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## Solomon Islands

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# Country overview

This report provides an overview of Queensland's trade relationship with Solomon Islands. A summary of this trade relationship is below.

- Solomon Islands was the world's 174th largest economy, with an estimated Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of US\$1.4 billion (US\$2,270.8 per capita) in 2018
- Solomon Islands's GDP increased by an estimated 3.4% over 2018
- Solomon Islands's population was estimated at 0.6 million in 2018
- Solomon Islands was Queensland's 59th largest merchandise trading partner (exports plus imports) in 2018–19p
- Queensland's merchandise exports to Solomon Islands totalled A\$42.2 million in 2018–19p
- Queensland's merchandise imports from Solomon Islands totalled A\$4.8 million in 2018–19p
- There were 7,566 international visitors to Queensland from Solomon Islands in 2018–19
- There were 114 international student enrolments to Queensland from Solomon Islands in 2018

All trade data are reported to the nearest hundred thousand dollars. Percentages are based on unrounded figures.

This profile should be read in conjunction with the abbreviations and explanatory notes provided at the rear of the profile.

# Trade profile

## Merchandise exports – top destinations

These data are based on goods originating from Queensland that are exported overseas by country of final destination. The country of final destination is the country to which the goods are consigned and not necessarily the country where the goods are discharged. Values are reported in nominal terms (based on Australian dollars). Data in this profile topic are updated every six months with an approximate delay of 8 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in February 2020.

### Solomon Islands

In 2018–19p:

- Queensland's total merchandise export value of \$42.2 million
- 0.0% of Queensland's total merchandise exports and 32.9% of Australia's total merchandise exports with Solomon Islands
- 44th largest export destination for Queensland

In 2018–19p, Queensland's total merchandise exports trade with Solomon Islands was

**\$42.2 million**

**Table 1** Queensland's top merchandise export destinations, 2013–14 and 2018–19p

Country	2013–14			2018–19p		
	Rank	Value	Share of total Queensland exports	Rank	Value	Share of total Queensland exports
	number	\$m	%	number	\$m	%
China	1	11,569.2	25.8	1	28,658.3	32.9
Japan	2	8,599.1	19.2	2	12,180.8	14.0
India	4	4,663.3	10.4	3	10,693.7	12.3
Korea, Republic of	3	4,692.4	10.5	4	9,481.7	10.9
Taiwan	5	1,703.2	3.8	5	3,278.7	3.8
Solomon Islands	41	50.5	0.1	44	42.2	0.0

Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)



## Merchandise exports – time series

This topic details the latest six years of overseas exports of goods originating in Queensland. Values are reported in nominal terms (based on Australian dollars). Data in this profile topic are updated every six months with an approximate delay of 8 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in February 2020.

### Solomon Islands

- Queensland's total merchandise exports decreased by 1.7% or \$0.8 million, from \$43.0 million in 2017–18
- Queensland's total merchandise exports decreased by 16.3% or \$8.3 million, from \$50.5 million in 2013–14

Between 2017–18 and 2018–19p, Queensland's total merchandise exports trade with Solomon Islands decreased by

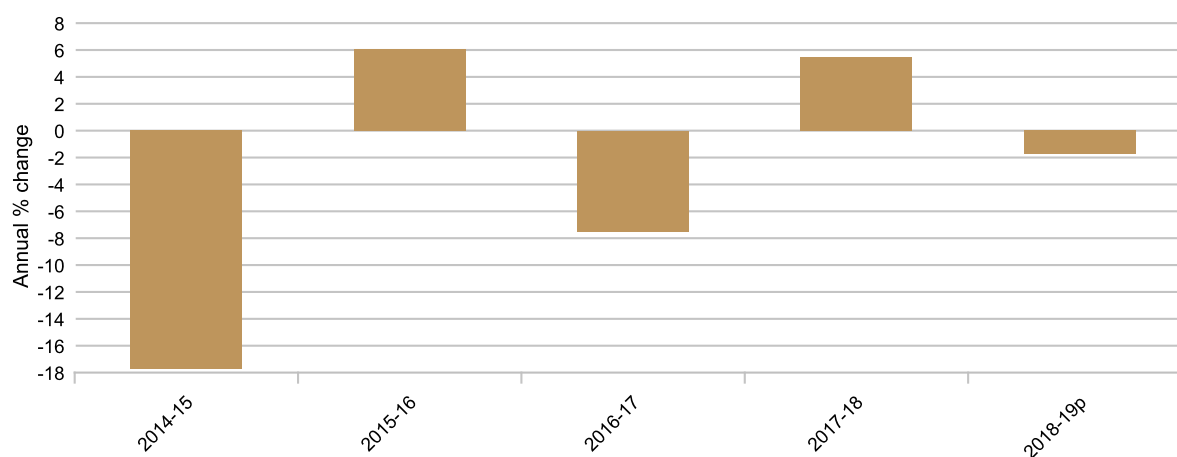
**1.7%**

**Table 2 Nominal value of merchandise exports to Solomon Islands**

Financial year	Queensland		Australia		Qld's share of Australia
	Value	Annual change	Value	Annual change	
	\$m	%	\$m	per cent	%
2013–14	50.5	-10.6	144.9	5.8	34.8
2014–15	41.5	-17.7	146.9	1.4	28.3
2015–16	44.1	6.1	137.0	-6.8	32.2
2016–17	40.8	-7.5	96.8	-29.3	42.1
2017–18	43.0	5.4	124.7	28.8	34.5
2018–19p	42.2	-1.7	128.4	2.9	32.9

Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

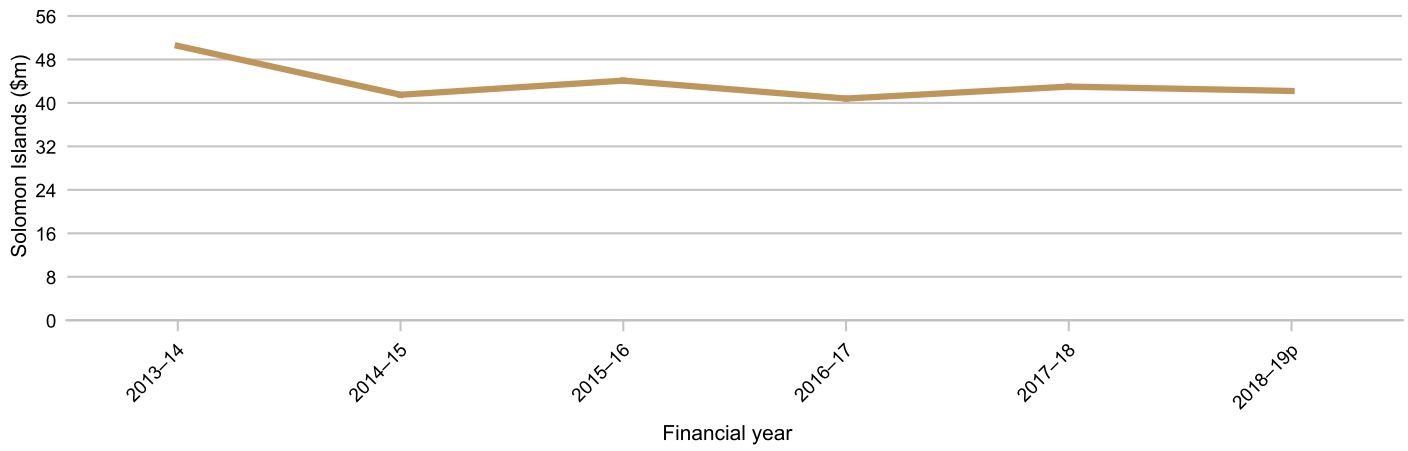
**Figure 1 Change in Queensland's merchandise exports, Solomon Islands**



Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

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**Figure 2 Queensland's merchandise exports, Solomon Islands**



Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

## Merchandise exports – top commodities

These data are based on goods originating from Queensland that are exported overseas by commodity. The commodity classification used is the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) revision 4 at the 2-digit level. Values are reported in nominal terms (based on Australian dollars). Data in this profile topic are updated every six months with an approximate delay of 8 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in February 2020.

In 2018–19p, Queensland's top merchandise export commodity to Solomon Islands was

**Special transactions  
& commodities not  
classified (\$8.8  
million)**

### Solomon Islands

- Other major export commodities in 2018–19p included Meat and meat preparations (\$4.3 million), Power generating machinery and equipment (\$3.6 million), Office machines and automatic data processing machines (\$2.6 million) and Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (\$2.5 million)

**Table 3 Queensland's top merchandise exports<sup>(a)</sup> to Solomon Islands**

Commodity	Financial year											
	2013–14		2014–15		2015–16		2016–17		2017–18		2018–19p	
	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%
Special transactions & commodities not classified	12.6	24.9	11.2	27.0	11.7	26.5	10.8	26.4	12.6	29.3	8.8	20.8
Meat and meat preparations	1.2	2.4	2.2	5.4	3.4	7.6	5.0	12.3	5.4	12.6	4.3	10.1
Power generating machinery and equipment	1.4	2.8	2.2	5.4	1.5	3.4	1.1	2.7	0.7	1.5	3.6	8.6
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	1.7	3.3	1.6	3.8	1.6	3.7	1.9	4.6	2.0	4.6	2.6	6.3
Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts	1.1	2.2	0.9	2.1	1.3	2.9	2.0	4.8	2.0	4.6	2.5	6.0
Other	32.5	64.3	23.4	56.3	24.6	55.9	20.0	49.1	20.4	47.4	20.3	48.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Based on overseas goods exports with the largest monetary value as at the latest available time period.

Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

## Merchandise imports – top origins

These data are based on goods lodged in Queensland that are imported from overseas by country of origin. Values are reported in nominal terms (based on Australian dollars). Data in this profile topic are updated every six months with an approximate delay of 8 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in February 2020.

In 2018–19p, Queensland's total merchandise imports trade with Solomon Islands was

**\$4.8 million**

### Solomon Islands

In 2018–19p:

- Queensland's total merchandise import value of \$4.8 million
- 0.0% of Queensland's total merchandise imports and 52.4% of Australia's total merchandise imports with Solomon Islands
- 77th largest origin of imports for Queensland

**Table 4 Queensland's top merchandise import origins, 2013–14 and 2018–19p**

Country	2013–14			2018–19p		
	Rank	Value	Share of total Queensland imports	Rank	Value	Share of total Queensland imports
	number	\$m	%	number	\$m	%
China	1	6,136.0	14.7	1	10,700.7	21.8
United States of America	3	4,229.6	10.1	2	5,734.0	11.7
Japan	2	4,285.5	10.2	3	4,995.7	10.2
Korea, Republic of	4	2,697.4	6.4	4	3,121.2	6.4
Thailand	6	2,390.4	5.7	5	3,065.0	6.3
Solomon Islands	69	5.9	0.0	77	4.8	0.0

Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)



## Merchandise imports – time series

This topic details the latest six years of overseas imports of goods lodged in Queensland. Values are reported in nominal terms (based on Australian dollars). Data in this profile topic are updated every six months with an approximate delay of 8 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in February 2020.

### Solomon Islands

- Queensland's total merchandise imports decreased by 23.8% or \$1.5 million, from \$6.3 million in 2017–18
- Queensland's total merchandise imports decreased by 18.0% or \$1.1 million, from \$5.9 million in 2013–14

Between 2017–18 and 2018–19p, Queensland's total merchandise imports trade with Solomon Islands decreased by

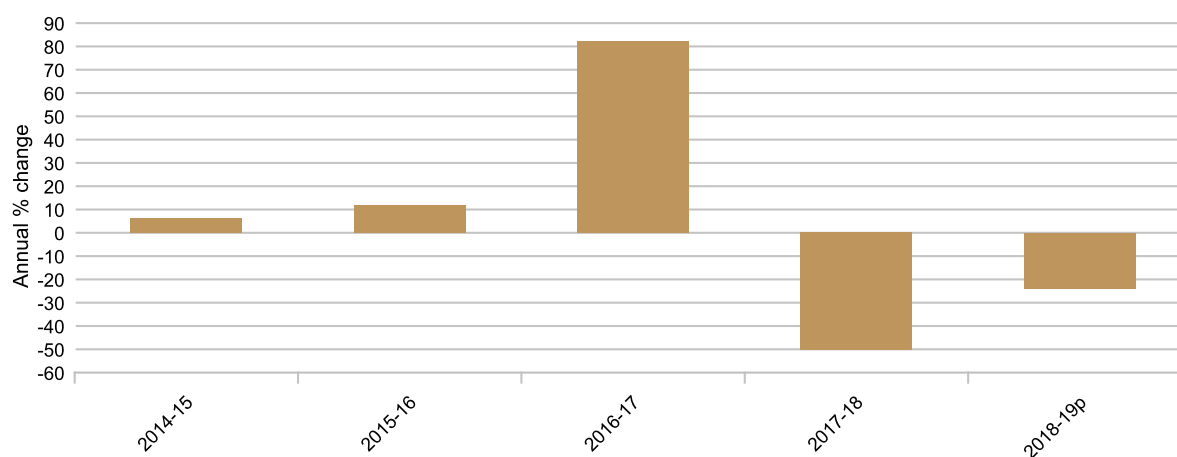
**23.8%**

**Table 5 Nominal value of merchandise imports from Solomon Islands**

Financial year	Queensland		Australia		Qld's share of Australia
	Value	Annual change	Value	Annual change	
	\$m	%	\$m	per cent	%
2013–14	5.9	-89.8	78.7	-18.6	7.4
2014–15	6.2	6.0	13.4	-83.0	46.3
2015–16	6.9	11.9	9.6	-28.1	72.2
2016–17	12.7	82.3	15.1	56.6	84.0
2017–18	6.3	-50.3	8.7	-42.4	72.5
2018–19p	4.8	-23.8	9.2	5.5	52.4

Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

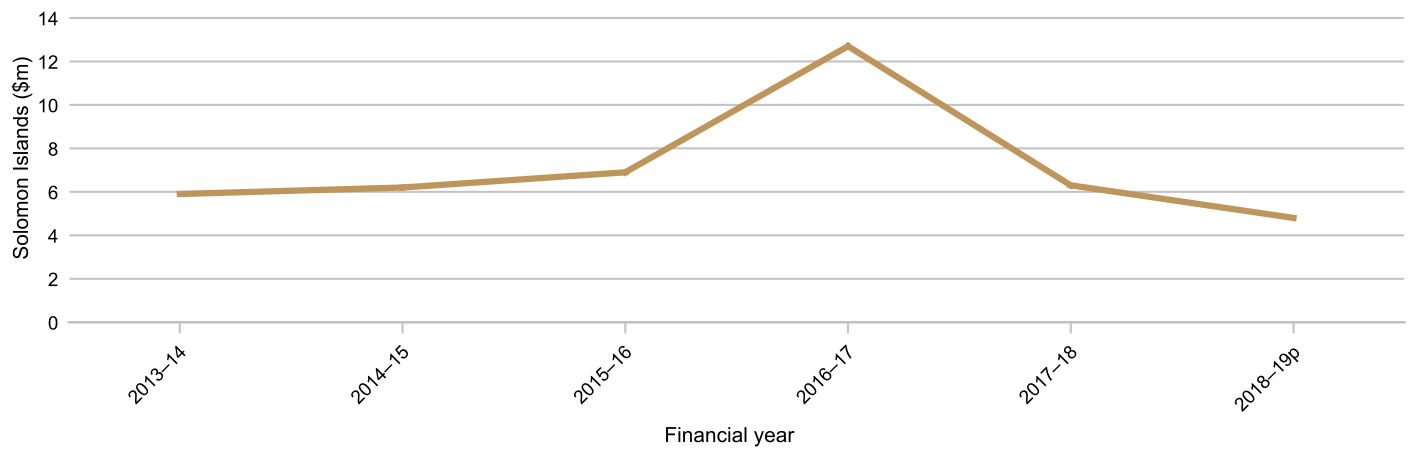
**Figure 3 Change in Queensland's merchandise imports, Solomon Islands**



Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

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**Figure 4 Queensland's merchandise imports, Solomon Islands**



Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

## Merchandise imports – top commodities

These data are based on goods lodged in Queensland that are imported from overseas by commodity. The commodity classification used is the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) revision 4 at the 2-digit level. Values are reported in nominal terms (based on Australian dollars). Data in this profile topic are updated every six months with an approximate delay of 8 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in February 2020.

In 2018–19p, Queensland's top merchandise import commodity from Solomon Islands was

**Cork and wood (\$2.3 million)**

### Solomon Islands

- Other major import commodities in 2018–19p included Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates) (\$1.1 million), Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits (\$0.7 million), Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals) (\$0.3 million) and Fish and related products (\$0.1 million)

**Table 6 Queensland's top merchandise imports<sup>(a)</sup> from Solomon Islands**

Commodity	Financial year											
	2013–14		2014–15		2015–16		2016–17		2017–18		2018–19p	
	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%
Cork and wood	3.9	66.2	4.1	66.3	4.1	59.0	3.0	23.6	3.2	50.7	2.3	48.2
Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	0.2	3.5	0.0	0.3	1.0	14.0	0.6	4.6	1.3	20.3	1.1	22.3
Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	0.3	4.6	0.3	5.1	0.4	6.1	0.3	2.7	0.5	7.2	0.7	14.5
Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)	0.6	10.6	0.8	12.5	0.5	7.4	0.5	3.6	0.1	0.9	0.3	6.5
Fish and related products	0.0	0.2	0.2	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.1	0.1	2.2
Other	0.9	14.9	0.8	12.2	0.9	13.5	8.2	64.7	1.3	20.9	0.3	6.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Based on overseas goods imports with the largest monetary value as at the latest available time period.

Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

## Service trade - Australia

Service trade statistics are collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in their Survey of International Trade in Services and covers services rendered by Australian residents to non-residents (credits) and by non-residents to residents (debits). For the purposes of this report, service credits are referred to as exports and service debits are referred to as imports to aid users with continuity of terms across topics. The next planned update is in January 2020.

Service trade statistics were not available for Solomon Islands

## Service trade - Queensland

Services trade by state is based on state of service provision or consumption. Refer to explanatory notes for details on how state allocations of service trade are estimated. A breakdown of service trade by state and country are not available. The next planned update is in January 2020.

In 2018, Queensland's total services exports to all countries was

**\$13,935 million**

### All countries

- Service trade exports to all countries increased by 39.7% or \$3,961 million, from \$9,974 million in 2013 to \$13,935 million in 2018
- Service trade imports from all countries increased by 17.4% or \$2,140 million, from \$12,309 million in 2013 to \$14,449 million in 2018

**Table 7 Queensland's total service trade with all countries, 2013 and 2018**

Service	Exports		Imports	
	2013	2018	2013	2018
	— \$m —		— \$m —	
Transport	1,316	1,456	3,309	3,217
Travel	6,968	10,512	6,396	8,870
Business travel	460	498	720	745
Education travel	6,508	10,014	5,676	8,125
Insurance and Pension services	34	50	128	118
Financial services	618	600	598	608
Telecommunication, computer and information services	217	506	241	529
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	110	138	2	17
Other	495	517	135	186
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,974</b>	<b>13,935</b>	<b>12,309</b>	<b>14,449</b>

Source: ABS 5368.0.55.004, *International trade: supplementary information, calendar year, 2018*

## International visitors

This data is based on Tourism Research Australia's International Visitor Survey (IVS) which samples 40,000 departing, short-term international travellers aged 15 years and over who have been visiting Australia. The results given in the IVS are based on a sample, rather than a census, of international visitors to Australia. As with all sample surveys, the results are subject to sampling variability, and therefore may differ from figures that would be obtained if all international visitors to Australia had been included in the survey.

### Solomon Islands

- International visitors to Queensland increased by 66.8% or 3,029, from 4,537 international visitors in 2017–18

In 2018–19, Queensland's international visitors from Solomon Islands was

**7,566 visitors**

**Table 8 International visitors<sup>(a)</sup> from Solomon Islands, by reason for journey<sup>(b)</sup>, 2013–14 to 2018–19**

Region / Reason for journey	Financial year					
	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19
	— visitors —					
Queensland <sup>(c)</sup>						
Holiday	1,281	1,010	926	1,338	473	4,003
Visiting friends and relatives	360	623	887	1,099	1,332	582
Business	334	2,093	1,456	1,045	1,938	1,501
Employment	43	0	436	0	0	0
Education	377	227	372	231	100	68
Other reason	1,011	1,531	1,199	561	694	1,412
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,406</b>	<b>5,484</b>	<b>5,276</b>	<b>4,274</b>	<b>4,537</b>	<b>7,566</b>
Australia						
Holiday	1,430	1,010	1,227	1,449	473	4,003
Visiting friends and relatives	360	755	1,802	1,510	1,772	582
Business	609	2,545	1,549	1,364	1,938	2,108
Employment	43	0	436	0	378	0
Education	377	227	499	446	208	96
Other reason	1,516	1,968	1,987	561	1,024	1,412
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,336</b>	<b>6,504</b>	<b>7,499</b>	<b>5,329</b>	<b>5,793</b>	<b>8,201</b>

(a) Based on visitors aged 15 years and over.

(b) Respondent's primary reason for visiting Australia.

(c) Persons who visited Queensland and spent at least one night.

Source: Tourism Research Australia, *International Visitors in Australia*, unpublished data

## International student enrolments

This data is derived from the Commonwealth Provider Registration and International Student Management System (PRISMS) database. Data is initially uploaded into PRISMS by educational providers when an enrolment is offered to a prospective student before a visa is granted, and again when a student obtains and uses their visa to enter Australia and starts studying. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) updates PRISMS as students enter or leave Australia or change their visa or residence status. International student enrolment data generally does not represent the number of overseas students in Australia or the number of student visas issued in different countries but instead counts actual course enrolments. The next planned update is in March 2020.

### Solomon Islands

- International student enrolments increased by 2.7% or 3, from 111 student enrolments in 2017

In 2018, Queensland's international student enrolments from Solomon Islands was

# 114 enrolments

**Table 9 International student enrolments from Solomon Islands, by sector, 2013 to 2018**

Region / Sector	Calendar year					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
	— enrolments —					
Queensland						
Higher Education	24	25	27	27	40	54
VET	52	38	29	38	43	31
Schools	23	25	20	18	17	17
ELICOS	4	6	9	7	9	8
Non-award	1	3	3	1	2	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>114</b>
Australia						
Higher Education	55	57	57	64	82	103
VET	61	44	39	46	49	36
Schools	40	41	40	38	34	35
ELICOS	7	14	17	14	14	10
Non-award	1	3	3	1	2	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>188</b>

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Source: Australian Education International (AEI), January 2019 pivot table



## Abbreviations

..	not applicable
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ELICOS	English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students
n.a.	not available
nes	not elsewhere stated
n.i.e	not included elsewhere
p	preliminary (as at June 2019 release)
VET	Vocational Education and Training

## Explanatory notes

### Profile explanatory notes

#### Data confidentialisation

The release of statistics for certain merchandise trade commodities are restricted in order to prevent the identification of the activities of an individual business. These restrictions do not affect the total value of exports and imports, but they can affect statistics at the country, state and commodity levels. Further details on confidentialised trade commodities can be found in the ABS' [Confidential Commodities List](#).

#### Scope of international merchandise trade statistics

This profile provides details on international merchandise trade statistics. It does not include interstate trade.

#### Rounding

Figures are rounded to nearest whole number. Calculations (such as percentages and rates) are based on pre-rounded figures.

#### Value

Values reported are nominal meaning these figures represent the monetary value at the time of trade. Exports value are based on Free On Board (F.O.B.) and imports value are based on Australian Customs Value.

### Topic explanatory notes

#### Merchandise exports and imports

##### Time series

Values are not adjusted to consistent dollar basis.

#### Service trade

Services credits are classified by the state of provision, while services debits are classified by the state of consumption. The state allocations for transportation, travel, freight insurance and telecommunication services are based on a number of indicators including merchandise trade statistics by state, overseas passenger arrivals and departures by state of clearance and data provided by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. The allocation for other services (about 25% of all trade in services) is primarily based on the location of the business reporting the information, which serves as a proxy for the state of provision/consumption of that service. The data should be used with care but are considered suitable for analysis over time.