



A U S T R A L I A A N D

REPUBLIC of NORTH MACEDONIA

Key engagement

Strong community ties and cooperation in international forums. Growing Australian business investment.

Bilateral relations

Australia and the Republic of North Macedonia enjoy close and cooperative diplomatic relations underpinned by strong people-to-people links and shared democratic values. We cooperate in international organisations on matters of mutual interest and have concluded a Memorandum of Understanding on Counter Terrorism. Australian business has increased its presence in North Macedonia, including in the resources sector.

Australia recognised the then-Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) in February 1994 and established diplomatic relations on 20 October 1995. Australia welcomed the implementation of the Prespa Agreement in February 2019, under which the Republic of North Macedonia agreed with Greece (among other things) to adopt its current name, with the short form being North Macedonia. The nationality of its citizens is ‘Macedonian’ or ‘citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia’, while the language is known as the ‘Macedonian language’.

Through its embassy in Belgrade, Australia supports direct aid projects with developmental benefits for local communities. The projects focus on gender equality and women’s empowerment, democratic participation, support to vulnerable groups, including people with disabilities and support for an anti-tobacco campaign targeting school students.

Economic and trade information can be found in the [Republic of North Macedonia Fact Sheet](#)

Foreign policy

The Republic of North Macedonia has identified membership of the EU and NATO as foreign policy priorities. It became the 30th member of NATO in March 2020. Further information is available at [Republic of North Macedonia Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#)

FAST FACTS



Visitors to Australia (year ended Sep 2022) **700**



Australian visitors (year ended Sep 2022) **6,330**



Resident Australian population claiming Macedonian ancestry (2021 census) **111,352**



Students in Australia (December 2022) **243**

High level engagement

- 2017 Foreign Minister Bishop visited Skopje
- 2012 Assembly President, Mr Trajko Veljanoski, visited Australia
- 2009 Prime Minister Gruevski and Foreign Minister Milososki visited Australia

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