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What Hospitality need to do now

Materials in scope

- PET
- Aluminium
- Steel
- Glass (Wales Only)

150ml - 3L



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.

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.

Have questions?

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England, Wales & Northern Ireland

Hospitality sites are not required to operate DRS return points

Under the regulations, only groceries retailers are mandated to operate return points for DRS material.

The regulations also specify that the following sites, among others, are not required to operate return points:

- ✕ Coffee shops
- ✕ Takeaway shops
- ✕ Bars, restuarants, clubs
- ✕ Indoor attractions e.G arcade, museum, gallery
- ✕ Recreational facilities e.g sports clubs & gyms
- ✕ Retailers located in an educational institution or hospitals
- ✕ Vending machine locations



On-premise Consumption

- A deposit is paid to product suppliers.
- The premise can opt-out of passing the deposit onto the consumer.
- If the deposit is not passed on to the customer, the premises will forfeit the deposit value unless the containers are returned or suitable collection arrangements are made.



Off-premise Consumption

- A deposit is paid to the supplier.
- A deposit must be charged to consumers.
- Must clearly display information about how a deposit can be redeemed.



Collections

- The premise can choose whether they have the containers picked up by Exchange For Change or an approved alternative (Exchange For Change will publish guidance later this year).

For further information and guidance, please visit **exchangeforchange.co.uk/hospitality**

Q3 2026 Phase 1 registration opens

Q4 2026 Empty container collection partner(s) to be announced

Q1 2027 Phase 2 registration opens

OCT 2027 Scheme launches