



NSW Container Deposit Scheme

Information for retailers

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What is Return and Earn?

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Return and Earn will help to reduce litter in the environment and help to achieve the goal of a 40 per cent reduction in litter volume by 2020.

What containers will be eligible?

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How will it work?

A single Scheme Coordinator, Exchange for Change, will oversee the Return and Earn scheme as the financial and reporting hub.

The Network Operator, TOMRA-Cleanaway, will be responsible for establishing and managing collection points and collection infrastructure across NSW.

What are my responsibilities under the CDS?

From 1 December 2017, retailers will need to ensure that all beverages they sell or supply in eligible containers are approved by the EPA.

If you are the initial supplier of eligible drink containers into NSW and the beverage containers are not already approved by the EPA, then you will need to enter into a Supply Arrangement with the Scheme Coordinator and have the containers approved by the EPA.

Are there penalties for non-compliance?

Yes. Penalties may apply if a retailer initially supplies drink containers into NSW without first entering into a Supply Arrangement with the Scheme Coordinator or ensuring these containers have been registered with and approved by the EPA.

How else can I participate?

You can participate in the scheme in a number of ways:

- Host a collection point at your store or stores
- Help to educate consumers about the scheme and where they can redeem their containers.

Where can I find more information?

Information and updates are available at: www.epa.nsw.gov.au. You can also sign up to the CDS newsletter by emailing: container.deposit@epa.nsw.gov.au



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Information for beverage suppliers and manufacturers

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All beverages in eligible containers supplied in NSW from 1 December 2017 must be registered with and approved by the EPA. If you are the initial supplier of eligible drink containers into NSW you will need to enter into a Supply Arrangement with the Scheme Coordinator prior to seeking EPA approval.

Are there penalties for non-compliance?

Yes. Penalties may apply for the supply of beverages in eligible containers that are not covered by a Supply Arrangement and registered and approved by the EPA.

How else can I participate?

You can participate in the scheme by:

- registering your containers with the EPA
- entering into a Supply Arrangement with the Scheme Coordinator
- working cooperatively with all scheme participants and the community to support the objectives of the Scheme.

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Information for community groups and charities

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How can I participate?

Return and Earn will provide fundraising opportunities for charities, schools, sporting and other community groups. People will be able to collect eligible drink containers and then redeem them at a collection point for the refund.

You can also apply to the Network Operator about being a collection point operator where you would be paid a handling fee for receiving eligible containers and processing refunds.

How can I nominate to be a Collection Point Operator?

Collection points will be determined by the Network Operator. Anyone interested in running a collection point can register their interest with the EPA at: epa.nsw.gov.au/waste/cds-collection-point-operator.htm. This information will be passed on to the Network Operator.

What are the benefits of being involved in the CDS?

Charities and community groups in South Australia and Northern Territory share in millions of dollars each year from drink container redemptions.

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How can I participate?

Households can participate in the scheme in a number of ways:

- Redeem eligible containers at collection points
- Donate eligible containers to charities, schools, sporting groups or other community organisations who can redeem them to claim the refund
- Place eligible containers into the yellow recycling collection bin as normal – your local council will receive a share of the refund to reduce waste charges or provide additional waste management services.

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How can I find a collection point?

The Network Operator will determine collection points.

A list of sites will be made available on the EPA website as they are finalised.

Will the scheme benefit community groups?

Return and Earn will present an exciting fundraising opportunity for charities, schools, sporting and other community groups. They will be able to collect donated eligible drink containers which they can redeem for the refund.

Charities, community groups and social enterprises can also work with the Network Operator to set up and run collection points. Collection point operators will receive a handling fee for receiving eligible containers and processing refunds.

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How can my local council be involved?

Local councils will play an important role in the delivery Return and Earn. Local councils may be involved in different ways, such as:

- negotiating with waste contractors to share in refunds from eligible drink containers collected through kerbside recycling

- offering Council owned sites to the Network Operator to establish convenient collection points for the community
- giving owner's-consent for collection point sites on council owned land
- site approvals under the Local Government Act 1993 and Roads Act 1993, if required.

How else can I participate?

Councils will play a vital role in informing their communities about Return and Earn and about their opportunities to participate. Further information will be made available in the coming months to help councils keep their communities informed as Return and Earn is rolled out across the State.

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