



What is a DRS?

A Deposit Return System (DRS) is a producer-financed system that requires consumers to pay a deposit on beverage containers at the point of purchase.

The deposit is then fully refunded when the container is returned. DRSs are proven to be the most cost-effective way to deliver the quality and quantity of material needed to enhance closed-loop recycling and minimize the need for virgin resources.

DRSs work. The percentage of aluminum, PET plastic, and glass containers that is recycled in states with a DRS is more than double the percentage in states without one²⁵. Within DRS states, the recycling rates for included (deposit-eligible) containers is up to six times higher than the rate of recycling for excluded containers.

