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# The Bahamas



## Historical, social and sporting links.

### Key engagement

Pursuit of common interests in multilateral fora and the Commonwealth.

### Outlook

Export and investment opportunities exist for Australian businesses, particularly in tourism and related supplies and services.

## Bilateral relations

Australia and The Bahamas established diplomatic relations in 1974.

Australia's High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago has non-resident accreditation to The Bahamas and Australia maintains an Honorary Consul in Nassau.

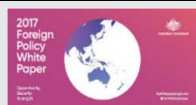
The Bahamas does not have official diplomatic representation in Australia.

### Foreign relations

Australia and The Bahamas are members of the Commonwealth, the WTO and the UN. As at October 2019, Australia and The Bahamas are jointly serving on the Human Rights Council, International Maritime Organization Council and International Telecommunication Union Council.

The Bahamas is a member of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and other regional organisations, including The Association of Caribbean States.

It is a member of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) grouping, which includes small island states in the Caribbean, Pacific and Indian Oceans.



Foreign Policy White Paper:  
<https://www.fpwhitepaper.gov.au>

## FAST FACTS



Bahamian visitors to Australia ([2019 Dept of Home Affairs](#)) # 400



Australian visitors to The Bahamas (primary destination ([2019 Dept of Home Affairs](#)) # 800



Resident Australian population born in The Bahamas ([2016 Census](#)) 250



Australian residents of Caribbean descent ([2016 Census](#)) 3,650



Bahamian students in Australia ([2019 Dept of Education](#)) 5

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## High level engagement

2017 July – Foreign Minister Julie Bishop met The Bahamas Foreign Minister Darren Henfield at the CARICOM Leader’s Summit in Grenada.



## Agreements with The Bahamas

2017 [MoU on Air Services](#)  
2010 [Tax Information Exchange Agreement](#)

## Public diplomacy

Australia provides core funding to the World Food Program and the United Nations’ Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF). UN Agencies allocated urgent emergency assistance to The Bahamas in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian in 2019.

## Economic diplomacy

The Australian Government supports Australian investors in The Bahamas by providing support and advice on political, economic and regulatory environments.

Further economic and trade information can be found in our [Economic Factsheet](#) for The Bahamas.

## Business

Austrade’s Mexico City Office aims to attract foreign direct investment from The Bahamas into Australia, identifies market opportunities in The Bahamas, and promotes the capabilities of Australian exporters and education providers.

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