

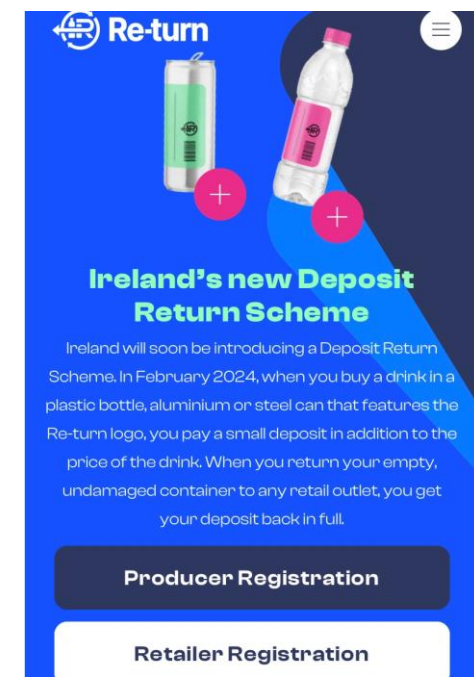
# Re-turn

Ireland's New  
**Deposit  
Return  
Scheme**

Update  
April 2023



# Re-turn Progress to date



DRSI CLG (trading as Re-turn) approved as Deposit Return Scheme Operator. Appointment announcement to trade associations & trade media.

July 2022

Re-turn Board engagement with Deposit Return Scheme task force, trade representative associations. Email campaign to all representative associations & trade media inviting key stakeholders to subscribe for news / register for events

August

Webinars / workshops for Producers & Retailers. Active engagement / 1 to 1 meetings with key stakeholders and interested parties.

September / October

Announcement of Deposit Value and launch of Registration portal by Minister Ossian Smyth.

National B2B media coverage.

November

Go live of Registration portal for Producers & Retailers to register with Re-turn.

Registration CTA reminders together with offer for explanatory meetings.

December 2022

# Retailer Handling Fees

All Retailers who operate return points and take back Deposit Return Scheme 'in scope' containers from consumers, will be paid the following Handling Fees:

## Manual Collection

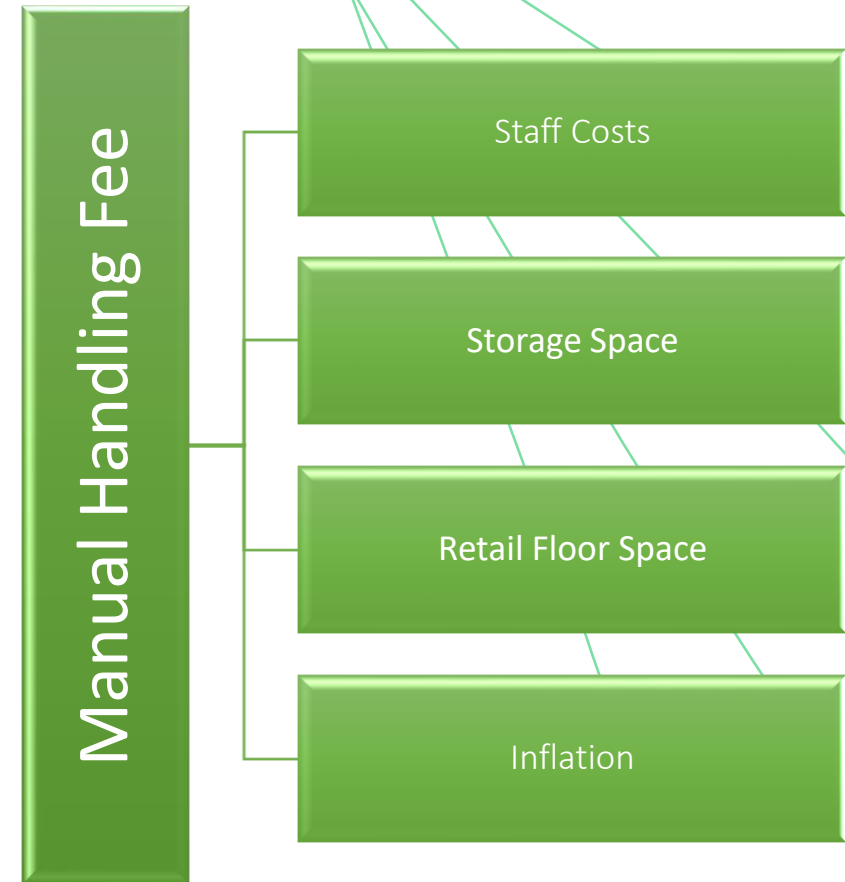
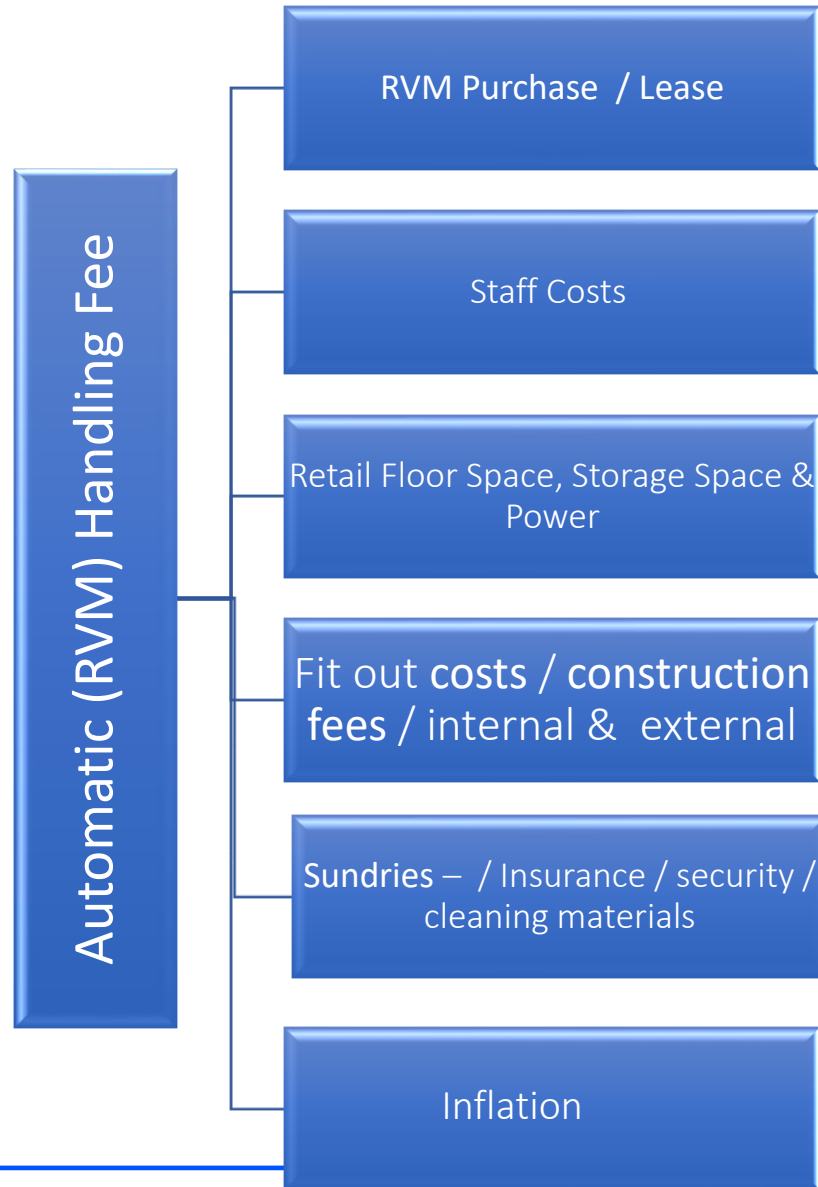
€0.026 per container\*

## Automatic Collection (RVM)

€0.022 per container\*

\*Price is per unit regardless of material

# Retailer Handling Fee Costs



# Calculation Methodology

The cost model aims to approximate fees incurred by small, medium and large Retailers in ROI .

These handling fees have been developed on a ground up basis with additional input/guidance from the following sources:

- Stakeholder engagement – industry representative bodies
- Research – Eunomia, Reloop, OLH Reports, best practice in European DRS Schemes
- Accepted 3rd party indices – Floor space, fit out – internal / external and construction costs.

All calculations and methodology of Handling Fees were verified by independent financial consultants, Mazars.

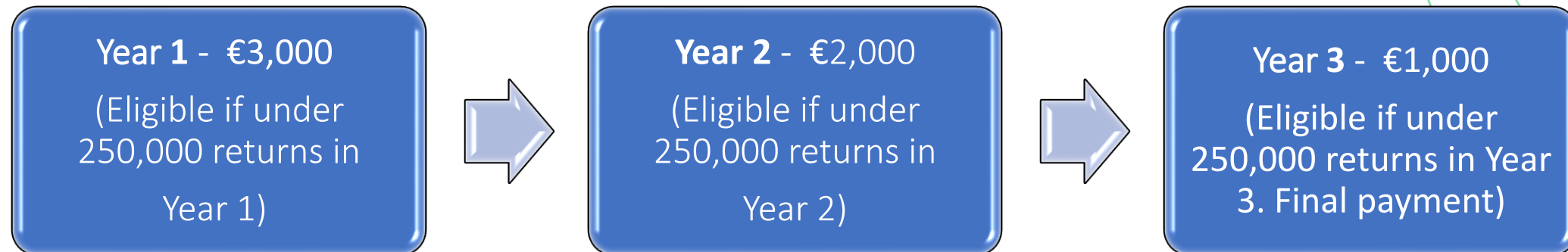
# Additional Financial Supports

For Retailers opting to take back in scope drinks containers through Reverse Vending Machines (RVMs), Re-turn are offering additional financial supports, subject to meeting specified criteria.

## Financial Support Criteria

For Retailers opting to take back in scope drinks containers through RVMs, in addition to the Handling Fee of €0.022, the criteria for additional financial support has been amended.

Retailers who show proof of **annual returns of under 250,000** in scope containers per annum qualify for the following:



Following go live on 1 February 2024, Retailers will be advised of the application process for these supports after Year 1.

# Re-turn Retailer Handling Fees

Benchmarked against European Deposit Return Schemes

Country	Manual		RVM	
	PET	Aluminium	PET	Aluminium
Ireland	€0.026	€0.026	€0.022	€0.022
Estonia	€0.0123	€0.0123	€0.0354	€0.0354
Finland	€0.0197	€0.0197	€0.0290	€0.0235
Latvia	€0.0203	€0.0203	€0.0223	€0.0223
Lithuania	€0.0197	€0.0162	€0.0223	€0.0163
Malta	€0.01	€0.01	€0.008 - €0.01**	€0.008 - €0.01**
Norway	€0.0047	€0.0094	€0.023	€0.019
Sweden	€0.018	€0.00	€0.025 - €0.046	€0.016 - €0.017
Scotland	€0.031	€0.031	€0.018 - €0.041*	€0.018 - €0.041*

\*Variable based on quantities. Fee drops after first 8,000 per week.

\*\*Variable based on quantities. Fee drops after 400,000 per annum.



# Retailer Exemptions

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

- All Retailers MUST register with the Deposit Return Scheme, Re-turn before applying for an take back exemption.
- 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.

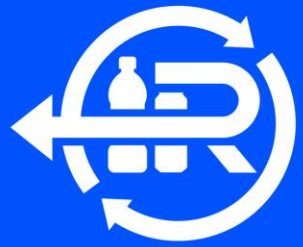


# Retailer Exemptions

**Take back exemption criteria for the following sectors are currently being considered:**

- '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 take back exemption outcomes.



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Thank you!

