



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT REFORM ►► TRANSFORMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## Reforms to the Local Government Sector Frequently Asked Questions

What changes is the *Local Government Legislation Amendment Act 2019* introducing?

- Key reforms cover:
  - Elected member training
  - The treatment of gifts
  - A new code of conduct
  - Changes to the Standards Panel
  - Best practice standards for CEO recruitment, performance review and early termination
  - Greater transparency as more information will be made more easily accessible.

**When will these changes come into effect?**

- Universal training (candidate induction, elected member training and continued professional development), the Standards Panel processes and the publication of material on the local government's website come into effect immediately.
- Regulations for:
  - New local and state-wide public notice
  - Additional transparency improvements
  - Gifts threshold, and
  - Other minor administrative matters.

are expected to be *gazetted* within the coming months and will come into effect then.

- Further consultation will take place on
  - Model standards for CEO recruitment, termination and performance management, and
  - Model codes of conduct

and these are expected to come into effect in early 2020.