

Circular Details	20-23 / 22 June 2020 / A707486
Previous Circular	19-07 2019/20 Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal
Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers
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Action required	Councils to Implement

2020/21 Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal

What's new or changing

- The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) has determined that there will be no increase in mayoral and councillor fees for the 2020/21 financial year.
- The Tribunal is required to determine the remuneration categories of councils and mayoral offices at least once every 3 years under section 239 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act). The Tribunal last undertook a significant review of the categories in 2017 and has undertaken a review as part of its 2020 determination.
- For the Metropolitan group the Tribunal has determined to retain the existing categories and has amended the population criteria applicable to Metropolitan Large and Metropolitan Medium.
- For the Non-Metropolitan group, the Tribunal has determined to:
 - create two new categories - Major Strategic Area and Regional Centre
 - rename one category - Regional City to Major Regional City, and
 - revise the criteria for some of the existing categories to account for the new categories.
- The Tribunal has determined the following categories:

Metropolitan	Non-Metropolitan
Principal CBD	Major Regional City
Major CBD	Major Strategic Area
Metropolitan Large	Regional Strategic Area
Metropolitan Medium	Regional Centre
Metropolitan Small	Regional Rural
	Rural

- Each council is allocated into one of these categories based on criteria identified by the Tribunal in Appendix 1 of its determination.

What this will mean for your council

- Sections 248 and 249 of the Act require councils to fix and pay an annual fee based on the Tribunal's determination for the 2020/21 financial year.
- While there is to be no increase in fees paid for the 2020/21 financial year, mayors and councillors in some councils may receive an increase as a result of a change to their council's categorisation.

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Key points

- The level of fees paid will depend on the category the council is in.
- A council cannot fix a fee higher than the maximum amount determined by the Tribunal.
- If a council does not fix a fee, the council must pay the minimum fee determined by the Tribunal.

Where to go for further information

- The Tribunal's report and determination is available at www.remtribunals.nsw.gov.au/local-government.
- For further information please contact the Council Governance Team on 02 4428 4100 or by email at olg@olg.nsw.gov.au.



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