

New pricing announced for ACT Container Deposit Scheme supplier contributions

Scheme coordinator Exchange for Change (EfC) today announced the new fixed price per material type for supplier contributions that fund the ACT container deposit scheme (CDS).

The new pricing will come into effect for 12 months for invoices from February 2026 to January 2027 (inclusive).

“The ACT CDS has achieved significant growth in participation and container returns over the last 12 months, resulting in one of the strongest redemption rates for similar schemes in Australia,” said Danielle Smalley, CEO of Exchange for Change.

“As part of our yearly pricing review, we’ve undertaken comprehensive modelling and reviewed the latest consumer research data to forecast redemption volumes and costs for the period ahead.

“We expect ACT’s strong redemption performance will continue, which is a key driver of the pricing increase,” said Ms Smalley.

The ACT CDS operates on a cost-recovery basis and does not make a profit.

Beverage suppliers pay a fixed price per material type to fund the scheme. Supplier contribution pricing is calculated based on the scheme’s forecast costs during the pricing period. Future pricing is adjusted to factor in any surplus or shortfalls in costs.

“The incredible success of the ACT Container Deposit Scheme wouldn’t be possible without the ongoing support of the beverage industry. Through the scheme, they are contributing to a more sustainable future, where every container returned is delivering positive social, environmental and economic benefits to the community,” said Ms Smalley.

For more information about the ACT CDS, how it operates and current pricing by material type, visit www.exchangeforchange.com.au.

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New ACT CDS supplier contribution pricing by material type:

Material type	Current pricing (cents) Feb 2025 - Jan 2026	Future pricing (cents) Feb 2026 - Jan 2027
Aluminium	16.36	16.50
Glass	13.14	16.27
HDPE	11.10	17.71
PET	13.07	15.34
Liquid paperboard	6.67	7.76
Steel	3.36	4.74
Other plastics	1.75	3.27
Other materials	1.86	2.78

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