

VICTORIA'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME IS COMING 1 NOVEMBER 2023

Information for charities and community groups

Donation partners

Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme (CDS Vic) will give charities, schools, community groups, environmental groups, sporting clubs and educational organisations new ways to raise funds.

These organisations and groups will be able to benefit in several ways:

- applying to become a donation partner to receive donations from members of the community when they return their eligible drink containers – people can give their refunds to a donation partner rather than keeping them themselves
- collecting donations of containers from their communities and supporters that can then be returned for a refund from a refund point
- applying to your Zone Operator to set up and run a refund point. Note: there are specific conditions that must be met to operate a Refund Point, including minimum opening hours

What is a donation partner?

Being a donation partner is open to not-for-profit organisations such as a charity, school, sports club, or community group that have registered with CDS Vic (via cdsvic.org.au) and set up a payment account with one or more of the Zone Operators. Refunds from eligible drink containers can then be donated to these organisations by anybody who chooses to do so.

How can my group become a donation partner?

Step 1: Register on the Donation Partner Register at cdsvic.org.au

Step 2: Sign-up with your relevant Zone Operator/s.

The Donation Partner Register will be available from 1 October 2023, ahead of the scheme commencement on 1 November 2023. Keep an eye on the cdsvic.org.au website for details.

Once you've registered, you will receive a Donation Partner ID from VicReturn. You will then need to contact the relevant Zone Operator(s) and provide some further details, such as an eligible bank account, so that you can start to receive donation payments.

How can I promote my group as a donation partner?

A number of resources including templates and signage will be made available to community groups and charities closer to the Scheme commencing on 1 November 2023.



Who is eligible to be a donation partner?

Donation partners need to carry out activities in Victoria, and be:

- a registered charity, or
- a sporting, community, educational or environmental body that is established primarily for charitable, community or educational purposes, and your activities are not for profit or gain, or
- a school

Once launched, the Donation Partner Registry on the CDS Vic website can help guide you through your eligibility.

How will my group receive donations from our supporters?

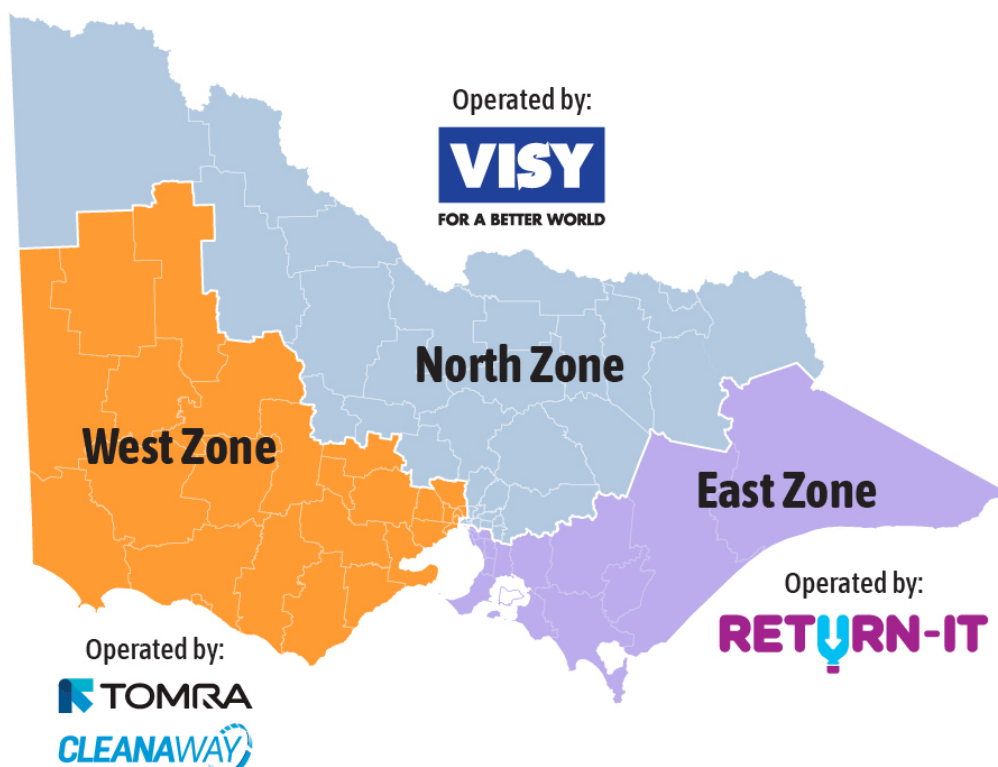
At a refund point, people can choose to donate their refund to your organisation in a number of different ways, including via the Zone app, sharing your Donation Partner ID (or barcode) or using a handy search function on the CDS Vic website (coming soon).

You can also host your own collection drive, by encouraging your members and supporters to collect and deposit containers and donate their refunds to your organisation.

Will I need to sign up with all Zone Operators?

If you only fundraise in your local area, your Donation Partner ID only needs to be activated with your local Zone Operator. However, if your organisation operates across more than one zone, or you are planning a state-wide initiative, we recommend signing up with all Zone Operators relevant to your organisation to ensure maximum coverage.

Map of Zone Operators:





Hosting a refund point

How does my group sign up as its own refund point?

Any organisation that hosts a refund point will need to meet minimum accessibility and safety requirements set by the Victorian Government. This includes a minimum number of operating hours you are open, which varies depending on whether you are in a remote, regional, or metropolitan location. In some limited cases, these requirements may be adjusted by the Victorian Government while ensuring the refund point network meets the expectations of the community.

If you're interested in becoming a refund point, and think you'll meet the criteria, contact your local Zone Operator to find out more.

Do I have to be a refund point to receive donations?

No, organisations don't need to host a refund point to fundraise. Charities and community groups can be a donation partner, and have people nominate for their refund to be directed to your group. You can also host your own collection drive, by encouraging your members and supporters to collect and donate their eligible containers to your organisation.

Get in contact

Zone Operators

To find out more about how to be a donation partner, or host a refund point, contact your local Zone Operator:

TOMRA Cleanaway: enquiries@tomracleanaway.com.au

Visy: cdivic@visy.com

Return-It: vic@returnit.com.au

CDS Vic Donation Partner Registry

To register for future updates from CDS Vic on the Donation Partner Registry, please email donationpartners@vicreturn.com.au



After more info on CDS Vic?
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