

Eligible Containers

Most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard beverage containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible for a refund when returned to a refund point. To be eligible the beverage container must:



- Have contained a beverage product that is not excluded from the scheme. For example, cordials and plain milk are not included in the scheme so containers that have held these products are not eligible for a refund
- Display the refund mark. This is so that the refund point operator can see if the container is part of the scheme. Most containers will already have a refund mark for SA and NT and these containers are eligible under Containers for Change. Beverage manufacturers have 2 years from scheme commencement to display new refund mark.
- Be an approved container. Some containers are made from materials that cannot be recycled. These containers may not be approved (by the Western Australia Government) as an eligible container as the scheme requires that when a refund is paid on a container, that container must be recycled.

Ineligible Containers

There are some beverage containers that are not eligible for a refund. **Generally, ineligible containers are those that are less than 150ml and greater than 3L.** Other ineligible containers include:



- Any plain milk containers
- Any glass containers which have contained wine or pure spirits
- Containers 1L or more which have contained flavoured milk, pure fruit or vegetable juice, cask wine or cask water
- Concentrated/undiluted cordial or syrup containers
- Sachets above 250ml which have contained wine
- Registered health tonics

Most ineligible containers, such as plain milk bottles and glass wine bottles, can still be recycled through existing kerbside collection or drop-off services.

TIPS AND TRICKS TO ELIGIBILITY

- Flavoured milk containers (Dare/Iced Coffee/Chocolate milk/Strawberry milk) are eligible as long as they are between 150ml and 1L.
- Juice Boxes are now also eligible.
- Glass containers cannot have been broken in half/or pieces – these will be considered ineligible, a whole unit must be presented.
 - o Glass can have minor chipping (i.e., there is a minor chip in the lip of the bottle but the rest is intact – this will be eligible)
- All containers collected will need to have lids removed.
- Lids are recyclable however an additional refund will not be offered, refunds are only for the containers themselves.
 - o People can provide containers and lids in the same bag for sorting, lids will be sorted into separate sorting infrastructure and eligible containers into another.
- Cans/Plastic containers can be crushed/damaged to a degree.
 - o If cut in half / containing contaminates that cannot be removed – these will be ineligible.
 - o Cannot be bailed.
- Contaminates include: containers filled with sand/dirt, cigarette butts, sharps, lime/lemon. Contaminates need to be removed/tipped out/cleaned for the container to be eligible.

The below cans on the left are eligible if no contaminates are found. While crushed/damaged, they can be identified as a drink container and it can be shaken to identify If any contaminants are contained. If no contaminates are found inside, they will be eligible. The cans on the right are ineligible as they have been bailed and it is impossible to determine if any contaminates are contained.

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