

Introduction

Australia or the Commonwealth of Australia is located in the Oceania region, consisting of the mainland of the Australian continent, the island of Tasmania, and several other smaller islands. Australia or the Commonwealth of Australia is the world's sixth-largest country by total area. Located between the Indian and Pacific oceans, the country is approximately 4,000 km from east to west and 3,200 km from north to south, with a coastline 36,735 km long. Australia has maintained a stable liberal democratic political system that functions as a federal parliamentary democracy and constitutional monarchy comprising six states and several territories.



Note: Representative Map

Population

Australians come from a rich variety of cultural, ethnic, linguistic and religious background. While Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the original inhabitants of the land, immigrants from about 200 countries also call Australia home. Until the 1970s, the majority of immigrants to Australia came from Europe. These days Australia receives many more immigrants from Asia, and since 1996 the number of immigrants from Africa and the Middle East has almost doubled¹.

As per the census of 2015, the total population of Australia was around 23,856,200. The most populous states are New South Wales and Victoria, with their respective capitals, Sydney and Melbourne, the largest cities in Australia.

Economy

Known as one of the great agricultural, mining and energy producers, Australia has one of the world's most open and varied economies, with a highly educated workforce and an extensive services sector. Underpinning Australia's strong economy is its open and transparent trade and investment environment, business-friendly regulatory approach and its trade and economic links with emerging economies, particularly in Asia.

Australia's economy is considered one of the strongest, most stable and diverse in the world. In 2014, Australia entered its 23rd year of uninterrupted annual economic growth, averaging 3.4 per cent a year. The services sector is the largest part of the Australian economy, accounting for around three-quarters of gross domestic product and four out of five jobs. Australia is an important and growing financial centre, with a sophisticated financial services sector and strong regulation.

¹ Available at <http://dfat.gov.au/about-australia/land-its-people/Pages/population.aspx>

Key Economic Indicators of Australia during 2015

GDP	
PPP	\$1.489 trillion
Real growth rate	2.4%
Per capita	\$65,400
Composition	agriculture: 3.7% industry: 28.9% services: 67.4% %
International Trade	
Export	\$184.4 billion
Major Export Item	coal, iron ore, gold, meat, wool, alumina, wheat, machinery and transport equipment
Major Export partner	China, Japan, South Korea, USA
Import	\$208.4 billion
Major Import Items	machinery and transport equipment, computers and office machines, telecommunication equipment and parts; crude oil and petroleum products
Major Import partner	China US, Japan, Singapore, Germany, South Korea, Malaysia , Thailand

Source: CIA Fact book

This is a well established fact that Australia is one of the stable and developed economies in the world. The major agricultural produce of Australia are wheat, barley, sugarcane, fruits; cattle, sheep, poultry, while the major contributors of the industry are mining, industrial and transportation equipment, food processing, chemicals, steel.

Along with the domestic economy, external sector of Australia is also performing well. The total trade volume of Australia during 2015 was around 293.8 billion USD. India is also a big trading partner of Australia. India exported US\$ 2782.13 Million of goods and services to Australia during 2014-15 while imported US\$ 310338.48 million during the same time period. The value of Indian handicrafts export to Australia was US\$ 60.5 million in 2014-2015 which was 2.17 percent share of the export to Argentina.

Trade Policy²

Australia, one of the most open economies in the world, has performed well relative to many other advanced economies due, inter alia, to its broadly appropriate macroeconomic policy mix. Following a period of expansion resulting from the boom in mining investment driven by improved terms of trade, which reached a historic peak in 2011, growth slowed down to below its trend rate of 3%. As resource investment peaked and the terms of trade

² Available at https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tpr_e/s312_sum_e.pdf

declined, the economy entered a transition period towards mining production and exports as well as to broader-based drivers of activity in non-resources sectors. Australia's declining position among the most competitive economies in the world reflects only minor improvements in average multi-factor productivity (MFP).

The tariff remains one of Australia's main trade policy instruments, albeit a minor source of tax revenue. As a result of the introduction of the HS2012 tariff nomenclature, the average applied MFN tariff rate dropped slightly, from 3.1% in 2010 to 3% in 2014. Unilateral reductions on apparel and certain finished textile articles were implemented at the beginning of 2015. Some 96% of applied MFN tariff rates continue to be in the range zero to 5%. In line with long-standing, though decreasing, sectoral support to textiles, clothing and footwear (TCF) and passenger motor vehicles (PMV), the applied MFN tariff rates on the latter products (PMV) remain considerably higher than the average. The tariff structure has remained unchanged. Most tariff rates (99.7%) are ad valorem, which contributes to the transparency of the tariff. By contrast, the few non-ad valorem rates tend to conceal relatively high tariff rates, particularly those on used vehicles, although these seem to be rarely applied. The pattern of tariff escalation remains unchanged, which means that effective rates of MFN tariff protection can be considerably higher than nominal rates. Some 97% of tariff lines are bound, thereby imparting a high degree of predictability to the tariff. However, applied MFN tariff rates continue to fall short of bound rates by an average of about 7 percentage points and up to 55 percentage points for clothing items. While the consequent gap between bound and applied MFN rates provides considerable scope for the authorities to increase applied tariffs within bindings, this has not occurred.

INDIA'S EXPORTS OF HANDICRAFTS TO AUSTRALIA (2013-2015)

<i>US\$ Mil</i>				
Sl. no	Items	2013-2014	2014-15	Growth rate
1.	Wood wares	15.64	16.68	7.7
2.	Imitation jewellery	5.78	4.37	-23.5
3.	Artmetal ware	8.61	10.76	26.3
	Shawls as art ware	0.03	0.04	23.8
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4.	Hand knitted and crocheted goods/ Embroiders	10.05	13.66	37.4
8.	Hand printed textiles and scarves	1.24	0.81	-33.7
9.	Miscellaneous items	10.83	14.18	32.3
	Total	52.18	60.50	17.2

Source- DGCI&S Kolkata

Australia

SL No	ITEMS	DETAILS
1	LOCATION OF COUNTRY	Australia or the Commonwealth of Australia is located in the Oceania region, consisting of the mainland of the Australian continent, the island of Tasmania, and several other smaller islands.
2	GOVERNMENT & ADMINISTRATION	Federal parliamentary democracy and a Commonwealth realm
3	HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT	Mr. Malcolm Turnbull, Prime Minister
4	CAPITAL OF THE COUNTRY	Canberra
5	CLIMATE AND TEMPERATURE	Generally arid to semiarid; temperate in south and east; tropical in north
6	TIME	UTC/GMT is 09:10
7	ECONOMIC REGION/ZONE	Oceania
8	NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES	Indonesia, East Timor, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Zealand
9	AREA COVERED	7,741,220 sq km
10	OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	English
11	LANGUAGE SPOKEN	Tasmanian languages, Torres Strait Island languages
12	POPULATION in 2015	23,856,200
13	RELIGION	Anglican (17.1%), Other Christian (18.7%), Buddhism (2.5%), Islam (2.2%), Hinduism (1.3%), Other Non-Christians (1.2%), No Religion (22.3%), Not stated or unclear (9.4%)
14	ELECTRICITY SUPPLY SYSTEM - VOLTAGE	230 Volts , 50 Hz
15	AIRPORTS	480
17	PORTS AND TERMINALS	22
18	MAJOR PORTS	Brisbane, Cairns, Darwin, Fremantle, Geelong, Gladstone, Hobart, Melbourne, Newcastle, Port Adelaide, Port Kembla, Sydney
19	GDP PER CAPITA	\$65,400
20	CURRENCY	Australian dollar (AUD)
21	EXCHANGE RATE	1 US\$= 1.32 AUD (As on March 2016)
22	LABOUR FORCE	12.37 million
23	AIRPORTS AND PORTS	major seaport(s): Brisbane, Cairns, Darwin, Fremantle, Geelong, Gladstone, Hobart, Melbourne, Newcastle, Port Adelaide, Port Kembla, Sydney dry bulk cargo port(s): Dampier (iron ore), Dalrymple Bay (coal), Hay Point (coal), Port Hedland (iron ore), Port Walcott (iron ore) container port(s) (TEUs): Brisbane (1,004,983), Melbourne

		(2,467,967), Sydney (2,028,074)(2011) LNG terminal(s) (export): Darwin, Karratha, Burrup, Curtis Island
24	RIVERS	Murray River, Darling River, Lachlan River, Warrego River Murrumbidgee River, Cooper Creek
25	MAJOR STATES	There are six states in Australia: New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia
27	BUSINESS CITIES	Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Brisbane
28	INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	<p>India - Australia Chamber of Commerce Grace Building", IV Floor No.25, McNichols Road Chetpet, Chennai-600 031. INDIA T: 91-44-2836 1285 F: 91-44-2836 3287 trade@indoaustchamber.com / admin@indoaustchamber.com www.indoaustchamber.com</p> <p>Australian Trade Commission Austrade Melbourne Level 3 60 Collins Street Melbourne VIC 3000 Australia Tel: 13 28 78 Email: info@austrade.gov.au www.austrade.gov.au</p> <p>Australian Trade Commission New Delhi, India Australian High Commission 1/50 G, Shanti Path Chanakyapuri, New Delhi - 110 021 India Tel: +91 11 4575 6200 Fax: +91 11 4149 4491 Email: india@austrade.gov.au</p> <p>Australia India Business Council (AIBC) PO Box 6410 Halifax Street Adelaide, SA 5000 Telephone 1300 176 684 Facsimile 1300 178 892 Email secretariat@aibc.org.au www.aibc.org.au</p> <p>Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Level 2, 150 Collins Street MELBOURNE VIC 3000, PO Box 18008 Collins Street East MELBOURNE VIC 8003 www.acci.asn.au</p>
29	HOLIDAYS - NATIONAL/PUBLIC	1 st January, New Year day 26 th January Australia Day Good Friday Easter Saturday

		Easter Monday 25th April Anzac Day 13 th June Queen's Birthday 25 th December Christmas Day
30	HIGH COMMISSION OF AUSTRALIA IN INDIA	Australian High Commission. Ms Harinder Sidhu Ambassador Address 1/50 G, Shantipath, Chanakyapuri New Delhi 110021 Ph: +91 11- 4139 9900 Fax: +91 11- 2687 2228 Web:- www.india.highcommission.gov.au Email: ahc.newdelhi@dfat.gov.au
31	HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA IN AUSTRALIA	The High Commission of India Mr. Navdeep Suri Ambassador Address: 3 Moonah Place Yarralumla Cberra, Act-2600 ociinfo.inau@vfshelpline.com Ph- +61 2 82239909 (Mon to Fri, 9:00 - 03:30 PM)
32	TRAVEL INFORMATION	Australian Tourism http://www.australia.com/en Address: 1/50 G, Shantipath, Chanakyapuri New Delhi 110021 Email: ahc.newdelhi@dfat.gov.au
33	PLACES OF TOUISTS INTEREST	Adelaide, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Gold Coast, Alice springs and many more
34	TRADE FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS HELD RELATED TO HANDICRAFTS	THE STITCHES & CRAFT SHOW - SYDNEY Sydney's Craft and Sewing Show. The Sydney Craft & Sewing Show will enable you to meet thousands of buyers each day & establish qualified mailing lists, make sales, raise the profile of your business, launch new products and services
		National 4x4 & Outdoors Show, Fishing & Boating Expo Brisbane Brisbane 4x4 Outdoors Show, Fishing & Boating Expo. The National 4x4 Outdoors Show is a leading event for the 4WD industry, also featuring off-road camper trailers, tents, awnings, barbeques, camping products, Fishing and Boating
		CRAFT & QUILT FAIR - PERTH Australia's favourite Craft & Quilt Fair. Perth Craft & Quilt Fair exhibitors show handmade crafts, workshops & latest products for stamping, scrapbooking, knitting, crochet, cardmaking, embroidery, sewing, quilting, jewellery-making & more
		TIMBER AND WORKING WITH WOOD SHOW - BRISBANE Australia's Largest Showcase of Products and Services for the

	Woodworking and Timber Industries
	BUYER SELLER MEET MELBOURNE/SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA
	International Sourcing Expo, Melbourne Australia, November 2016

Tariff applicable in Australia in 2015

ITC HS Code	Description	Australia	
		MFN rate	Preferential rate
330190	ATTARS OF ALL KINDS IN FIXED OIL BASE	0	
330741	AGARBATTI" & OTHR ODORIFEROUS PRPNS WHICH OPERATE BY BURNING	0	
330749	OTHER ODORIFEROUS PRPNS USD FOR DEODORIZING ROOM (EXCL AGARBATTI)	5	
340600	CANDLES	5	
392310	WATCHBOX JEWELLERY BOX AND SIMILAR CONTAINER OF PLASTICS	5	
441400	WOODEN FRAMES FOR PAINTING, PHOTOGRAPHS, MIRRORS OR SIMILAR OBJECTS	5	4
441900	TABLEWARE	5	4
442010	STATUTES & OTHER ORNAMENTS OF WOOD	5	4
442090	WOOD MARQUETRY & INLAID WOOD	5	4
442190	PARTS OF DOMESTIC DECORATIVE ARTICLES USED AS TABLEWARE & KITCHENWARE	5	4
460120	COIR MATS & MATTING BOUND IN PARALLEL STAND		
460199	PLNTS & SMLR PRDCTS OF PLATNG MATRLS PLATS& SMLR PRODCTS PLACD SIDE BY SIDE & BOUND TOGETHER IN FORM OF SHEETS (E.G.MATS ETC)	0	
460219	PALM LEAF BASKET ETC	0	
460211	BASKETWORK, WICKERWORK AND OTHER ARTICLES, OF BAMBOO.	0	
460212	BASKETWORK, WICKERWORK AND OTHER ARTICLES, OF RATTAN.		
630491	OTHER - FURNISHING ARTICLES, KNITTED/CROCHETED	5	
630790	DRESS MATERIAL HANDPRINTED OF SILK	5	
650400	HATS & OTHR HEADGEAR PLTD/MADE BY ASSMBLNG STRIPS OF ANY MATRLS W/N LIND/TRMMD	0	
650590	OTHER HEADGEAR, HATS, KNITTED / CROCHETED MADE UP FROM LACES ETC W/N LIND/TRMMD		
660200	WALKING STICKS, SEAT STICKS, WHIPS, RIDING CROPS, AND THE LIKE	0	
670100	FEATHERS DUSTERS		
670290	ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS ETC OF OTHER MATERIALS	0	
681599	OTHERS-OTHER ARTICLES OF STONES/OTHR MINRLS	5	4
691190	OTHERS -WATER FILTERS OF A CAPACITY NOT EXCEEDING 40 LTRS. OF PORCELAIN		

701328	OTHER - GLSSWR FR TBL KTCHN,TOLT,OFFC INDOR DCORTION (EXCL GOODS OF HDG NO 7010/7018)	5	4
701333	OF LEAD CRYSTAL		
701337	OTHERS -GLSSWR FR TBL KTCHN,TOLT,OFFC INDOR DCORTION (EXCL GOODS OF HDG NO 7010/7018)	5	4
701341	GLSSWR FR TBL KTCHN,TOLT,OFFC INDOR DCORTION (EXCL GOODS OF HDG NO 7010/7018)	0	
701349	GLSSWR FR TBL KTCHN,TOLT,OFFC INDOR DCORTION (EXCL GOODS OF HDG NO 7010/7018)	5	4
701391	OF LEAD CRYSTAL	0	
711711	CUFFLINGS AND STUDS	5	
711719	BANGLES	5	
711790	JEWELLERY STUDDED WITH IMITATION PERALS OR IMITATION OR SYN. STONES	5	
732392	OTHER HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES OF CAST IRON ENAMELLED	5	
732394	UTENSILS - OTHER HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES OF IRON (OTHER THAN CAST IRON)OR STEEL,ENAMELLED	5	
741810	OF EPNS	5	
761510	OTHER TABLE AND KITCHENWARE OF ALUMINIUM	5	
940330	CABINETWARE	5	
940350	BED STEAD	5	
940360	OTHER WOODEN FURNITURE	5	
940381	FURNTIURE OF WICKERWORK/BAMBOO		
940389	OTHER - FURNITURE OF OTHER MATERIALS, INCLUDING CANE, OSIER, BAMBOO PR SIMILAR MATERIALS	5	
940390	PARTS OF FURNITURES OF HEADING 9403	5	
940490	HANDMADE POUFFES/ ARTICLES OF BEDDING, CUSHIONS ETC	5	
940510	HANGNG LMPS COMPLETE FITNGS	5	
940530	LGHTNG SETS OF A KIND USD FR CHRISTMS TREE		
950510	ARICLES OF CHRISTMAS	5	
950590	OTHER MAGICAL EQUIPMENTS	5	
960190	WRKD MOTHR OF PEARL & ARTCLS THEROF	5	
960200	WORKED VEGETABLE CARVING MATERIAL & ARTICLES THEREOF	5	4.5
960310	BROOMS & BRUSHES,CONSTNG OF TWIGS/OTHR VGTBL MTRLS BOUND TOGTHR,WTH/WHT HNDLS	5	
960622	BUTTONS OF BASE METAL NOT COVERED WITH TEXTILE MATERIAL		
961400	SMOKING PIPES (INCLUDING PIPE BOWLS) & CIGARS AND CIGGERATE HOLDERS AND PARTS THEREOF	0	

970110	MADHUBANI PAINTINGS(ON TXTLS)	0	
970190	DOMESTIC ARTICLES OF WOOD HAND DECORATED	0	
970200	ORIGNL ENGRVNGS,PRNTS & LITHOGRPHS		
970300	ORIGINAL SCULPTURE & STATUARY IN METAL	0	
970500	STUFFED ANIMALS & BIRDS (TAXIDERMY)	0	
970600	ANTIQUES OF AN AGE EXCDNG ONE HUNDRED YRS	0	
420229	HANDBAGS OF OTHER MATERIALS EXCLUDING WICKER WORK OR BASKET WORK	0	
420231	JEWELLERY BOX - SURFACE OF LEATHER	5	4.5
420239	JEWELLERY BOX - OTHER SURFACE OF LEATHER	0	
480210	HAND MADE PAPER	0	
482390	PRODUCT CONSISTINGS OF SHEETS OF PAPER/ RBORD, IMPREGNGTED,COTED OR COVERED WITH PLASTICS	4.07	2.48
580430	HAND MADE LACE		
580500	HAND WOOVEN TAPESTRIES HAND MADE OR NEDDLE WORKED BY HAND, OF COTTON - EMBRODIERY	0	
580810	BRAIDS, IN PCS OTHER THAN OF COTTON	5	
581010	EMBORIDERY IN THE PIECE, IN STRIPS OR IN MOTIFS - EMBRODIERY WITHOUT VISIBLE GROUND	5	
581092	EMBROIDERY BADGES, MOTIFS AND THE LIKE	5	
581100	KANTHA - EMBROIDERY	5	
610431	ENSAMBLES OF WOOL OR FINE ANIMAL HAIR - CROCHETTED	5	
611710	SHAWLS OF WOOL	0	
640610	EMBROIDERED UPPERS OF TEXTILE MATERIALS	5	
691110	TABLEWARE OF BONE CHINA AND SHOFT PORCELAIN	5	
691200	CERAMIC TABLEWARE (E.G. OF IMITATION PORCELAIN/OR SEMI-PORCELAIN)	5	
691310	STATUETTES ETC OF PORCELAIN/CHINA	5	4
691390	OTHER STATUETTE ETC (EXCL OF PORCLAIN /CHINA	5	4
691410	OTHER CERMC ARTCLS OF PORCELAIN / CHINA	5	4
691490	OTHER CERMC ARTCLS EXCL OF PORCELAIN / CHINA	5	4
700992	OTHR GLASS MIRRORS, FRAMED	5	4
701810	BANGLES	0	
701890	GLASS STATUE OF OTHR ARTCLE OF HDG 7018	0	
702000	GLOBES FOR LAMPS & LANTERNS	2.5	
711311	SILVER FILLIGREE WORK	5	
741999	UTENSILS ARICLES OF COPPER ALLOYS ELECTROPLATED WITH NICKLE SILVER	5	
830621	OTHER ORNMNT PLTED WITH PRCS METAL	5	

830629	OTHR STATUETTES(EXCLUDING WORKS OF ART)	5	
830630	PHOTOGRPH,PICTURE/SMLR FRAMES,MIRORS	5	
830890	IMITATION ZARI SPANGLES	5	
920290	OTHER STRING MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	5	4
920590	FLUTES	0	
920600	PERCUSSION MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS (E.G. DRUMS, XYLOPHONES, CYMBOLS, CASTENETS, MARACAS)	5	0
940550	HURRICANE LANTERNS	2.5	
960899	PEN HOLDERS PENCIL HOLDERS AND SIMILAR HOLDERS		
830610	BELLS GONGS AND THE LIKE	5	
482370	ARTICLE OF PAPER MACHIE	5	
640320	KOLAPURI CHAPPALS AND SIMILAR FOOTWEAR	0	

Source: WIS, TRAINS