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# Trinidad and Tobago



**Shared international perspectives, sporting links and people-to-people ties.**

## Key engagement

Australia's largest trade and investment partner in the Caribbean, we share common interests in multilateral fora and the Commonwealth.

## Outlook

Export and investment opportunities exist in many sectors, including oil and gas, maritime transport, tourism and creative industries.

## Bilateral relations

Australia and Trinidad and Tobago formally established diplomatic relations in 1974.

Australia opened its first office - a trade commission - in Port of Spain in 1951. In July 2004, the Australian High Commission moved to Port of Spain.

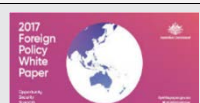
Trinidad and Tobago has no formal diplomatic representation in Australia.

## Foreign relations

Australia and Trinidad and Tobago are members of the Commonwealth, World Trade Organisation (WTO), United Nations (UN), and United Nations organisations

Trinidad and Tobago is a member of the Organization of American States (OAS), Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Association of Caribbean States (ACS), the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States and other regional organisations.

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



Trinidadian and Tobagonian visitors to Australia ([2019 Dept of Home Affairs](#)) # **600**



Australian visitors to Trinidad and Tobago (primary destination [2019 Dept of Home Affairs](#)) # **200**



Resident Australian population born in Trinidad and Tobago ([2016 Census](#)) **1,513**



Australian residents of Trinidadian and Tobagonian descent ([2016 Census](#)) **985**



Trinidadian and Tobagonian students in Australia ([2019 Dept of Education](#)) **23**

## Australian High Commission in Trinidad and Tobago

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## High level engagement

2018	September – President Paula-Mae Weekes visited Brisbane for a Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges’ Conference.
2018	May - Prime Minister Rowley, Foreign Minister Moses and National Security Minister Young visited Australia and met Prime Minister Turnbull, Foreign Minister Bishop, Trade Minister Ciobo and Defence Minister Payne.
2018	April – Prime Minister Turnbull met Trinidad & Tobago Prime Minister Rowley at the London CHOGM
2017	July – Foreign Minister Bishop met Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Rowley and Foreign Minister Moses at the CARICOM Leader’s Summit in Grenada.



## Agreements with Trinidad and Tobago

There are no bilateral agreements between Australia and Trinidad and Tobago

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

### Austrade

<https://www.austrade.gov.au/contact/offices>

## Public diplomacy

The Australian High Commission hosts regular public diplomacy events in Trinidad and Tobago.

In 2020, a reception in celebration of Australia Day hosted at the High Commissioner’s residence, showcased Australia’s strong relations with the Caribbean and recent achievements to a broad range of stakeholders including high-level government officials and the business community.

## Economic diplomacy

The Australian Government supports significant Australian investors in Trinidad and Tobago and provides advice on political, economic and regulatory environments.

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

## Business

Export and investment opportunities exist in many sectors, including oil and gas, maritime transport, tourism and creative industries. BHP is Australia's largest investor in Trinidad and Tobago, accounting for approximately 10% of Trinidad and Tobago’s oil and gas production.

Australian consultant engineering firm Worley has a twenty-year presence in the Caribbean. Its office in Trinidad and Tobago works closely with major oil and gas companies.

The Trinidad and Tobago Government has purchased fast ferries from Australian companies Austal and Incat, and Cape Class Patrol Boats from Austal, due to be delivered in 2020/21.



Travel

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