

# Return Your Beer - A Simple Guide



The British Beer & Pub Association, the leading trade association representing brewers and pubs, has launched a cross-industry platform to enable spoilt draught beer and cider to be safely destroyed in pubs and millions of pounds in excise duty to be reclaimed. They have been overwhelmed by the response with over 8000 users registering and 4000 claims in the first week of launch in June so it is important to make your claim.

## **How do you claim?**

Visit [www.returnyourbeer.co.uk](http://www.returnyourbeer.co.uk) You will need to pre-register because of the scale and complexity of the process.

## **How long do I have to claim?**

The website will be open for as long as necessary, estimated six months from on-trade re-opening. The earlier you submit your claim the better.

## **Can you submit more than one claim?**

Yes, you will be allowed to make multiple claims once the site is updated.

## **What are the Delivery and Expiry Date Restrictions?**

These were decided collectively by the brewers and the BBPA, so you are unable to claim for kegs delivered prior to March or ones that expire after July. These terms may differ for Cider.

## **Can a claim be edited or cancelled?**

No, you will have to submit another claim for any missed kegs.

## **How long will it take online?**

Due to the high demand there may be intermittent issues at peak times. A latest update dashboard is available on the site so you can keep up to date.

## **How will I know if my brewer is in the scheme?**

There is a drop-down list of all brewers and the kegs belonging to each.

## **How will duty payments be made to you?**

Each brewer has its own policy with regard to how duty payments will be made to you. These policies will be communicated to you as part of the duty reclaim process.

## **Why you need to share the original Excise Duty payment information?**

HMRC impose strict guidelines on evidencing the original excise duty payment. You therefore need to provide this information in order to recover the duty you have paid.

## **Can you destroy my kegs once my claim is submitted?**

No, you must wait for the brewer to contact you to confirm you can destroy the kegs. Destroying any product without authorisation could adversely affect your claim.



Make sure you reclaim the excise duty on spoilt draught beer and cider by visiting  
[www.returnyourbeer.co.uk](http://www.returnyourbeer.co.uk)