



**Best in class
deposit systems**

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Designing & Implementing Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme:

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About Zero Waste Scotland

Zero Waste Scotland exists to lead Scotland to use products and resources responsibly, focusing on where we can have the greatest impact on climate change.

Using evidence and insight, our goal is to inform policy, and motivate individuals and businesses to embrace the environmental, economic, and social benefits of a circular economy.

We are a not-for-profit environmental organisation, funded by the Scottish Government and European Regional Development Fund.



2010

The Scottish Government publishes its Zero Waste Plan, which includes a target of increasing recycling to 70% by 2025.



June 2014

The Scottish Government publishes its national litter strategy, towards a litter-free Scotland, which makes prevention the central focus of litter policy.



May 2015

Zero Waste Scotland publishes feasibility study on whether a deposit return scheme could work for Scotland.

2009

Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 provides for the setting-up of deposit return schemes.



2012

The Scottish Parliament passes the Waste (Scotland) Regulations, which place new responsibilities for recycling on businesses.



October 2014

Scotland introduces the carrier bag charge, encouraging bag re-use and reducing litter.



February 2016

Scottish Government publishes Making Things Last circular economy strategy.



June 2018

Scottish Government begins consultation period on possible approaches for the deposit return scheme. Scotland undertakes public engagement events across all 32 local authority areas.



May 2019

Scottish Government announces the design of Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme.



December 2015

Zero Waste Scotland publishes research findings after engaging with stakeholders about any potential deposit return scheme for Scotland.



September 2017

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon announces that Scotland will introduce a deposit return scheme for drinks containers.



February 2019

Scottish Government publishes its analysis of the consultation.

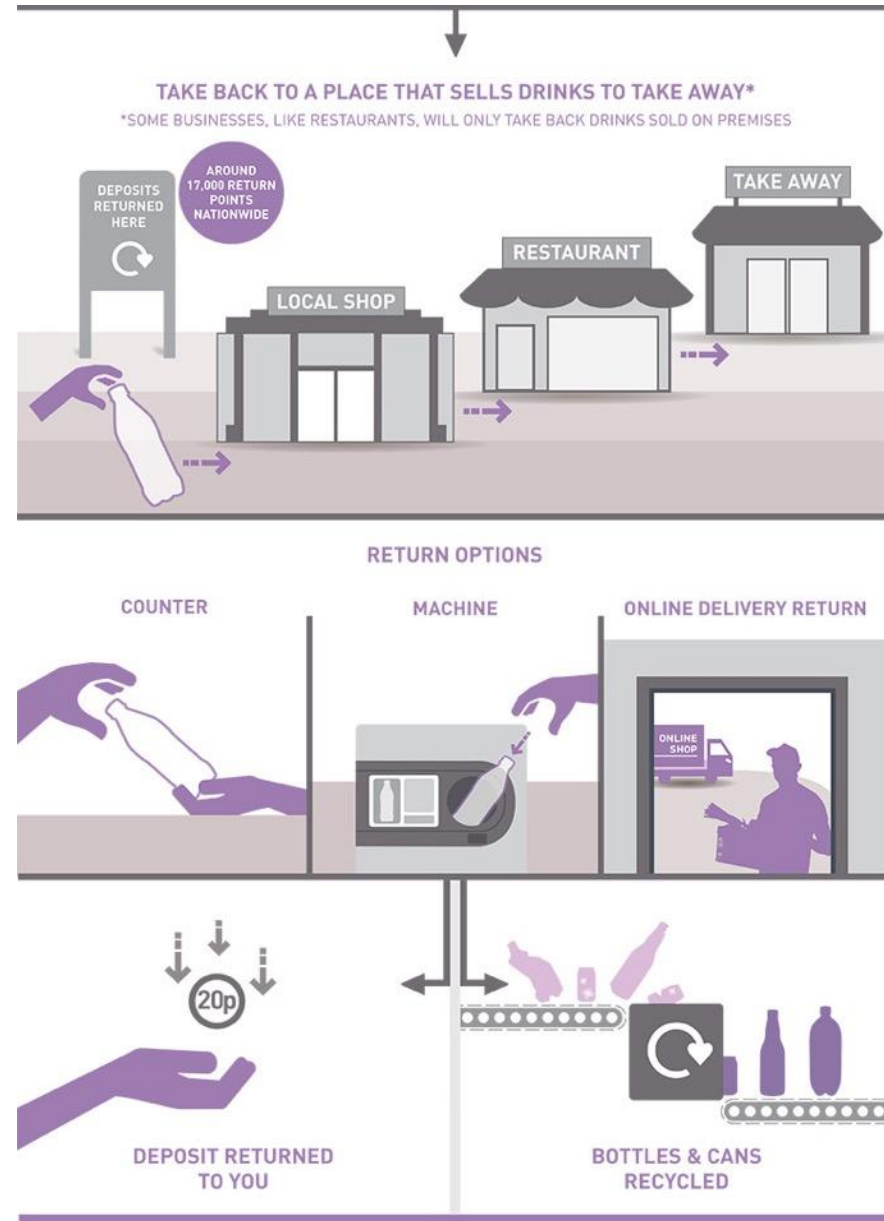


September 2019

Regulations for Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme laid before the Scottish Parliament.

How does it work?

Deposit return is a crucial part of the strategy planned by the Scottish Government to tackle climate change and the problems created by single-use items. It will help us all to change our throwaway culture.



Investment Objectives and Benefits



RECYCLING QUANTITY



LITTER PREVENTION



CLIMATE CHANGE



THE ECONOMY



SOCIAL BENEFITS



RECYCLING QUALITY



BEHAVIOUR CHANGE

Legislation and Scheme Design to address those challenges



**CHALLENGING
GEOGRAPHY**



**EXTENSIVE USE OF
ONLINE DELIVERIES**



**AGEING
POPULATION**

Current Status and Next Steps



Thank you

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