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# It's in the bag Queensland

From 1 July

it's illegal for QLD stores to  
provide single-use lightweight  
plastic shopping bags

**THE QLD BAG BAN EXPLAINED**

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The Queensland Government will enforce a state-wide ban on single-use lightweight plastic shopping bags from 1 July 2018. The ban applies to all stores in Queensland including takeaway food, markets and online stores.

## WHAT BAGS ARE BANNED?

The ban will apply to ALL single-use lightweight plastic shopping bags less than 35 microns thick, including biodegradable, degradable and compostable plastic shopping bags.



## WHAT BAGS ARE ALLOWED?

Cardboard, paper, woven, fabric and heavyweight reusable plastic bags are allowed. Barrier bags used for fresh produce are also allowed.

## IS THE BAN OPTIONAL?

No. Retailers who supply banned bags after 1 July could face fines of over \$6000 per offence. Please understand that retailers cannot provide you with a banned bag, regardless of whether it is new or recycled, and regardless of whether it is their bag.

## WHY ARE SOME STORES CHARGING FOR BAGS?

Alternative bags like paper, fabric and thick plastic are up to 1000 times more expensive than lightweight plastic bags. Some retailers may incorporate the cost of bags into their products, while some may introduce an optional charge for these bags.

## HOW CAN I PREPARE?

The easiest way to prepare for the bag ban is to start remembering to bring reusable bags with you every time you shop.

## HOW CAN I HELP MY LOCAL RETAILERS?

Retailers of all sizes and types are preparing for the bag ban - from sourcing new bags to changing equipment to training their staff - and it may take some time for us all to adjust. Please be patient with retail staff during this transition.

# FIND OUT MORE

**INFO FOR CUSTOMERS:**

[www.qld.gov.au/plasticbagban](http://www.qld.gov.au/plasticbagban)

**INFO FOR RETAILERS:**

[www.qldbaggban.com.au](http://www.qldbaggban.com.au)