

<b>Circular Details</b>	19-01/ 18 January 2019 / A634792
<b>Previous Circular</b>	<i>Not applicable</i>
<b>Who should read this</b>	General Managers / Council enforcement staff
<b>Contact</b>	NSW Treasury / <a href="http://www.nswfinesreview.com.au">www.nswfinesreview.com.au</a> or <a href="mailto:finesreview@treasury.nsw.gov.au">finesreview@treasury.nsw.gov.au</a>
<b>Action required</b>	Council to Implement

## NSW Parking Fine – Grace Period Provisions

### What's new or changing

- Commencing on 31 January 2019, councils are required to implement a regulated 10-minute grace period for certain paid parking offences of more than one hour.
- These changes relate to all parking fine issuing authorities, including NSW government agencies, councils and universities.
- There is no option to be excluded; this measure is not related to the Government's 'opt in' provisions to reduce the amount of parking fines.

### What this will mean for your council

- Councils should ensure enforcement staff are aware of these changes when issuing parking penalty infringement notices from 31 January 2019 onwards.
- Councils are also encouraged to make changes to relevant manuals, procedures and systems to support the new grace period requirements.

### Key points

- Amendments to section 123C of the *Road Transport (General) Regulation 2013*, which were introduced by the *Road Transport (General) Amendment (Parking Fine Flexibility and Grace Period) Regulation 2018*, provide for a 10 minute grace period for paid parking of more than one hour, commencing on 31 January 2019.
- Councils are required to implement the 10-minute grace period from Thursday 31 January 2019, when all of the following parking conditions are met:
  - A fee has been paid for one hour or more immediately before the grace period commences;
  - A coupon or ticket is displayed; and
  - Parking is not in a shared zone or other excluded area.

- The grace period does not apply if, at the time the vehicle is parked in an area, one of the following restrictions applies to that area:
  - Free parking
  - A shared zone within the meaning of the *Road Rules 2014*
  - Where a prescribed parking control sign is in place, such as:
    - Bus lane
    - Clearway
    - Special event parking
    - Transit lane
    - Free parking
    - No stopping
    - Clearway
    - Loading zone
    - Bus zone
    - Mail zone
  - Long stay or multi-storey car parking where there are no time limits
  - Metered parking
  - Paid coupon or ticketed parking of less than an hour.

#### **Where to go for further information**

- Further information about the Government's parking grace period, as well as the Government's fine review process, is available from NSW Treasury online at [www.nswfinesreview.com.au](http://www.nswfinesreview.com.au) or by emailing [finesreview@treasury.nsw.gov.au](mailto:finesreview@treasury.nsw.gov.au).



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