedures) have been finalised and will soon be prescribed by the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.
- The Minister for Local Government has released the soon to be prescribed Model Code and Procedures for the information of councils, joint organisations and code of conduct practitioners. Copies of the new Model Code and Procedures are available on the Office of Local Government's (OLG) website at www.olg.nsw.gov.au.

What this will mean for your council

- The new Model Code and Procedures have been released so that councils, joint organisations and code of conduct practitioners can familiarise themselves with the new provisions ahead of their prescription.
- **Councils and joint organisations cannot adopt the new Model Code and Procedures until they are prescribed** as the legislative framework needs to be in place to support their adoption.
- OLG will provide more detailed guidance when the new Model Code and Procedures are prescribed.

Key points

- The new Model Code and Procedures will shortly be prescribed by the Regulation.
- After the new Model Code and Procedures are prescribed, councils and joint organisations will have six months to adopt a new code of conduct and associated procedures that meet the new requirements.

Where to go for further information

- For more information, contact the Council Governance Team by telephone on 02 4428 4100 or by email at olg@olg.nsw.gov.au.



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