
NSW CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME SUPPLIER CONTRIBUTION INVOICING CHANGE

What is changing in monthly supplier contribution invoicing?

Under the current NSW forward-funding payments approach, a beverage supplier's monthly invoice is calculated using the previous month's actual volumes to forward fund the next month's scheme costs.

From September 2025, the NSW scheme will operate under an in-arrears approach. This means beverage supplier invoices will be calculated using the previous month's actual supply volumes to fund the previous month's scheme costs.

	Current in-advance approach	New in-arrears approach
Invoice month	September – issued 21 Sep	September – issued 21 Sep
Based on actual monthly supply volume	August actual volumes reported on 15 September	August actual volumes reported on 15 September
Contribution for	October scheme costs	August scheme costs

When will this change be introduced?

The first invoice under the new in-arrears approach will be issued on 21 September 2025, based on August actual supply volumes.

During the transition, no monthly supplier contribution invoices will be issued on 21 July or 21 August 2025, giving suppliers two-months with no CDS supplier contributions to pay.

How will NSW supplier contribution invoices be calculated under the new in-arrears approach?

Under the new in-arrears approach, supplier invoices are calculated by multiplying actual historical container volumes supplied and declared by each supplier by the fixed price per material type:

Actual supply volumes (one month in arrears) x fixed price by material type = invoice issued on 21st of the month to fund the previous month's scheme costs.

For example, August volumes reported on 15 September x container price by material type = invoice issued on 21 September to fund August scheme costs.

Why is this change being introduced?

We understand the challenges experienced by beverage suppliers participating in CDS across multiple jurisdictions and the confusion caused by different approaches.

This change will bring the NSW scheme in line with how supplier contributions are calculated in most other container deposit schemes in Australia.

Does the change to in-arrears invoicing impact pricing?

No – the current fixed price per container by material type is not changing and will apply to invoices issued up to January 2026.

EfC intends to announce pricing for the next period on or before 1 October 2025. This pricing would take effect from the February 2026 invoice.

Will this change also apply to supplier contribution invoices for the ACT container deposit scheme?

No – this change only applies to the NSW scheme. The ACT supplier contribution methodology remains an advance contribution approach based on actual supply volumes.

Is there any change to NSW reporting obligations and deadlines?

No – suppliers must report their actual supply volumes by the 15th of each month.

Is there any change to NSW payment terms?

No – invoices will continue to be issued on the 21st of each month, with payment due within 7 calendar days.

What do suppliers need to do?

Suppliers must continue to report their actual supply volumes by the 15th of each month. No other action is required.

Why do I still need to report actual supply volumes for July and August if you won't be issuing a monthly invoice for these months?

While monthly invoices will not be issued in July and August 2025 while we transition to the new approach, monthly volume reporting is still required.

The data you provide is critical for:

- analysing scheme performance
- informing future pricing decisions
- supporting accurate financial and operational planning
- audit and traceability purposes.

Is the NSW scheme a cost recovery model?

Yes, the NSW scheme is a cost recovery model. This means that pricing of supplier contributions covers the scheme's expected annual operating costs. The scheme does not generate any profit. Any surplus or shortfalls in funds from one period are incorporated into the pricing considerations for future periods.

What do supplier contributions fund?

The scheme operates on a cost recovery model. Supplier contributions only cover the core scheme costs, which include:

- refunds – 10c (including GST) per container, paid to the network operator and passed on to consumers
- network fees – a fixed fee per container collected that is paid to the network operator based on the material type
- MRF refunds – 10c (including GST), paid to MRF operators for each container collected through kerbside recycling
- export rebates – to refund suppliers for beverage containers exported out of NSW
- scheme coordinator fee – fixed fee (regardless of volumes collected) for administration carried out by the scheme coordinator
- scheme compliance fee – fixed fee (regardless of volumes collected) paid to the NSW EPA to cover compliance costs.

I'm a small supplier (under 300,000 containers per year) who has opted-in for quarterly invoicing. How does this change impact me?

Beverage suppliers who are part of our Small Supplier Program and receive quarterly invoices, will still need to report their monthly supply volumes by the 15th of each month.

During the transition process, suppliers in the Small Supplier Program will be invoiced as follows:

Date of quarterly invoice	Based on actual monthly supply volumes
21 July 2025	March, April, May
No supplier contribution payable for June and July actual volumes	
21 October 2025	August, September
21 January 2026	October, November, December

Can I opt in for quarterly invoicing instead of monthly?

Small suppliers (that supply 300,000 or less containers per annum) can apply to move to quarterly invoicing. Contact our Customer Service team for more information.

I'm a new supplier, joining the NSW scheme in June/July/August 2025. Does this change apply to me?

Any beverage suppliers joining the NSW scheme in June, July or August 2025 will automatically commence under the new in-arrears invoicing approach.

New suppliers are required to report their June, July and/or August volumes by the 15th of the following month.

Their first NSW supplier contribution invoice will be issued on 21 September 2025 and will include their in-arrears supplier contribution for June, July and/or August.

Do I still need to pay any unsettled invoices from previous months if you're not invoicing me in July or August 2025?

Yes - suppliers are still required to settle any outstanding invoices that have been issued for previous months. Failure to do so may result in future enforcement action.

Get in touch

If you have any questions about the in-arrears invoicing transition or the NSW scheme, please contact our Customer Service Team on **1800 813 887** or email customersupport@exchangeforchange.com.au.

Please have your Supplier Arrangement Number (RAE1XXXX) ready, so our friendly team can help with your enquiry efficiently.