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Who should read this	General Managers / Council enforcement staff
Contact	NSW Treasury / www.nswfinesreview.com.au or finesreview@treasury.nsw.gov.au
Action required	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 or by emailing finesreview@treasury.nsw.gov.au.



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