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Scheme coordinator of the NSW and
ACT container deposit schemes

New pricing announced for NSW Container Deposit Scheme supplier contributions

Exchange for Change (EfC) today announced the new fixed price per material type for supplier contributions that fund the Return and Earn NSW container deposit scheme, effective for 12 months for invoices issued from February 2025 to January 2026 (inclusive).

“Return and Earn continues to experience significant growth, recently celebrating the 12 billionth container returned through the NSW return point network. This follows a record-breaking year for the number of containers redeemed last financial year,” said Danielle Smalley, CEO of Exchange for Change, scheme coordinator.

“The new pricing announced today reflects the ongoing success of the scheme with increased participation rates and expansion of the return point network resulting in increased container redemptions,” she said.

The NSW 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 in costs.

“Last financial year, the scheme achieved a record 2.1 billion bottles and cans redeemed through the network, in addition to the 464 million containers redeemed through kerbside recycling. We expect this steady growth to continue into the future.

“The 12-month pricing is based on the anticipated growth in redemption volumes for the upcoming pricing period. We’ve conducted robust modelling, engaged with beverage suppliers and industry stakeholders about expected trends, and reviewed consumer research data to forecast redemption volumes and costs for the period ahead,” said Ms Smalley.

Launched in December 2017, Return and Earn is changing people’s behaviour, with visits to local return points becoming a part of life across NSW. Participation is at an all-time high, with 84 per cent of NSW adults having participated and the majority doing so monthly.

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

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NSW CDS supplier contribution pricing by material type

New NSW CDS supplier contribution pricing by material type:

Material type	Current pricing (cents) applied to invoices issued Feb 2024 - Jan 2025	Future pricing (cents) applied to invoices issued Feb 2025 - Jan 2026
Aluminium	13.48	14.03
Glass	14.42	13.94
HDPE	8.60	6.72
PET	12.05	13.38
Liquid paperboard	5.17	5.25
Steel	8.23	9.18
Other plastics	1.90	1.20
Other materials	3.67	9.44

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