

F.A.Q. Hotels / Bars / Restaurants

Hawaii Deposit Beverage Container Program



Will I have to charge a 5¢ deposit to my customers for beverages consumed on the premises?

No. The hotel, bar or restaurant will pay the deposit to the distributor, but they are not required to pass it on to their customers. The hotel, bar or restaurant may redeem the deposit value by returning the containers to a recycler or redemption center.



Is there a deposit charge on wine and spirits?

No. A deposit beverage is defined as beer, ale, or other drinks produced by fermenting malt, mixed spirits, mixed wine, tea and coffee drinks regardless of dairy derived product content, soda, water, and all nonalcoholic drinks in liquid form intended for human consumption and contained in a deposit beverage container.

May I charge the customer if the beverage was purchased from a vending machine on my property?

Yes. If you own or operate a vending machine, the cost of the deposit must be included in the cost of the beverage.

In order to redeem my containers, will I have to haul them to a redemption center or pay for a recycler to pick them up?

Actually, the additional value of the containers may enable recycling companies to provide pickup service. Most hotels, bars and restaurants already have glass collection subsidized by the glass Advance Disposal Fee; the law will enable this program to expand to include plastic and metal containers.

I have a high volume of containers; will I have to count them all to get my deposit back?

No. For large volumes, redemption can be calculated by weight so that counting containers would not be necessary.

Will the Glass Advance Disposal Fee still remain for containers not covered under the new beverage deposit system?

Yes. All non-deposit glass beverage containers will still have glass ADF funds to cover the costs for recycling these containers.

Will I have to keep my deposit and non-deposit beverage containers separated?

Yes. To receive the deposit value, deposit containers will need to be separated from non-deposit containers.

Will I have to provide a redemption center?

Hotels, bars or restaurants have the option of becoming a certified redemption center, however, they will not be required to do so.

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