

AVA NEWSLETTER

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Single use cup levy – what you need to know



A 20p – 25p point of purchase single use cup levy is on its way!

Momentum is building with Ireland introducing legislation to impose a 20 cent consumer levy on every single use cup at point of purchase and Scotland reinstating its 'Expert Panel on Charges and Other Measures' (EPECOM) to review how to introduce cup charges.

Meanwhile, Defra is proposing a mandatory take-back scheme whilst 'reserving the right' to impose a single use beverage cup charge, Northern Ireland's DAERA are considering an outright ban or a 25p per cup charge and Wales has included the option in its 'Beyond Recycling' proposals.

The AVA will be fighting your corner – but, as Members, you can take action too. Come along to AVA Live: On The Road to find out more.

Dates for your Diary

15th June 2022: AVA Live: On the Road @ EVOCA & AVA AGM

Free to all members, AVA Live: *On the Road* will be the first chance to hear about our new 2021 AVA Census, find out the latest on proposed legislation and look at how we can address the unprecedented challenges currently facing the industry.

The AVA AGM will also provide the opportunity to hear more about the annual accounts, the state of the vending industry and an update on new AVA Board voting.

To find out more, visit our [events calendar](#)

Hot Topic: Level 3 Apprenticeship - Drinks Dispense & Vending Technician Course



The Drinks Dispense Technician apprenticeship course – run by the City of Wolverhampton College – is the first Vending & Dispense focussed course in the UK – and helps individuals develop the skills they need to take on this role and train our next generation for a future career in the sector.

The apprenticeship scheme attracts government funding to train young people in specific job-focussed skills. There are two ways in which companies can take on have an apprentice. In some parts of the country local colleges are keen to encourage apprenticeships and they have offered to tailor courses to the needs of companies.

Several vending operators have benefited from such courses with some travel and accommodation subsidised – meaning that the cost to an employer to enter their employee in the course is just £400 of the overall cost of £8,000. The course runs for a total of 13 months, with one week every six months at the college.

You can find out more about the course [here](#).



The Guardian:

- [A day in the life of almost every vending machine in the world](#)

Vending Media:

- [The AVA reacts to the Spring Statement](#)
- [Advice from the AVA](#) (page 8) & ['What's next for the to-go market?'](#) – (page 19)

Other Media:

- Ecommerce Age: [How retailers can deliver 'everything now' with the IoT](#)
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