

# Circular to Councils

Circular Details	Circular No 22-14/ 22 May 2022 / A817449
Previous Circular	21-06 – 2021/22 Determination of the Local Government
	Remuneration Tribunal
Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers
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Action required	Council to Implement

#### 2022/23 Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal

## What's new or changing

- The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has determined an increase of 2% to mayoral and councillor fees for the 2022-23 financial year, with effect from 1 July 2022.
- The Tribunal is required to determine the remuneration categories of councils and mayoral offices at least once every three years under section 239 of the Local Government Act 1993. The Tribunal last undertook a significant review of the categories as part of its 2020 determination and will next review these categories in 2023.
- The Tribunal found that the allocation of councils into the current categories continued to be appropriate having regard to the 2020 review, the current category model and criteria and the evidence put forward in the submissions received.

## What this will mean for your council

 Sections 248 and 249 of the Act require councils to fix and pay an annual fee to councillors and mayors from 1 July 2022 based on the Tribunal's determination for the 2022-23 financial year.

#### **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 here.
- 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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