

## Comparison of key elements of container schemes in other Australian jurisdictions

Scheme elements							
Jurisdiction	Commenced	Legislation	Containers included	Containers excluded	Refund amount	Refund marking	Governance
South Australia	Y – 1977	<i>Environment Protection Act 1993</i>	All containers less than 3L (some exclusions)	See Attachment A	10c	Section 68(3)(a) of the Act states that containers of the class to which the approval relates must bear the refund marking specified by the Authority for containers of that class – the Authority specifies the following refund markings for Category B Containers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a '10c refund at collection depots when sold in SA'; and</li> <li>'10c refund at SA/NT collection depots in State/Territory of purchase'.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two super collectors operated by beverage companies</li> <li>Has evolved over time</li> </ul> <p><b>Legislated arrangements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beverage manufacturer waste management arrangement</li> <li>Contracts with container collection depots</li> <li>SA government container approvals</li> </ul>
Northern Territory	Y – 2011	<i>Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Act 2011</i>	All containers less than 3L (some exclusions)	Consistent with SA (Attachment A)	10c	Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Regulations <p><b>approved refund marking:</b> an approved refund marking for a regulated container is a mark or label that clearly and legibly states:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"10c refund at collection depots when sold in NT"; or</li> <li>"10c refund at SA/NT collection depots in State/Territory of purchase".</li> </ul> </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four scheme coordinators approved by NT government</li> </ul> <p><b>Legislated arrangements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NT government approves Coordinator and collection depots</li> <li>Coordinator arrangement between each coordinator</li> <li>Waste management arrangements between CDS participants</li> <li>NT government container approvals</li> </ul>
New South Wales	N – to commence 1 December 2017	<i>Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery</i>	All containers between 150ml and	Consistent with SA and NT	10c	To be approved – likely to be a logo marking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One Scheme Coordinator (chosen</li> </ul>

Queensland	N – to commence 1 July 2018	Waste Reduction and Recycling Amendment Bill 2017 (amends the <i>Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011</i> )	All containers between 150ml and 3L	See Attachment B Consistent with NSW in respect of 150ml container	10c	Consistent with approved NSW refund marking	<p>through open tender) up to seven Network Operators based on a zonal arrangement (chosen through open tender)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Container Collection Points (commercial arrangement between with Network Operator <b>Legislated arrangements</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Legislated arrangements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contractual arrangements between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the NSW Environment Minister and the Scheme Coordinator;</li> <li>• the NSW Environment Minister and each Network operator and</li> <li>• the Scheme Coordinator and each Network operator</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Beverage manufacturer supply agreement with Scheme Coordinator</li> <li>• NSW government container approvals</li> <li>• NSW government Container Collection point approvals</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Product Responsibility Organisation – functions and obligations established in legislation</li> <li>• Eligible company</li> </ul>
				schemes around broad exclusions. Specific exclusion of containers less than 150ml is different			
			3L				
		Amendment (Container Deposit Scheme) Act 2016					



## List of beverages covered by the Environment Protection Act 1993

The following chart should be used only as a guide to assist you in determining which beverages and containers are covered by the Beverage Containers Provisions of the Act (CDL). If in doubt, please contact the CDL Unit on telephone (08) 8204 1180 or email: [epainfo@sa.gov.au](mailto:epainfo@sa.gov.au).

In the chart below 'INCLUDED' means the beverage is one which CDL applies to and EPA approval is required before the beverage container is sold in South Australia. 'EXEMPTED' means the beverage container is not covered by CDL.

NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES			
BEVERAGE TYPE	CONTAINER MATERIAL	CONTAINER SIZE	
		INCLUDED	EXEMPTED
<b>Carbonated soft drinks</b>	All	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres
<b>Non-carbonated, soft drinks</b> including (but not limited to) fruit juice based drinks (containing less than 90% juice), 'sports' drinks, 'vitamin' drinks, 'energy' drinks, ready to drink cordials	All	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres
<b>Water</b> —plain, still or carbonated spring water, mineral water and any other water intended for human consumption	Aseptic packs/casks (made from cardboard and/or plastic and/or foil)	Less than 1 litre	1 litre or more
	All other materials	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres
<b>Pure fruit/vegetable juice</b> – means a liquid containing at least 90% fruit juice and/or vegetable juice.	ALL	Less than 1 litre	1 litre or more
<b>Flavoured milk</b> — milk to which flavour has been added (milk being cow's milk or the milk of any other animal, soy milk, ultra heat-treated milk, low fat milk, etc)	ALL	Less than 1 Litre	1 litre or more
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plain, unflavoured milk</li> <li>• Concentrated fruit and/or vegetable juice intended to be diluted before consumption</li> <li>• Health tonic included on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods</li> <li>• Cordial (undiluted)</li> </ul>	ALL	NIL	ALL

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES			
BEVERAGE TYPE	CONTAINER MATERIAL	CONTAINER SIZE	
		INCLUDED	EXEMPTED
<b>Beers/ales/stout</b>	ALL	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres
<b>Spirituos liquor</b> – a liqueur or other alcoholic beverage produced by distillation (eg: brandy, gin, rum, vodka, whisky)	Glass	NIL	ALL
	All other materials	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres
<b>Wine</b> (straight wine) – a beverage produced by the fermentation of grapes that contains only grapes and no other beverages.  Includes de-alcoholised wine (alcohol has been removed from the wine) but does not include non-alcoholic grape juice which has not undergone fermentation process.	Glass	NIL	ALL
	Plastic	Less than 250 ml	250 ml or greater
	Sachets (plastic and/or foil)	Less than 250 ml	250 ml or greater
	Aseptic packs/casks (cardboard and/or plastic and/or foil)	Less than 1 litre	1 litre or more
<b>Flavoured alcoholic beverages with a wine base</b> – any beverage that contains wine plus additional beverages, ingredients or flavours. This can include (but is not limited to) fruit-flavoured wine, wine coolers, ready to drink alcoholic beverages (RTDs)	Aseptic packs/casks (cardboard and/or plastic and/or foil)	Less than 1 litre	1 litre or more
	All other materials	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres
<b>Alcoholic beverages</b> – derived from fruit or other substances (cider, alcoholic lemonade, plum wine, sake etc)	ALL	Up to and including 3 litres	Greater than 3 litres
<b>Flavoured alcoholic beverages with a spirit base</b> – any beverage that contains spirituous liquor plus additional beverages, ingredients or flavours. This can include (but is not limited to) ‘alcopops’, ready to drink alcoholic beverages (RTDs) and spirit-based beverages sold in casks	ALL	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres

## List of eligible beverages for the Queensland Container Refund Scheme (as at 30 June 2017)

<b>ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS*</b>			
<b>Beverage</b>	<b>Container type</b>	<b>Container size</b>	
<b>Non-alcoholic</b>		<b>Eligible</b> *(exclusions apply)	<b>Excluded</b>
fruit juice – pure	all materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less than 1L</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 150 ml or less</li> <li>• 1L or greater</li> </ul>
milk – flavoured: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– cow's or other animal milk</li> <li>– soy or other plant-based milk</li> <li>– low fat milk</li> <li>– ultra heat-treated (UHT) milk, etc.</li> </ul>	all materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less than 1L</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 150 ml or less</li> <li>• 1L or greater</li> </ul>
soft drinks, carbonated	all materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3L or less</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 150ml or less</li> <li>• greater than 3L</li> </ul>
soft drinks, non-carbonated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– energy drinks</li> <li>– fruit drinks</li> <li>– ready to drink cordials</li> <li>– sports drinks</li> <li>– vitamin drinks</li> </ul>	all materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3L or less</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 150ml or less</li> <li>• greater than 3L</li> </ul>
vegetable juice - pure	all materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less than 1L</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 150 ml or less</li> <li>• 1L or greater</li> </ul>
water, intended for human consumption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– plain</li> <li>– still or carbonated spring water</li> <li>– mineral water</li> </ul>	aseptic packs/casks (made from cardboard, plastic or foil)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less than 1L</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 150 ml or less</li> <li>• 1L or greater</li> </ul>
	all <b>other</b> materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3L or less</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 150 ml or less</li> <li>• greater than 3L</li> </ul>
<b>Alcoholic</b>		<b>Eligible</b> *(exclusions apply)	<b>Excluded</b>
alcoholic beverages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– derived from fruit or other substances such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ cider</li> <li>○ alcoholic lemonade</li> <li>○ plum wine</li> <li>○ sake etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	all materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3L or less</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 150 ml or less</li> <li>• greater than 3L</li> </ul>
beer/ale/stout	all materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3L or less</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 150 ml or less</li> <li>• greater than 3L</li> </ul>
pure spirits/liquor, distilled alcoholic beverage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– brandy</li> <li>– gin</li> <li>– rum</li> <li>– vodka</li> <li>– whisky</li> </ul>	glass	NIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all containers</li> </ul>
	all <b>other</b> materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3L or less</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 150 ml or less</li> <li>• greater than 3L</li> </ul>
wine, alcoholic and non-alcoholic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– beverage produced by the fermentation of grapes only</li> <li>– does not include grape juice</li> </ul>	glass	NIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all containers</li> </ul>
	plastic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less than 250ml</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 150ml or less</li> <li>• 250ml or greater</li> </ul>

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which has not undergone fermentation process	sachets (plastic or foil)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less than 250ml</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>150ml or less</li> <li>250ml or greater</li> </ul>
	aseptic packs/casks (cardboard, plastic or foil)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less than 1L</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>150ml or less</li> <li>1L or greater</li> </ul>
Spirit-based, flavoured alcoholic beverage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any beverage that contains spirituous liquor plus additional beverages, ingredients or flavours:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>alcopops</li> <li>ready to drink alcoholic beverages (RTDs)</li> <li>spirit-based beverages sold in casks</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	all materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3L or less</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>150 ml or less</li> <li>greater than 3L</li> </ul>
wine-based, flavoured alcoholic beverage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any beverage that contains wine plus additional beverages, ingredients or flavours such as:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fruit flavoured wine</li> <li>wine coolers</li> <li>ready to drink alcoholic beverages (RTDs)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	aseptic packs/casks (cardboard, plastic or foil)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less than 1L</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>150 ml or less</li> <li>1L or greater</li> </ul>
	all <b>other</b> materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3L or less</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>150 ml or less</li> <li>greater than 3L</li> </ul>

*\* Most aluminium, glass, PET, HDPE, steel and paperboard drink containers between 150ml and 3L will be eligible.*

## EXCLUDED CONTAINERS

Beverage	Container type
any beverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all containers less than 150ml</li> <li>all containers more than 3L</li> </ul>
cordial – concentrated/undiluted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all containers</li> </ul>
fruit juice – concentrated, intended to be diluted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all containers</li> </ul>
fruit juice – pure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all containers more than 1L</li> </ul>
health tonics – registered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all containers</li> </ul>
milk – plain unflavoured	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all containers</li> </ul>
milk – flavoured	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all containers more than 1L</li> </ul>
vegetable juice – concentrated, intended to be diluted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all containers</li> </ul>
vegetable juice – pure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all containers more than 1L</li> </ul>
water – cask	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all containers more than 1L</li> </ul>
wine – cask	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all containers more than 1L</li> </ul>
wine – sachets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all sachets more than 250ml or less than 150ml</li> </ul>