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Deposit Return Scheme

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Retailer Exemptions

Any Retailer operating from a premises of <u>150 sqm</u> and under, may apply for an exemption from providing a take back service.

- All Retailers MUST register with the Deposit Return Scheme, Re-turn.
- Retailers with premises of 150 sqm and under, may apply for a take back exemption and must provide relevant evidence of store size.
- Store size is defined as: All retail facing areas including entrance area, aisles, shelf space, counter, behind counter and till space.
- Retailers applying for a take back exemption must clearly nominate a return point in close proximity, that provides a take back service. This can be a larger retailer or a dedicated return point.
- Retailers with an exemption must clearly display the location of the closest return point, to all their customers.



Retailer Exemptions

The following exemption sectors are currently being considered and will be confirmed in March 2023:

- 'On the go' food retailers
- Off Licences
- Hospitality Sector
 - Hotels
 - Restaurants
 - Pubs
- Retail Parks & Vending Machine Operators

Following consultation with the relevant representative bodies, Re-turn will inform the sectors of exemption outcomes.





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Thank you!

