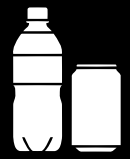
# EXCHANGE FOR CHANGE

## WHAT IS A DEPOSIT RETURN SCHEME (DRS)?

A Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) is designed to boost recycling and cut down on litter. It works by adding a deposit to the price of in-scope drinks containers, which consumers get back when they return the empty container for recycling.

## MATERIALS IN SCOPE



PET
ALUMINIUM
STEEL

150ML - 3L

## HOW A DRS WORKS



**STEP 1**



**DEPOSIT**

Customers pay a deposit on each product at purchase.

**STEP 2**



**RETURN**

The deposit is refunded when the empty container is returned.

**STEP 3**



**RECYCLED**

The returned material is collected and recycled.

## WHO IS EXCHANGE FOR CHANGE?

Exchange for Change is a not-for-profit body formed by industry, for industry, and appointed to administer the Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) across England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The DRS is a statutory scheme established by government. Exchange for Change is responsible for designing and operating it in accordance with that legislation, working alongside producers, retailers, wholesalers and hospitality businesses to ensure the scheme is delivered clearly, consistently and effectively.

## HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact us at **enquiries@exchangeforchange.co.uk**

## STAY INFORMED

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Plus details of upcoming free webinars and events.
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## YOUR OBLIGATION AS A PRODUCER

**1** **CHANGE LABELLING OF PRODUCTS TO COMPLY WITH SCHEME LOGO AND MATERIAL GUIDELINES**

Exchange for Change to share scheme logo and material spec by March 2026.

**2** **PRODUCERS MUST REGISTER WITH EXCHANGE FOR CHANGE VIA OUR WEBSITE. REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN Q3 2026**

Exchange for Change will communicate the opening of the registration via various channels including; our newsletter, trade press and social media.

**3** **PAY PRODUCER FEES FROM GO LIVE OCTOBER 27**

Producers to pay deposit value & producer fee to Exchange for Change for each in-scope container placed on the market.

**4** **PRODUCERS WILL GET FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL ON MATERIALS FROM EXCHANGE FOR CHANGE**

Exchange for Change is developing a system to facilitate this obligation for producers, and will communicate this in due course.

**SCAN TO GET YOUR COPY**

**Q1 2026** Logo regulatory requirements
Material specification

**Q2 2026** Deposit value confirmed

**Q3 2026** Producer fee announcement
Registration period opens