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# Brazil



**Close relations with strong trade and investment ties.**

### Key engagement

Trade and investment, resources and energy, education-related services, agriculture and water management, research and innovation, people-to-people links.

### Outlook

Opportunities for enhanced economic engagement with Brazil, including in education, agriculture, resources and energy, and education.

### Bilateral relations

Australia and Brazil established diplomatic relations in 1945, celebrating 75 years in 2020. In 1946, Brazil opened a legation in Canberra and Australia opened an Embassy in Rio De Janeiro, its first in Latin America. Australia now has an Embassy in Brasilia, a Consulate General in Sao Paulo and an Honorary Consul in Rio de Janeiro.

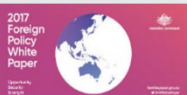
Brazil has an Embassy in Canberra, a Consulate-General in Sydney, and Honorary Consuls in Adelaide, Brisbane, Darwin, Hobart, Melbourne, and Perth.

Australia and Brazil cooperate on a range of issues of mutual interest such as agricultural trade reform through the Cairns Group and the WTO. People-to-people links are growing rapidly. Brazilians now form the largest migrant group from Latin America resident in Australia.

### Foreign relations

Australia and Brazil are members of the WTO, IMF, ITU, World Bank, Cairns Group, G20, IMO and United Nations.

Brazil is a member of Mercosur, Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa), IBSA (India, Brazil, South Africa), Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC), the Organization of American States (OAS), and the BASIC group in climate change negotiations (Brazil, South Africa, India, China).



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### FAST FACTS



Brazilian visitors to Australia ([2020 Dept of Home Affairs](#)) # 13,100



Australian visitors to Brazil (primary destination ([2020 Dept of Home Affairs](#)) # 8,600



Resident Australian population born in Brazil ([2016 Census](#)) 27,625



Australian residents of Brazilian descent ([2016 Census](#)) 21,353



Brazilian students in Australia ([2020 Dept of Education](#)) 21,531

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## High level engagement

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| 2021 | October – Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Tehan met Foreign Minister Carlos Franca in Paris (OECD MCM side-meeting).      |
| 2021 | May- Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Tehan spoke with Foreign Minister Carlos França (virtual meeting).                   |
| 2020 | May – Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Women Marise Payne spoke with Foreign Minister Ernesto Araújo (virtual meeting). |
| 2020 | January – 41 <sup>st</sup> Cairns Group Ministerial.   |
| 2019 | September – Brazilian Parliamentary delegation visited Australia.  |
| 2019 | August – Ministry of Infrastructure delegation visit to Australia  |
| 2019 | July – Secretary of Ministry of Mining visited Australia for LADU  |
| 2018 | September – Australian Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific Anne Ruston visited Florianopolis, Brazil    |
| 2018 | July – Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management David Littleproud visited São Paulo                                |
| 2018 | April – Australian Parliamentary delegation visited Brazil   |
| 2018 | March – Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Steven Ciobo visited Brazil   |

## Public diplomacy

In 2020, Brazil was the largest source of international students in Australia outside of Asia and fifth largest globally. There are more than 110 active agreements between Australian education institutions and Brazilian governments and institutions. Ongoing engagement with Brazilian alumni in 2020-2021 included two series of virtual workshops.

The [Council on Australia-Latin America Relations \(COALAR\)](#) provides grants to enhance Australia's economic, political and social relations with Latin America.

Through the [Direct Aid Program \(DAP\)](#), the Australian Government provides financial support to a range of projects in Brazil. In 2020-21, DAP projects focused on the COVID-19 pandemic response in the areas of education, empowering women and supporting refugee communities.

## Economic diplomacy

Brazil is one of Australia's largest trading partners in Latin America, with [two-way trade in goods and services reaching \\$2,633 million \(2020\)](#). Its size and diversity continue to make Brazil a compelling case for trade and investment.



## Agreements with Brazil

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| 2020 | MoU on research cooperation (DESE-CONFAP)  |
| 2019 | MoU on agricultural science cooperation (CSIRO-Embrapa)                          |
| 2018 | MoU on Water Cooperation   |
| 2017 | Science, Technology and Innovation Agreement                                     |
| 2016 | MoU with the State of Sao Paulo on environment                                   |
| 2015 | MoU between the Department of Education and Brazil Federal Ministry of Education |
| 2012 | Australia-Brazil Strategic Partnership   |
| 2010 | MoU for the Establishment of an Enhanced Partnership                             |
| 2010 | MoU on Cooperation on Major Sporting Events                                      |
| 2010 | <a href="#">Air Services Agreement</a>   |

More than half of Australia's foreign direct investment in Latin America is in Brazil and it is Australia's largest export market in the region.

The Australian Embassy in Brasilia is focused on promoting two-way investment and trade in goods and services, addressing non-tariff barriers to trade, and increasing science/technology and innovation links. Further economic and trade information can be found in our [Economic Factsheet](#) for Brazil.

## Business

There are over 75 Australian companies with a presence in Brazil, around one quarter of which are ASX200 listed. Brazil's world-class agribusiness sector, large food and beverage industry, and growing energy, mining, technology and research sectors offer opportunities to expand bilateral trade and investment. Further information is available in the [Brazil Market Insight](#).

The [Austrade office in Sao Paulo](#) aims to attract foreign direct investment, identify market opportunities and promote Australian exporters and education providers.

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