



What You Need to Know About Re-turn

Ireland's Deposit Return Scheme will go live on 1 February 2024. Following the introduction of the [Separate Collection Legislation](#) to achieve EU recycling targets, Retailers who sell 'in scope' drinks containers are legally obligated to [register with Re-turn](#). The Re-turn team are here to support and provide information on all aspects of the scheme and how it will operate.

In Scope Drinks Containers:

PET plastic bottles, aluminium & steel cans

Deposit Fee:

150ml - 500ml = 15c

Over 500ml - 3litres = 25c

The Retailers Role

Retailers play a key role in the new Deposit Return Scheme and must comply with [Retailer Membership Rules](#).

Retailers may apply for a [Take Back Exemption](#) based on certain eligibility criteria, but it is important to note that Retailers must register with the scheme first.

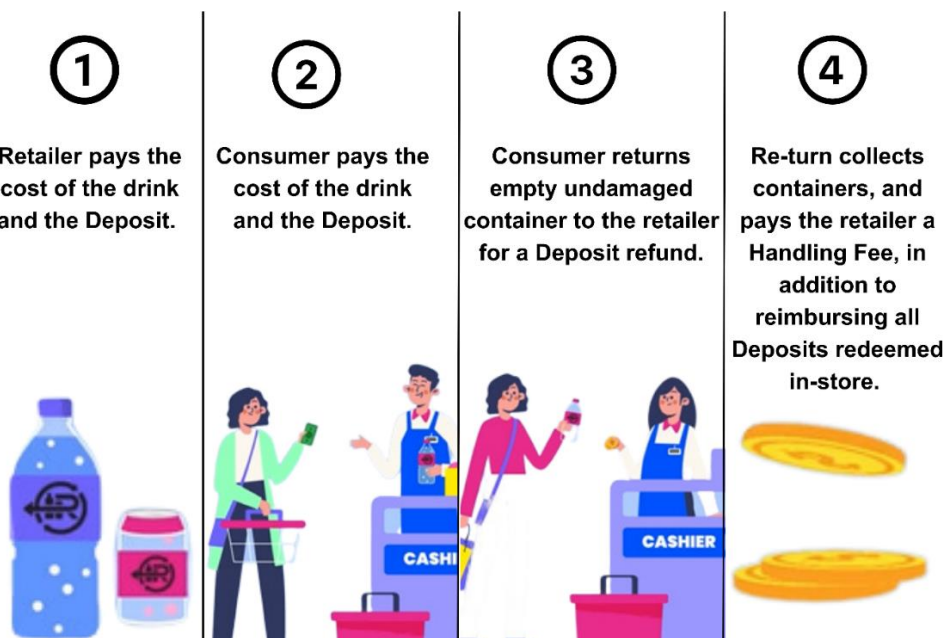
Retailers have two options when providing a take back service, either through:

- Manual Collection
- Reverse Vending Machines (RVM) [Approved Suppliers List](#).

In all point of sale Retailers must display the Deposit separate to the product price and as a separate line item on receipts.

To prevent waste, for a limited period from 1 February, there will be some stock of plastic bottles and cans that may not feature the Re-turn logo. Should consumers be charged a deposit on these drinks containers, please assure consumers that they will get their deposit back when they return their drinks container empty and undamaged to RVM Deposit Return Points nationwide.

How does Deposit Return work?



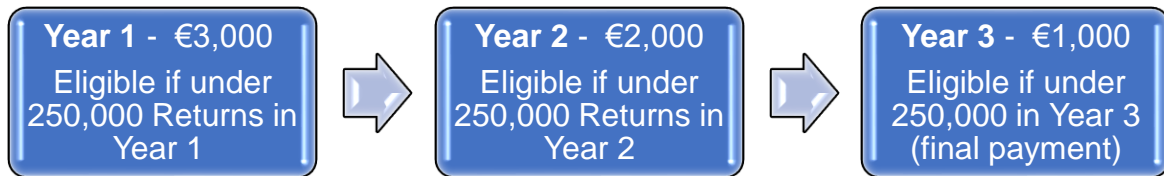
Transition Period

Re-turn have confirmed a [Transition Period](#) to facilitate both producers and retailers in selling non deposit stock and preventing waste.

- Retailers can take delivery of Re-turn logo stock from 1 January 2024
- Retailers can sell Re-turn logo stock from 1 February 2024
- Retailers cannot purchase non-deposit stock from 16 March 2024
- From 1 June 2024, all stock on retailer shelves must only be Re-turn logo stock

Additional Supports

For Retailers opting to take back in scope drinks containers through RVMs, the approximate starting price is €12,000. To find out more about RVMs, check out the [RVM Supplier List](#) on our website. Retailers who purchase an RVM and take back less than 250,000 drinks containers per year may apply for financial support from Re-turn.



Handling Fee Sample Calculator

Collection Method	Handling Fee per Unit	Take Backs per month	Annual Handling Fee
Manual	€0.026	4,000	€1,248
RVM	€0.022	24,000	€6,336

Subject to the Take-Back Exemption, all Retailers are paid a Handling Fee for each In-Scope Product collected by the Retailer and accepted by DRSI (in addition to redeemed Deposits) on a monthly basis. By the 5th of each month, units handled and Deposits due are made available to the Retailer for verification (Monthly Report). Retailers will have 3 business days to query the Monthly Report. By the 10th of each month, an invoice is generated on the Retailer's behalf based on the final Monthly Report. DRSI will then make payment to each Retailer within 30 days.

Next Steps

All Retailers who sell 'in scope' drinks containers are legally obliged to register with Re-turn. To register and find out more, please go to www.re-turn.ie/retailer

If you have any questions, email us at retailers@re-turn.ie