



# Child Protection – CEO statement of Compliance

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Austrade has a zero tolerance approach to child exploitation or abuse, and we are committed to promoting and maintaining a culture that provides a safe environment for children.

We recognise that all adults share the responsibility of preventing exploitation and abuse. That is why Austrade requires the commitment, support and cooperation of all individuals who help deliver our services.

As a Commonwealth government agency, Austrade is committed to the whole-of-government Commonwealth Child Safe Framework (CCSF).

As part of our commitment, Austrade:

- undertakes an annual risk assessment to evaluate the risk of harm to children and young people, and put in place strategies to manage those risks
- has established a training and compliance regime to ensure staff are aware of, and comply with, our child safety requirements, and
- adapt and implement the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.

## **Austrade’s interaction with children description**

Austrade interacts with children through its consular activities and through education promotion events. Austrade’s key focus of work is trade and investment and any contact with children is not central to our mission.

## **Annual Risk assessment**

Austrade conducts an annual risk assessment of its positions to determine the level of contact with children. To date Austrade has not identified any positions that work with children, however, several positions have been identified as having contact with children. Due to staff having contact with children Austrade’s current risk rating is medium. All staff identified as having contact with children are required to undertake mandatory eLearning training.

As a portfolio partner of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Austrade has adopted DFAT’s [Child protection framework](#), which includes DFAT’s [Child Protection Policy](#).

Austrade is compliant with the CCSF and we are looking at other ways to further improve compliance.

For guidance on Austrade’s commitment to the CCSF, please read our Child Protection Procedure.

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Austrade

## General enquiries on Austrade's Child Protection Procedure:

Workplace Relations, Policy and Wellbeing Team

Email: [Workplace.Support@austrade.gov.au](mailto:Workplace.Support@austrade.gov.au)

## Reports and notifications

If you wish to report an instance, suspicion or allegation of child exploitation and/or abuse you may do so by using the following form:

[Child Incident Notification Form](#)

Please email the form to:

Email: [Workplace.Support@austrade.gov.au](mailto:Workplace.Support@austrade.gov.au)

Child exploitation and abuse is not tolerated by Austrade and attracts criminal penalties under Australian legislation.