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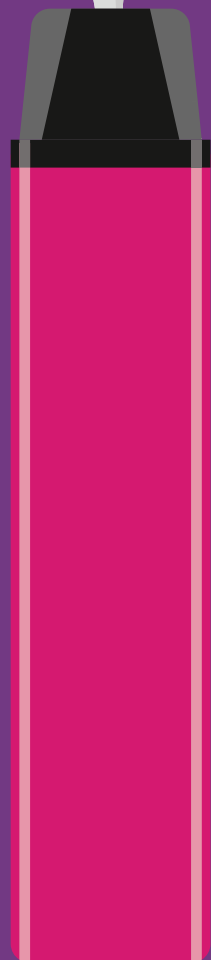
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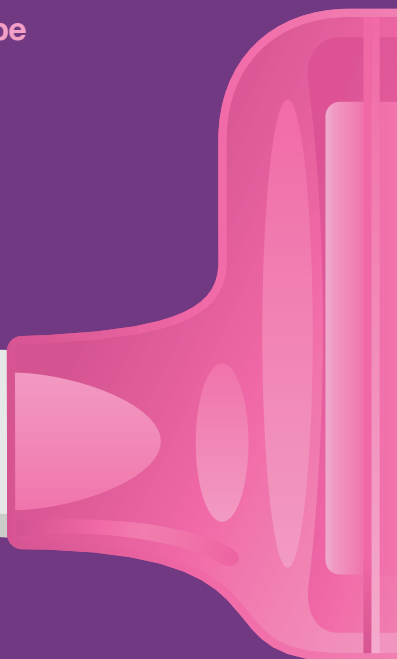
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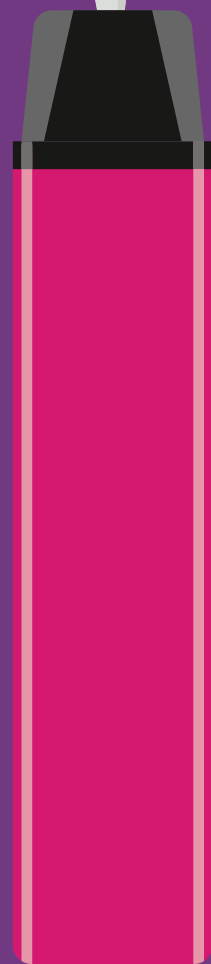
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# How to tell if a vape is single-use or reusable

From 1 June 2025, it will be **illegal for businesses to sell or supply all single-use or 'disposable' vapes** (or have them in their possession for sale or supply).

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## What is a single-use vape

A single-use or disposable vape is a product that's not designed to be reused. For a vape to be considered reusable, it must be both:

- **refillable**
- **rechargeable**

A vape is not considered rechargeable if it has a:

- **battery you cannot recharge**
- **coil you cannot buy separately and easily replace**

The coil is the part of the heating element used to vaporize the e-liquid. With a reusable vape, you may be able to directly remove and replace the coil, or remove and replace the pod or cartridge in which the coil is encased.

A vape is not considered refillable if:

- **it has a single-use container, such as a pre-filled pod, that you cannot buy separately and replace**
- **you cannot refill the tank or pod**

## What is a reusable vape

To be reusable, a vape must:

- **have a battery you can recharge**
- **be refillable with vape liquid**

If the vape has a coil, it must be one that can be replaced by an average user – this includes any part of the product that heats or generates a vapour.

The vape may be refilled by either:

- **filling up the tank or cartridge with e-liquid**
- **inserting new pre-filled pods**

Refills (pods or vape liquid refill bottles) should be separately available for users to buy.

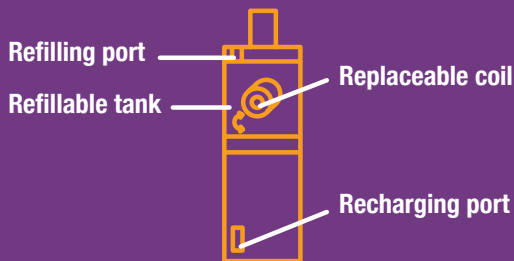


Fig 1 - A reusable vaping device, which includes a refillable tank

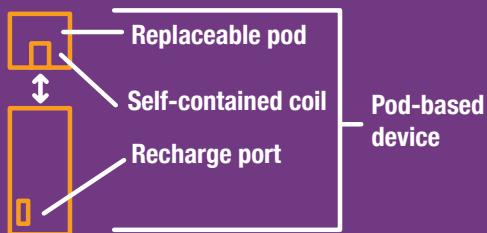


Fig 2 - A reusable vaping device which requires pre-filled pods

If the vape has a coil, it may be replaced by either:

- removing and replacing it
- removing and replacing a pod or tank that contains it

The coil (whether part of a replacement pod or tank, or not) should be separately available to buy.

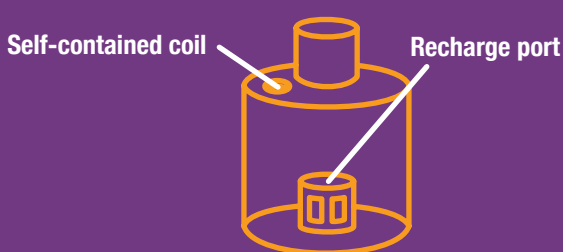


Fig 3 - A refillable tank with a replaceable coil

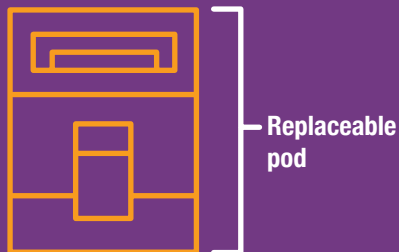


Fig 4 - A replaceable pod with an embedded coil

By law, you'll need to be able to demonstrate during any inspection that an average user can **separately buy individual refill items** (including pods or e-liquid refill bottles) for the vaping items you stock. You can do this by providing these items in your shop or online store.



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