

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 (continued on the reverse side) lists WTO members as of 2 December 2013.

Country	Membership year	Country	Membership year	Country	Membership year
Albania	2000	Chad	1996	Gambia, The	1996
Angola	1996	Chile	1995	Georgia	2000
Antigua and Barbuda	1995	China, People's Republic of	2001	Germany	1995
Argentina	1995	Colombia	1995	Ghana	1995
Armenia	2003	Congo, Democratic Republic of	1997	Greece	1995
Australia	1995	Congo, Republic of	1997	Grenada	1996
Austria	1995	Costa Rica	1995	Guatemala	1995
Bahrain	1995	Croatia	2000	Guinea	1995
Bangladesh	1995	Cuba	2000	Guinea Bissau	1995
Barbados	1995	Cyprus	1995	Guyana	1995
Belgium	1995	Czech Republic	1995	Haiti	1996
Belize	1995	Denmark	1995	Honduras	1995
Benin	1996	Djibouti	1995	Hong Kong	1995
Bolivia	1995	Dominica	1995	Hungary	1995
Botswana	1995	Dominican Republic	1995	Iceland	1995
Brazil	1995	Ecuador	1996	India	1995
Brunei Darussalam	1995	Egypt	1995	Indonesia	1995
Bulgaria	1996	El Salvador	1995	Ireland	1995
Burkina Faso	1995	Estonia	1999	Israel	1995
Burundi	1995	European Union	1995	Italy	1995
Cambodia	2004	Fiji	1996	Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire)	1995
Cameroon	1995	Finland	1995	Jamaica	1995
Canada	1995	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	2003	Japan	1995
Cape Verde	2008	France	1995	Jordan	2000
Central African Republic	1995	Gabon	1995	Kenya	1995

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Korea, Republic of	1995	New Zealand	1995	Solomon Islands	1996
Kuwait	1995	Nicaragua	1995	South Africa	1995
Kyrgyz Republic	1998	Niger	1996	Spain	1995
Lao People's Democratic Republic	2013	Nigeria	1995	Sri Lanka	1995
Latvia	1999	Norway	1995	Suriname	1995
Lesotho	1995	Oman	2000	Swaziland	1995
Liechtenstein	1995	Pakistan	1995	Sweden	1995
Lithuania	2001	Panama	1997	Switzerland	1995
Luxembourg	1995	Papua New Guinea	1996	Taipei	2002
Macao	1995	Paraguay	1995	Tajikistan	2013
Madagascar	1995	Peru	1995	Tanzania	1995
Malawi	1995	Philippines	1995	Thailand	1995
Malaysia	1995	Poland	1995	Togo	1995
Maldives	1995	Portugal	1995	Tonga	2007
Mali	1995	Qatar	1996	Trinidad and Tobago	1995
Malta	1995	Romania	1995	Tunisia	1995
Mauritania	1995	Russian Federation	2012	Turkey	1995
Mauritius	1995	Rwanda	1996	Uganda	1995
Mexico	1995	Saint Kitts and Nevis	1996	Ukraine	2008
Moldova	2001	Saint Lucia	1995	United Arab Emirates	1996
Mongolia	1997	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	1995	United Kingdom	1995
Montenegro	2012	Samoa	2012	United States	1995
Morocco	1995	Saudi Arabia	2005	Uruguay	1995
Mozambique	1995	Senegal	1995	Vanuatu	2012
Myanmar	1995	Sierra Leone	1995	Venezuela	1995
Namibia	1995	Singapore	1995	Vietnam	2007
Nepal	2004	Slovak Republic	1995	Zambia	1995
Netherlands	1995	Slovenia	1995	Zimbabwe	1995

The following countries are in the process of accession to the WTO as of 2 December 2013:

Afghanistan

Algeria

Andorra

Azerbaijan

Bahamas

Belarus

Bhutan

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Comoros

Equatorial Guinea

Ethiopia

Iran

Iraq

Kazakhstan

Lebanese Republic

Liberia, Republic of

Libya

Sao Tomé and Príncipe

Serbia

Seychelles

Sudan

Syrian Arab Republic

Uzbekistan

Yemen



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