

New pricing announced for ACT Container Deposit Scheme supplier contributions

Exchange for Change (EfC) has announced the new fixed price per material type for supplier contributions that fund the ACT Container Deposit Scheme (CDS), effective for 12 months for invoices issued from February 2025 to January 2026 (inclusive).

“The ACT CDS has seen over 586 million containers redeemed since launching six years ago, resulting in almost two out of every three containers supplied into the ACT being redeemed.

“We saw continued strong growth in the community’s participation and the volume of containers being returned through the return point network, with new records set last financial year. We expect this growth to continue into the future,” said Danielle Smalley, CEO of Exchange for Change, scheme coordinator.

“In setting the new pricing for supplier contributions, we have reviewed the latest consumer research and participation trends, consulted on supply trends with the beverage industry and undertaken robust modelling to forecast redemptions and anticipated scheme costs during the 18 months ahead,” Ms Smalley said.

The ACT scheme 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 contributions are calculated to cover the forecast costs of the scheme during the pricing period, with future pricing adjusted to factor in any surplus or shortfalls.

“The increase in price for some material types reflects the strong and growing success of the scheme in redeeming those container types.

“The success of the ACT CDS would not be possible without the contribution of the beverage industry. Together, we are driving a strong circular economy in the ACT,” Ms Smalley said.

The ACT CDS is an ACT Government initiative delivered in partnership by the scheme coordinator, Exchange for Change, and network operator, Return-It.

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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ACT CDS supplier contribution pricing by material type*

New ACT CDS supplier contribution pricing by material type

Material type	Current pricing (cents)	Future pricing (cents)
	Feb 2024 – Jan 2025	Feb 2025-Jan 2026
Aluminium	15.50	16.36
Glass	13.95	13.14
HDPE	8.50	11.10
PET	10.90	13.07
Liquid paperboard	4.92	6.67
Steel	2.46	3.36
Other plastics	1.39	1.75
Other materials	1.43	1.86

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