

## Circular to Councils

Circular Name	2024/25 Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal
Circular Details	24-08 / 29 May 2024 / A899914
Previous Circular	23-03 2023/24 Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal
Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers
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Action required	Council to Implement

### What's new or changing?

- The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) has determined an increase of 3.75% to mayoral and councillor fees for the 2024-25 financial year, with effect from 1 July 2024.
- 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 as part of its 2023 determination and will next review these categories in 2026.
- The Tribunal found that the allocation of most councils into the current categories continued to be appropriate having regard to the 2023 review, the current category model and criteria, and the evidence put forward in the submissions received.
- However, the Tribunal has reclassified both Hilltops Council and Muswellbrook Shire Council as Regional Rural councils based on changes to their combined resident and non-residential working population.

### What will this mean for council?

- Sections 248 and 249 of the Act require councils to fix and pay an annual fee to councillors and mayors from 1 July 2024 based on the Tribunal's determination for the 2024-25 financial year.

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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.

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### 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](mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au).



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