

# Penalty Unit

The fine amount for an offence under Queensland State legislation and the laws of local governments is identified as a penalty unit. Queensland's [Penalties and Sentences \(Penalty Unit Value\) Amendment Regulation 2022](#) defines the dollar value of a penalty unit. This is subject to a yearly review by the State Treasurer.

As of 1 July 2022, the value of a penalty unit is \$143.75.

The [Penalties and Sentences Regulation 2015](#) also defines how to calculate the fine amount. The number of penalty units attributed to the offence is multiplied by the value of a penalty unit. The final amount is then rounded down to the nearest whole dollar.

For example:

- a fine of 1 penalty unit is \$143 (rounded down from \$143.75)
- a fine of 2 penalty units is \$287 (rounded down from \$287.50).

Summary of common fine amounts	
Number of Penalty Units	Fine Amount
1 penalty unit	\$143.00
2 penalty units	\$287.00
4 penalty units	\$575.00
5 penalty units	\$718.00
10 penalty units	\$1,437.00
20 penalty units	\$2,875.00
30 penalty units	\$4,312.00
40 penalty units	\$5,750.00
50 penalty units	\$7,187.00
75 penalty units	\$10,781.00

Some councils choose not to increase the penalty unit value for fines related to their local laws and it remains at \$75. These councils are listed in Schedule 2 of the [Penalties and Sentences Regulation 2015](#).