

# Austrade at a glance

## Austrade's role

Austrade is the Australian Government's trade and investment development agency. Austrade helps businesses of all sizes across all sectors to succeed in international trade and investment.

From 1 July 2008, Austrade also has responsibility for the promotion of foreign investment into Australia.

## Onshore and offshore network

At 30 June 2008, Austrade operated in 117 overseas locations in 63 countries. Austrade delivered consular, passport and other Government services in 17 consulates and 4 honorary consulates overseas.

Across Australia, Austrade's services and programs were delivered by 18 offices and a network of 50 TradeStart offices in metropolitan and regional areas, including eight Export Hubs co-located with AusIndustry.

## Allies

Austrade extends access to its services and its overseas network through partnerships with the private sector, chambers of commerce, industry associations, other Commonwealth agencies, state, territory and local governments, and regional development bodies.

## Staff

Austrade's workforce comprises a mix of Australia-based staff working in Australia and overseas and overseas-engaged employees with relevant business skills, contacts and local market knowledge.

At 30 June 2008, Austrade employed 1,029 staff, 80 per cent of whom were employed in Austrade's overseas regions and client-focused operations in Australia.

## Funding

Funding from Government for 2007–08 included operational funding of \$170 million and \$157 million for the Export Market Development Grant (EMDG) scheme.