



Beverage products and containers included in the container deposit scheme from July 2026

Table 1. Eligible containers (see Table 2 for exclusions)

Beverage	Container size
Non-alcoholic	
All fruit or vegetable juice (or a mixture of pure fruit and vegetable juices)	150ml to 3L
Flavoured milk: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• cow's or other animal milk• soy or other plant-based milk• low fat milk• ultra heat-treated (UHT) milk, etc	150ml to 3L
Fermented milk product (for example drinking yoghurt including Kefir and Filmjölk)	150ml to 3L
Carbonated soft drinks	150ml to 3L
Non-carbonated soft drinks such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• energy drinks• fruit and vegetable drinks• sports drinks• vitamin drinks	150ml to 3L
Cordial, intended for dilution with still or sparkling water	150ml to 3L
Water, intended for human consumption <ul style="list-style-type: none">• plain• still or carbonated spring water• mineral water• flavoured (such as coconut etc)	150ml to 3L
Non-alcoholic beverages such as beer, wine, spirits, non-grape etc	150ml to 3L

Beverage	Container size
Alcoholic	
<p>Alcoholic beverages (non-grape):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • derived from fruit or other substances such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » cider » alcoholic lemonade » plum wine » sake etc 	150ml to 3L
Beer	150ml to 3L
<p>Pure spirituous liquor, or distilled alcoholic beverage (or mixture of both) such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • brandy • gin • rum • vodka • whisky <p>And not mixed with any other beverage apart from liquor</p>	150ml to 3L
<p>Wine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • beverage produced by the fermentation of grapes and not mixed with any other beverage apart from grape product 	150ml to 3L
<p>Spirit-based, flavoured alcoholic beverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any beverage that contains spirituous liquor plus additional beverages, ingredients or flavours such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » alcopops » ready-to-drink alcoholic beverages (RTDs) » spirit-based beverages sold in casks 	150ml to 3L
<p>Wine-based, flavoured alcoholic beverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any beverage that contains wine plus additional beverages, ingredients or flavours such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » fruit flavoured wine » wine coolers » ready to drink alcoholic beverages (RTDs) 	150ml to 3L Including those in aseptic packs/casks (cardboard, plastic or foil)

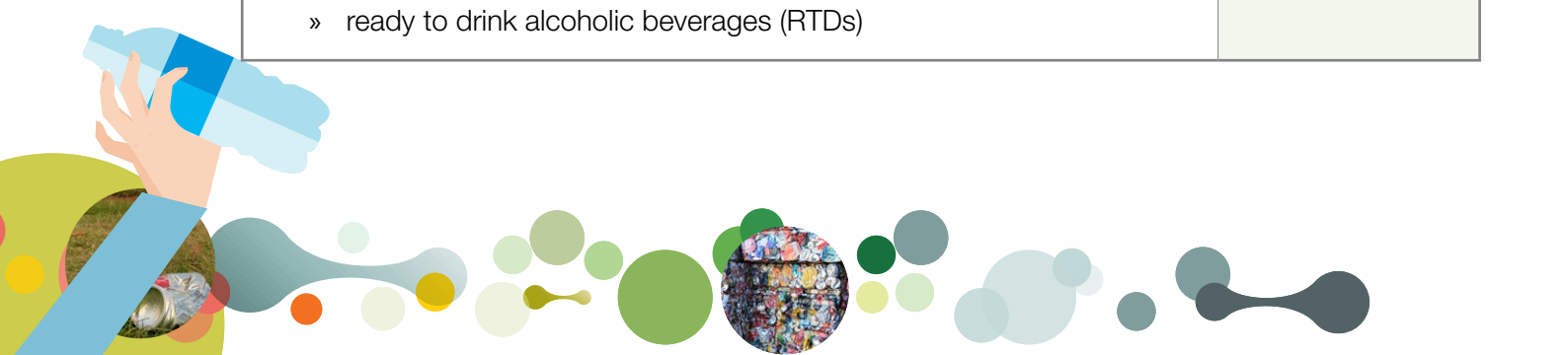


Table 2. Excluded containers




Most aluminium, glass, PET, HDPE, steel and paperboard drink containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible but the following are not eligible.

Beverage	Container Type
Any beverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all containers less than 150 ml • all containers more than 3 L • Any container consisting wholly or partly of a prohibited material – see Table 3
Yakult (fermented milk product)	<150ml
Health tonics registered with the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods maintained under the <i>Therapeutic Goods Act 1989</i> (Commonwealth) section 9A	all containers
Food for medical purposes, which is a liquid that is food for special medical purposes as defined in the Food Standards Code, Standard 2.9.5 section 2.9.5-2	all containers
Milk – plain unflavoured: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cow's or other animal milk, apart from a fermented milk product • soy or other plant-based milk • low fat milk • ultra heat-treated (UHT) milk 	all containers



Table 3. Prohibited materials

Any container that is wholly or partially made of one or more of the following prohibited materials is not an eligible container:

Material	Notes
Biodegradable plastic	Means plastic that can be broken down by microorganisms into carbon dioxide, water, biomass and a mineral residue; and does not contain an additive designed to accelerate fragmentation of the plastic
Degradable plastic	Means plastic that contains an additive designed to accelerate fragmentation of the plastic into smaller pieces under certain conditions, including exposure to light, bacteria or heat
Polyactic acid (PLA)	 OTHER
Polybutylene succinate (PBS)	 OTHER
Polyvinyl choride (PVC)	 PVC
Ceramics	Defined as a material: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) that is inorganic and non-metallic (b) made up of metal compounds and non-metal compounds (c) that has been shaped and hardened by heat

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