



# Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme

## Scottish Government publishes deposit return impact assessments

The Scottish Government has published a series of impact assessments on the regulatory, equalities and environmental impacts of Scotland's forthcoming deposit return scheme. The documents are available on the Scottish Government website.

[Full Business Regulatory Impact Assessment](#)

[Full Equality Impact Assessment](#)

[Strategic Environmental Assessment: Post Adoption Statement](#)

## Unlocking the value in single-use materials

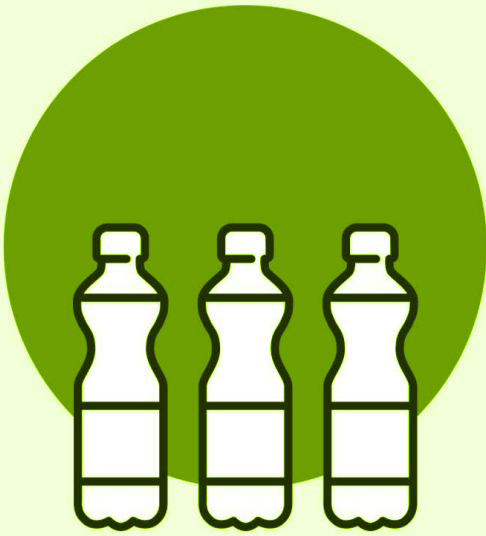
Not all recycling is the same. The lower the level of contamination, the better the quality and the higher the value.

To learn more about the benefits of high-quality recycling, alongside the Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Roseanna Cunningham, we visited Changeworks Recycling in Edinburgh, whose focus is on maximising the economic and environmental opportunities in recycling.

High-quality recycling is key to Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme and will increase the number of items being recycled into items of the same use or quality – for example, bottles being recycled back into bottles.

Read more about high-quality recycling, and why Changeworks Recycling is [looking forward to deposit return](#).





## Hints dropped on DEFRA's deposit return plans

We've also had news on the potential shape of England's deposit return scheme.

In a speech on Tuesday, UK Environment Secretary Michael Gove outlined his desire for an "all in" scheme that would include a wide range of materials and sizes.

For more, read Zero Waste Scotland Chief Executive, [Iain Gulland's blog](#).

## Better Recycling for Scotland

Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme is part of wider efforts to improve recycling in Scotland. We've already come a long way – last year, Scotland recycled more than it sent to landfill for the first time.

However, as Ed Craig of the Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation explains, we are still using far too many resources, and improving recycling is a key step in protecting our planet.

View the video [here](#).



## Further information

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