

World Trade Organization (WTO)

Member countries

The WTO deals with trade issues between nations. It functions as a forum for governments to negotiate trade agreements and settle trade disputes. In addition, it provides trade rules. As tax and trade are closely interlinked, the disputes considered by the WTO frequently involve tax issues.

The following chart lists WTO members as of 31 May 2019.

Country	Membership year	Country	Membership year	Country	Membership year
Afghanistan	2016	Burkina Faso	1995	Djibouti	1995
Albania	2000	Burundi	1995	Dominica	1995
Angola	1996	Cabo Verde	2008	Dominican Republic	1995
Antigua and Barbuda	1995	Cambodia	2004	Ecuador	1996
Argentina	1995	Cameroon	1995	Egypt	1995
Armenia	2003	Canada	1995	El Salvador	1995
Australia	1995	Central African Republic	1995	Estonia	1999
Austria	1995	Chad	1996	European Union	1995
Bahrain	1995	Chile	1995	Fiji	1996
Bangladesh	1995	China, People's Republic of	2001	Finland	1995
Barbados	1995	Colombia	1995	France	1995
Belgium	1995	Congo, Democratic Republic of the	1997	Gabon	1995
Belize	1995	Congo, Republic of	1997	Gambia, The	1996
Benin	1996	Costa Rica	1995	Georgia	2000
Bolivia	1995	Croatia	2000	Germany	1995
Botswana	1995	Cuba	2000	Ghana	1995
Brazil	1995	Cyprus	1995	Greece	1995
Brunei Darussalam	1995	Czech Republic	1995	Grenada	1996
Bulgaria	1996	Denmark	1995	Guatemala	1995

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Guinea	1995	Liechtenstein	1995	North Macedonia	2003
Guinea Bissau	1995	Lithuania	2001	Norway	1995
Guyana	1995	Luxembourg	1995	Oman	2000
Haiti	1996	Macao	1995	Pakistan	1995
Honduras	1995	Madagascar	1995	Panama	1997
Hong Kong	1995	Malawi	1995	Papua New Guinea	1996
Hungary	1995	Malaysia	1995	Paraguay	1995
Iceland	1995	Maldives	1995	Peru	1995
India	1995	Mali	1995	Philippines	1995
Indonesia	1995	Malta	1995	Poland	1995
Ireland	1995	Mauritania	1995	Portugal	1995
Israel	1995	Mauritius	1995	Qatar	1996
Italy	1995	Mexico	1995	Romania	1995
Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire)	1995	Moldova	2001	Russian Federation	2012
Jamaica	1995	Mongolia	1997	Rwanda	1996
Japan	1995	Montenegro	2012	Saint Kitts and Nevis	1996
Jordan	2000	Morocco	1995	Saint Lucia	1995
Kazakhstan	2015	Mozambique	1995	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	1995
Kenya	1995	Myanmar	1995	Samoa	2012
Korea, Republic of	1995	Namibia	1995	Saudi Arabia	2005
Kuwait	1995	Nepal	2004	Senegal	1995
Kyrgyz Republic	1998	Netherlands	1995	Seychelles	2015
Lao People's Democratic Republic	2013	New Zealand	1995	Sierra Leona	1995
Latvia	1999	Nicaragua	1995	Singapore	1995
Lesotho	1995	Niger	1996	Slovak Republic	1995
Liberia	2016	Nigeria	1995	Slovenia	1995

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Solomon Islands	1996	Tanzania	1995	United Kingdom	1995
South Africa	1995	Thailand	1995	United States	1995
Spain	1995	Togo	1995	Uruguay	1995
Sri Lanka	1995	Tonga	2007	Vanuatu	2012
Suriname	1995	Trinidad and Tobago	1995	Venezuela	1995
Swaziland	1995	Tunisia	1995	Vietnam	2007
Sweden	1995	Turkey	1995	Yemen	2014
Switzerland	1995	Uganda	1995	Zambia	1995
Taipei	2002	Ukraine	2008	Zimbabwe	1995
Tajikistan	2013	United Arab Emirates	1996		

The following are observer governments to the WTO as of 31 May 2019:

Algeria	Equatorial Guinea	Serbia
Andorra	Ethiopia	Somalia
Azerbaijan	Holy See	South Sudan
Bahamas	Iran	Sudan
Belarus	Iraq	Syrian Arab Republic
Bhutan	Lebanese Republic	Timor-Leste
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Libya	Uzbekistan
Comoros	Sao Tomé and Príncipe	