

# Containers for Change Refund Declaration

(for all refund transactions of 1,500 containers and over, or on request of an authorised container refund point operator)

## INFORMATION REGARDING THIS REFUND DECLARATION

The below is provided as guidance only:

- (1) You must give the container refund point a refund declaration if your claim is for 1,500 or more containers (and do not have a compliant bulk claim arrangement with the operator), or the operator asks you for a refund declaration. It is an offence if you fail to do so and this may attract a maximum penalty of 100 penalty units\*. Your refund declaration must be accompanied by an official document containing your photograph as proof of your identity. The container refund point operator must make a copy of your proof of identity document and retain that copy with your refund declaration for at least 5 years pursuant to the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* (Qld).
- (2) Not all containers are eligible for a refund amount. Guidance on which containers are eligible for a refund amount in Queensland's container refund scheme is available via <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/pollution/management/waste/recovery/reduction/container-refund/container-refund-types>, or the *Containers for Change* app and website. Please consult your local container refund point operator or contact COEX on **13 42 42** for further information. It is recommended you inspect your containers for eligibility for a refund amount under the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* (Qld) prior to presenting any containers at a container refund point and making this declaration. An example of a container that is ineligible is a container that has never been filled with a beverage, sealed, and sold for human consumption is ineligible for a refund amount as no deposit has been paid by a participating beverage manufacturer. These are known as "pre-consumer" or "pre-form" containers. Signs of such containers include the container having no top and product destruction puncture holes by the manufacturer.
- (3) An operator may refuse to accept and pay a refund amount for a container if any of the following apply:
  - (a) the container is not registered as required by the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* (Qld); or
  - (b) the prescribed refund marking is not displayed on the container. The marking must state the refund amount, and that the refund amount may be claimed at a container refund point (however described) in a participating State; or
  - (c) the container refund point operator reasonably believes a refund amount has already been paid for the container; or
  - (d) if you are required to give a refund declaration under s.99T of the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* and you do not comply with the requirement; or
  - (e) if a sign at the container refund point states that the operator of the container refund point pays refund amounts in a way other than in cash, and you refuse to accept the refund amount paid in any other way.
- (4) Further, you must not claim a refund amount for a container at a container refund point if you know, or ought to reasonably know, a refund amount has been paid for the container, or a recovery amount has been paid to the operator of a material recovery facility for the container. A maximum penalty of 100 penalty units applies<sup>1</sup>.
- (5) Containers that have been sourced, directly or indirectly, from a waste recovery facility may have had a recovery amount paid on them and may be ineligible for a refund amount. A 'material recovery facility' is a facility or other place at which recyclable waste is sorted and prepared for recycling, whether or not the waste is also recycled at the facility or place.

For further information regarding Queensland's container refund scheme please refer to the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* and its regulations.

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<sup>1</sup> Penalty unit = \$13,345 as at 1 July 2020.

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**Queensland Refund Declaration**

s.99T of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011 (Qld) ("Act")

I \_\_\_\_\_ (full name) of \_\_\_\_\_ (address)

**declare that** with regard to the \_\_\_\_\_ (no. of containers) empty beverage containers that I have **today** presented to \_\_\_\_\_ (container refund point name and suburb)

for the purpose of claiming a refund amount:

- (1) the presented containers are all 'containers' as prescribed by the Act, and do not include other containers or materials ineligible for a refund amount. I understand that I am not entitled to a refund amount on ineligible containers and materials;
- (2) the presented containers were collected on or after 1 November 2018 in Queensland or the SA, NT, NSW or ACT beverage container deposit schemes for the purpose of claiming a refund amount in Queensland or that participating beverage container deposit scheme;
- (3) I reasonably believe that all the presented containers:
  - (a) display the refund marking as prescribed by the Act; and
  - (b) are currently registered for the purposes of the Queensland's container refund scheme;
  - (c) have not had a refund amount or recovery amount paid on any container; and
  - (d) are empty and whole, have been presented in loose form, and have not been mechanically crushed or mechanically compacted prior to my presentation for a refund amount;
- (4) I have provided a true and correct official document containing my photograph as proof of my identity with this declaration to the container refund point operator; and
- (5) I understand that:
  - (a) it is an offence to claim a refund amount on a container that I know, or ought to reasonably know, a refund amount or recovery amount has already been paid for the container, and this may attract a maximum penalty of 100 penalty units<sup>2</sup>; and
  - (b) my claim for refund amounts is subject to assessment and counting by the receiving container refund operator pursuant to the Act.

**Signed and declared** by the abovenamed declarant on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ :

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of declarant

*Before completing this declaration, it is recommended you read "INFORMATION REGARDING THIS REFUND DECLARATION" at page 1 to this document.*

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONTAINER REFUND POINT**

Supervisor/Employee who inspected the containers: \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attached** to this declaration is a copy of the following official document containing the declarant's photograph as proof of the declarant's identity, presented by the declarant with this declaration:

Type of Document: \_\_\_\_\_ State of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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