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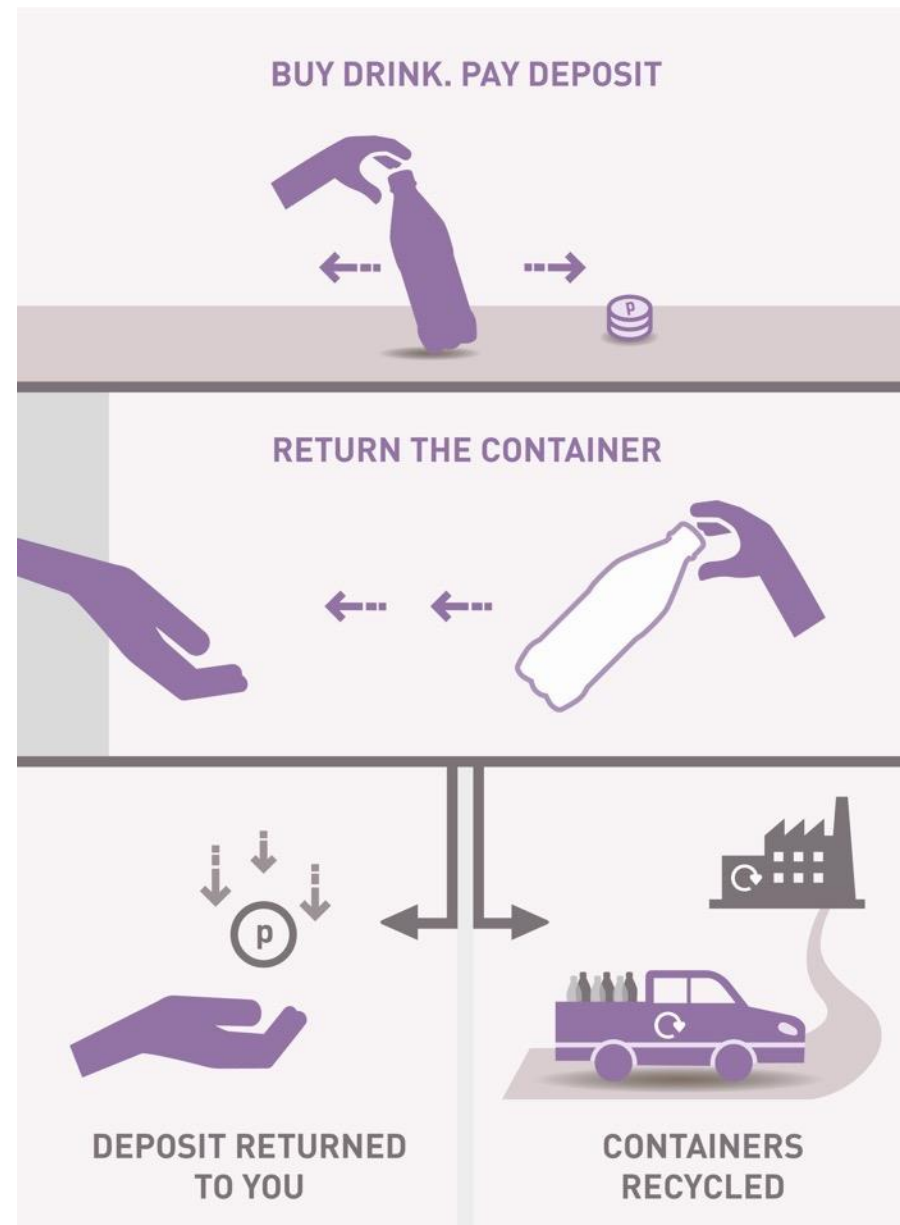
Scotland's deposit return scheme

About Zero Waste Scotland

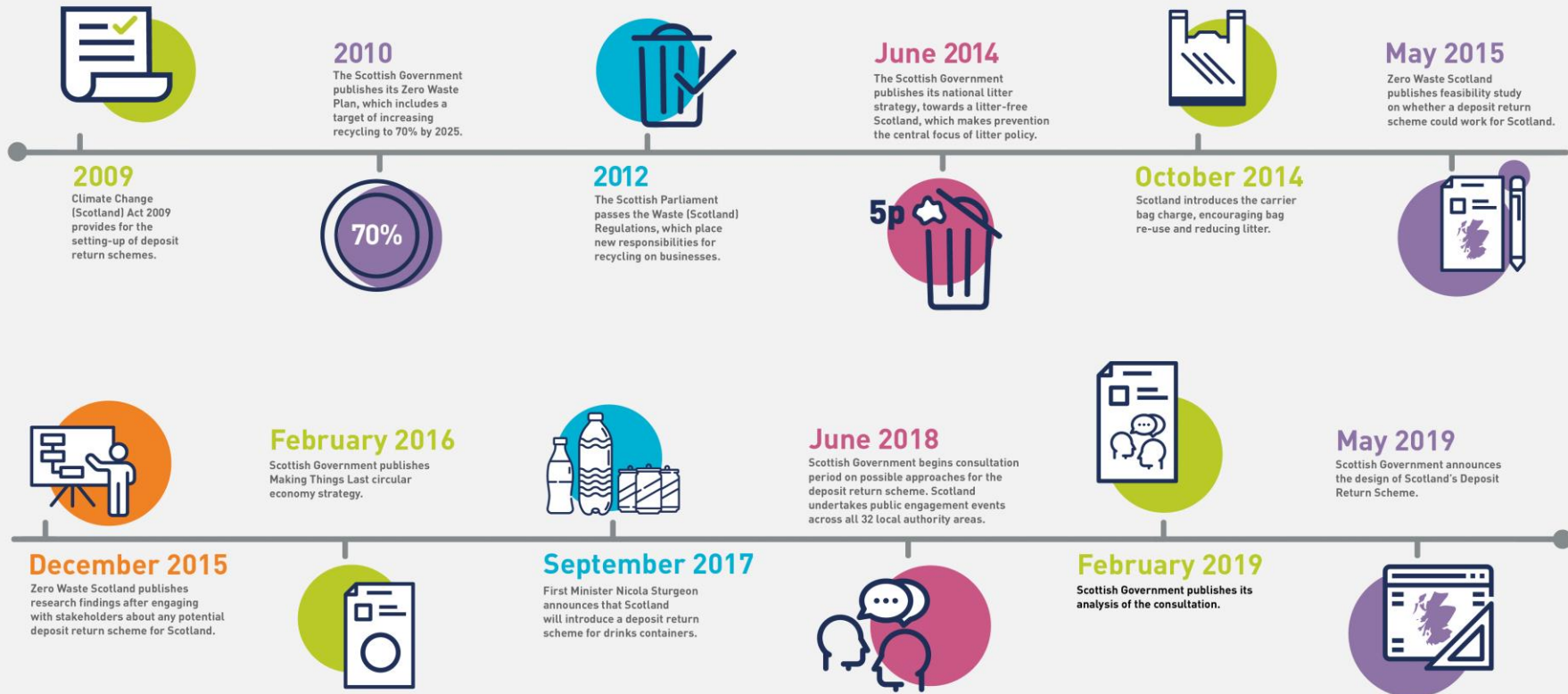
We exist to create a society where resources are valued and nothing is wasted.

Our goal is to help Scotland realise the economic, environmental and social benefits of making best use of the world's limited natural resources.

What is a deposit return scheme?



Timeline



Investment Objectives



INCREASE
the quantity of target
materials collected
for recycling



IMPROVE
the quality of material
collected, to allow for
higher value recycling



ENCOURAGE
wider behaviour change
around materials



DELIVER
maximum economic and
societal benefits
for Scotland

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.

SCOTLAND'S DEPOSIT RETURN SCHEME

BUY DRINK. PAY DEPOSIT



CONTAINERS RECYCLED



RETURN OPTIONS

COUNTER



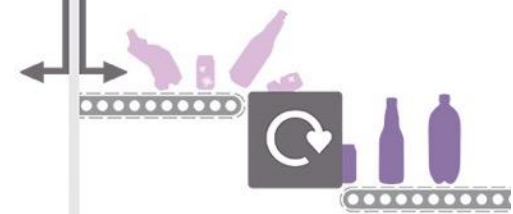
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ONLINE DELIVERY RETURN



DEPOSIT RETURNED TO YOU



Benefits

The Economy

**Social
benefits**

**Behaviour
Change**

**Recycling
quality**

**Recycling
quantity**

**Litter
prevention**

**Tackling
Climate
Change**

**Currently, Scotland recycles
just half of drinks containers**



Scotland's deposit return scheme aims to capture at least 90% of target containers for recycling.



**Scotland's deposit return
scheme will capture an
estimated 1.5bn drinks
containers for recycling
each year.**



A close-up, low-angle shot of the rear right side of a white car, showing the rear wheel and the rear door. The car is parked on a paved road. In the background, there are green trees and a bright, hazy sky, suggesting a sunny day. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**That's an average of
around 160,000 tonnes
of CO₂eq each year, the
equivalent of taking
85,500 cars off the road**

**Scotland's Deposit
Return Scheme is
expected to reduce
the impacts of litter
in Scotland by
an estimated
£61 million
a year**



£46 million of public money is spent every year removing litter and fly tipping from the Scottish environment.





**The wider impacts of litter
cost the Scottish economy
and society £361 million
per year.**

Next steps

Regulations introduced to Scottish Parliament in 2019, under the Climate Change Act.

Under parliamentary procedure, the draft regulations will be required to sit for comment for 90 days.

Following a pause for any required revisions, the regulations will then be laid for 54 days, at the end of which there will be a final vote by MSPs.

Once the legislation process is complete, businesses will have a minimum of 12 months to get ready before the scheme becomes operational.

This will give organisations the time to prepare for its launch.

Thank you

For more information, including a comprehensive list of FAQs, please visit:

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