



CURRENT STATUS OF CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME (CDS) IN AUSTRALIA - SEPTEMBER 2024

Last updated: 18 September 2024		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	New Zealand
Launch date		Jun-18	Dec-17	Jan-12	Nov-18	1977	Not yet launched, legislated in Parliament.	Nov-23	Oct-20	Deferred by NZ Government in March 2023.
Scheme Name		ACT CDS	Return and Earn	Container Deposit Scheme	Containers for Change	Container Deposit Scheme		Container Deposit Scheme	Containers for Change	
Network Operator		Re.Group - Return-It	TOMRA Cleanaway	Container Deposit Scheme Team	Container Exchange	Industry Super Collectors & Beverage Producers		VicReturn	WA Return Recycle Renew Ltd (WARRRL)	
Pricing		10c per eligible container. Does NOT accept lid on bottle.	10c per eligible container. Will accept with lid on bottle.	10c per eligible container. Acceptance of lid on bottle varies by collector.	10c per eligible container. Acceptance of lid on bottle varies by collector.	10c per eligible container. Acceptance of lid on bottle varies by collector.		10c per eligible container. Will accept with lid on bottle.	10c per eligible container. Must return lids seperated from bottle.	
ITEMS: Alcohol Beverage Items	Beer and cider bottles	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if 3 Litres or under	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if 3 Litres or under	Proposed / under consultation	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible
	Beer and cider cans	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if 3 Litres or under	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if 3 Litres or under		Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	
	Cask wine	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre		Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	
	Wine in plastic sachets	Eligible if under 250 mL	Eligible if under 250 mL	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 250 mL	Eligible if under 250 mL		Unclear - contact scheme	Eligible if between 150ml-250 mL	
	Glass wine and spirit bottles	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Eligible 1 Nov 2023 between 150ml-3L	Not accepted		Not accepted	Not accepted	
	Plastic wine bottles	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 250mL		Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if between 150ml-250 mL	
	Spirit bottles - non glass (typically plastic)	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if 3 Litres or under	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if 3 Litres or under		Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	
	Spirit-based mixed drinks	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if 3 Litres or under	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if 3 Litres or under		Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	
ITEMS: Non-Alcohol Beverage Items	Aluminium cans	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if 3 Litres or under	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if 3 Litres or under		Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	
	Steel cans	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if 3 Litres or under	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if 3 Litres or under		Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	
	Plastic bottles (PET, HDPE, LDPE)	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if 3 Litres or under	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if 3 Litres or under		Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	
	Glass bottles	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if 3 Litres or under	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if 3 Litres or under		Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	
	Aseptic (Liquid Paperboard Containers - LPBC) cartons/casks	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if 3 Litres or under	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if 3 Litres or under		Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	
EXEMPTIONS	Pure juice containers (including ready to drink cordials)	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre		Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if between 150ml-999mL	
	Pure vegetable juice containers	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Not accepted	Eligible if under 1 Litre		Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if between 150ml-999mL	
	Aseptic cartons/casks (LPBC) containing plain, still or carbonated water (including coconut water), flavoured milk	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if under 1 Litre		Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-999mL	
	Flavoured milk bottles	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if between 150ml-999mL		
	Cask water	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre	Eligible if under 1 Litre		
	Sports drinks	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if 3 Litres or under	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if 3 Litres or under	Eligible if between 150ml-3L	Eligible if between 150ml-3L		
EXCLUSIONS	Concentrated fruit juices (not RTD)	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted		
	Concentrated vegetable juices (not RTD)	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted		
	Cordial containers	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted		
	Health tonic bottles	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted		
	Plain milk containers	Not accepted	Not accepted	Inclusion from 2025, sizes unclear	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted		
	Bioplastic or degradable plastic bottles	Phased out through SUP legislation. Ineligible for supply in ACT.	Phase out date TBC, currently in consultation	No current review	Phase out date TBC	Phased out through SUP legislation. Ineligible for supply in SA.	No current review	Phased out through SUP legislation. Ineligible for supply in WA.		

Not Accepted	Phased out	Proposed / under consultation	Eligible