



Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme

On Wednesday, the Scottish Government unveiled its detailed plans for Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme. Environment Secretary Roseanna Cunningham announced an ambitious scheme that will see a 20p deposit charged on drinks that come

in PET plastic bottles, steel and aluminium cans and glass bottles. The announcement offers a blueprint for a world-class deposit return scheme, which will be a game-changer for recycling in Scotland and an important step in the fight against climate change.



The scheme explained

From the deposit level, to which materials are included, Zero Waste Scotland's Chief Operating Officer, Jill Farrell, explores the design of Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme and the benefits it offers.



Save the date!

Deposit return event with the Environment Secretary

The Scottish Government and Zero Waste Scotland are holding an event in **Edinburgh on Wednesday 22 May** to give key stakeholders the opportunity to learn more about Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme.

It's your chance to hear from the Environment Secretary and to gain insight into how the scheme will be implemented. [Register your interest here.](#)

Resources

We know you have lots of questions about Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme and how it will work. So we've developed a dedicated [pack for stakeholders](#) which explains how Scotland's scheme will work, and provides practical resources and shareable content for you, your staff, and to share via your communications channels.

Got a burning question about Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme? [Check out our FAQs](#)

Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme will mean big and exciting changes. To help address your questions, we've created a comprehensive [FAQ list](#). This is part of our new deposit return hub. We will add more content regularly.



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FAQs

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We have compiled a comprehensive list of Frequently Asked Questions about Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme, to help answer as many of your questions about the scheme as possible.

About the scheme

What is a deposit return scheme?

How we got here

The design of Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme follows 18 months of extensive consultation and stakeholder engagement.

It's part of Scotland's wider efforts to improve recycling rates, cut littering and create a more circular economy. Recycling is a key weapon in the fight against climate change – it's one of the things we can all do as individuals and businesses to make a difference.

[Our timeline](#) shows how we got here.

Global context

Deposit return is already well established in many countries. While careful attention has been paid to Scotland's needs as a country, the scheme also builds on the successes and lessons learned from abroad.



Further information

For more information, including a comprehensive list of FAQs, please visit:
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