Scotland's Deposit Return System
Starting July 1st, 2022

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Why does Scotland need a deposit return system?

* Scotland spends an estimated £46 million of public money removing litter each year
* An estimated 140,000 bottles and cans are littered in Scotland every single day!
* 79% of people in Scotland support it
* Recycling rates have stagnated at around 45%
Discarded bottles and cans pollute Scottish countryside, beaches and streets. It doesn’t need to be like this.
The cause gathered many supporters in 2015.
There was a lot of media attention
Political support
Cabinet Secretary for the Environment
Cross party-political support
Deposit system video

Money For Empties
First Minister Nicola Sturgeon announces DRS introduction
The broad scope of packaging was supported by the public.
System design announced May 2019

- glass bottles, metal cans, plastic bottles
- 20p back for all your empties
- take empties back to any shop and online retailers
- 90% collection target
- Starting July 2022

Roseanna Cunningham
Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Scottish National Party (SNP))
Key dates and targets

- May 2019: Scheme design was announced
- The regulations approved by Scottish Parliament: May 2020
- July 2022: Scheme goes live for consumers
- Collection target 70%: 2023
- Collection target 80%: 2024
- Collection target 90%: 2025
### DRS Costs in Comparison with Other Collection Schemes

Deposit systems for beverage containers comply with high collection targets and reduce littering. The DRS cost in Norway is 2,8 NOK per 1 kg PET (2020) with a collection rate of 89.4% for 2019.

#### EPR fees for plastic packaging in chosen European countries; 2020

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<th>Country</th>
<th>PRO (NOK/kg)</th>
<th>Collection rate</th>
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<tr>
<td>Norway</td>
<td>-- DRS INFINITUM 2,8</td>
<td>89.4%</td>
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<td>Austria</td>
<td>-- non DRS Ara 6,95</td>
<td>Plastic 33.6%/ PET 70%</td>
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<td>Belgium</td>
<td>-- non DRS Fost Plus 2,46</td>
<td>PET 3,58 HDPE 7,11 Other plastic 46%</td>
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<td>Sweden (plastic packaging outside DRS)</td>
<td>FTI 3,26-4,91</td>
<td>40% (2018)</td>
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<td>Netherlands</td>
<td>-- non DRS Avfalfonds Verpakkingen 3,60-6,00</td>
<td>52% (2018)</td>
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<td>Spain</td>
<td>-- non DRS EcoEmbes 4,33</td>
<td>PET 3,77 HDPE 7,39 Other 37% (2017)</td>
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<td>Italy</td>
<td>-- non DRS Conai 2,08-3,69</td>
<td>Plastic 45.5%/ PET 55% (2018)</td>
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