

Eligibility Criteria

To Qualify as a Donation Partner on the Return and Earn Reverse Vending Machine Network

This document outlines the eligibility criteria for organisations who may be included as 'donation partners' on the reverse vending machine network forming part of Return and Earn, the NSW Container Deposit Scheme.

Different eligibility criteria apply to:

- Major donation partners who will appear across the entire statewide RVM network, and
- Local donation partners who will appear on a localised basis within a town, suburb, municipality or similar region.

Organisations applying to be **Major Donation Partners** for inclusion on a statewide basis must

- a) Be an organisation with an international, national or at least statewide presence in NSW and able to demonstrate a broad community benefit within their field of operations; and,
- b) Fulfill at least one of the following eligibility criteria:
 - i. be currently registered as a charity in NSW (unless exempted under the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*); or
 - ii. have Deductible Gift Status with the Australian Taxation Office.

Organisations applying to be **Local Donation Partners** for inclusion on a localised basis should:

- a) Be an organisation with a predominantly local presence that can demonstrate a broad community benefit within the CDS zone or the municipal area in which the proposed RVMs are located; and,
- b) Fulfill at least one of the following eligibility criteria:
 - i. be currently registered as a charity in NSW (unless exempted under the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*); or
 - ii. have Deductible Gift Status with the Australian Taxation Office; or
 - iii. be a registered school (whether primary or secondary, government or private); or
 - iv. if a sporting club or other community, educational or environmental organisation, be incorporated as a not-for-profit organisation (either under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009* or as a company limited by guarantee) and further, if a sporting club, demonstrate an affiliation with a recognised state sporting organisation.

In addition, the following eligibility criteria apply to **all** organisations seeking to be a **donation partner of any kind**. A donation partner must:

- a) must be a not-for-profit entity;
- b) be willing to enter into TOMRA Cleanaway's standard form agreement for placement as a donation partner;
- c) demonstrate a willingness to use its own networks and resources to promote awareness of its presence on the RVM network and of the Return and Earn Scheme to mutual advantage.
- d) have been operating for at least three years;

- e) be reputable and of good standing in the community;
- f) not be a political party or an organisation associated with current political issues or political activism;
- g) not be associated with gambling, wagering, illegal drugs, tobacco or smoking as a primary source of their income;
- h) not be associated with any illegal or criminal activity; and,
- i) not be associated with any activity or publicity that could bring the Return & Earn scheme or any of its stakeholders into controversy or disrepute.