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# APEC STAR DATABASE

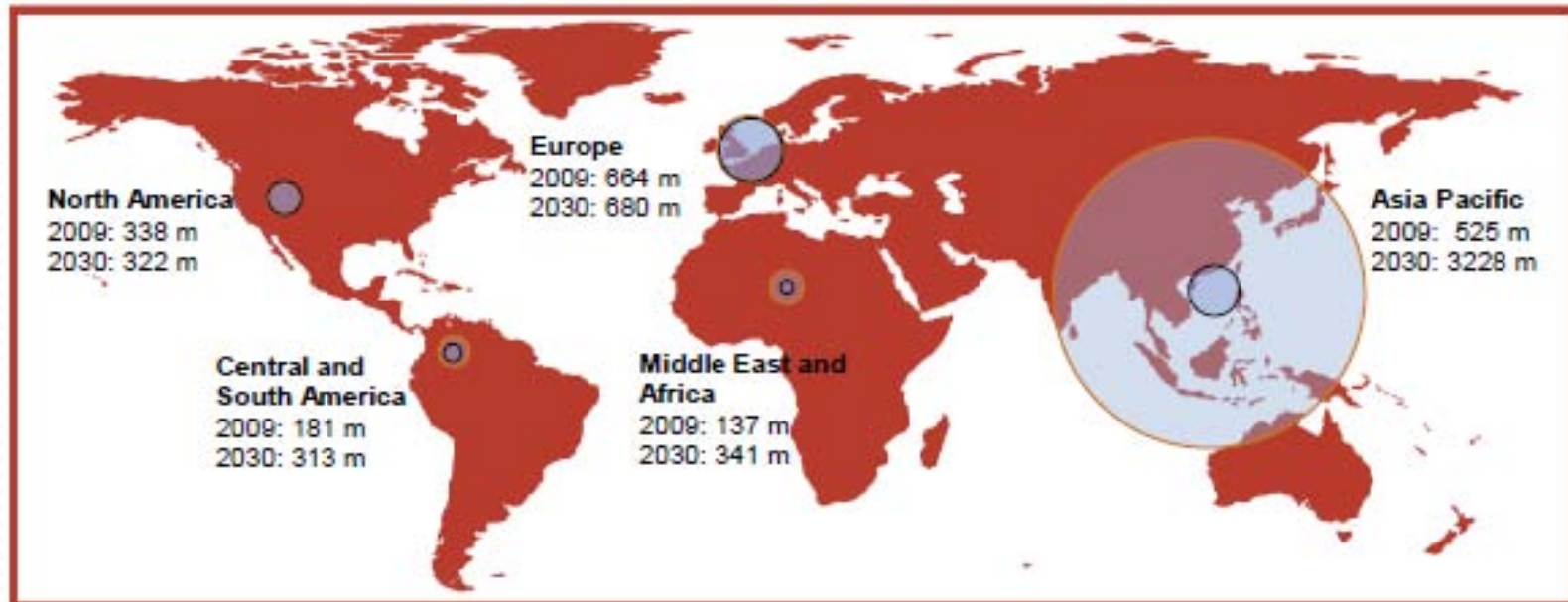
Services Trade Access Requirements (STAR)

# Demand for services growing



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Asia's booming middle class is driving an increasing demand for services



'Middle class' defined as households with daily expenditures between US\$10 and US\$100 per person.

# What is the STAR Database?



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- A business-friendly, on-line tool to help services providers from APEC economies take advantage of new export opportunities.
- Provides information on market access regulatory requirements across a range of services sectors.
- Single, easily-accessible destination for information.
- Plain English – written for business not bureaucrats.

# Why do we need it?



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- To make it easier for services providers to trade by increasing the transparency of rules and regulations affecting market access
- To centralise widely dispersed information in a single repository, and present it in a user-friendly way.
- SMEs lack time and resources to conduct the necessary research.





# APEC SERVICES TRADE ACCESS REQUIREMENTS (STAR) DATABASE

### QUICK START

1. Economy:

Select Economy

2. Service Industry:

Select Service Industry

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1. Economy:

- Indonesia
- Select Economy
- Australia
- Brunei Darussalam
- Canada
- Chile
- China
- Chinese Taipei
- Hong Kong, China
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Korea
- Malaysia
- Mexico
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1. Economy:

Indonesia

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Professional Services

Select Service Industry  
Computer Related Services  
Distribution Services  
Education Services  
Financial Services  
Mining & Energy Services  
Professional Services  
Telecommunications Services  
Transportation & Logistics Services

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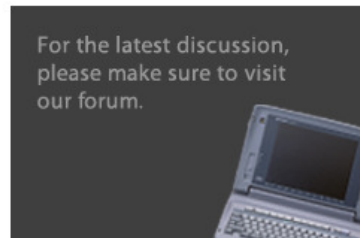
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### INDONESIA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



### 3. SEARCH THE REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

HOW ARE YOU OPERATING?

Select Delivery...

OR

WHICH REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS DO YOU FACE?

Select Category...

General Requirements

### FURTHER INFORMATION LINKS

- Free Trade Agreements
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- Recent Policy Initiatives
- Contacts and References

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#### HOW ARE YOU OPERATING?

Firm delivering services in the local market

Firm establishing a commercial presence in local market

Please select from the following options..

- Limits on foreign capital
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#### Restrictions on type of legal entity

Foreign professional service providers are required to enter the domestic market through arrangements with domestic professional service providers. This includes cooperation agreements for accounting and auditing companies; and joint venture arrangements for architectural companies and engineering companies.

Foreign public accounting and auditing firms are unable to operate in Indonesia directly. Foreign accounting firms seeking to operate in Indonesia are required to establish a partnership with an Indonesian firm. Foreign firms must operate through technical assistance arrangements with local firms. Foreign accounting firms cannot practice under the international firm's name, although terms such as "in association with" are permissible.



#### General Requirements

##### Limitations on land ownership

Land ownership is restricted to Indonesian citizens.

##### Restrictions on the type of legal entity

Foreign investment in Indonesia is generally required to be in the form of a limited liability joint venture company and is required to be domiciled in Indonesia.

##### Foreign capital limits

Foreign ownership limits range from 0 per cent to 100 per cent depending on the service sector.

In a few sectors foreign investors can own 100 per cent of an Indonesian company. In some of these sectors, foreign investors are required to divest a portion of shares to an Indonesian party within 15 years after commencing commercial operations. Where the foreign investor establishes a joint venture and the Indonesian ownership is at least 5 per cent on establishment, the requirement to divest shares does not apply.

To invest in Indonesia, foreign investors must submit an application to the Indonesian Investment Coordinating Board. Once approved, the applicant can establish a limited liability company by executing a Deed of Establishment. The Deed of Establishment is submitted to the Ministry of Law and Human Rights for approval.

The company must also register in the Company Register maintained by the Ministry of Trade and obtain a Taxpayer Registration Number, a Taxable Entrepreneur Number and a Value Added Tax collector number. The Company must then apply for the permanent business trading license.

Further information can be found at <http://bekas.bkpm.go.id/en/node/506>

#### FURTHER INFORMATION LINKS

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# Development of the STAR Database



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- Phase 1 – Australian-funded, five economies, completed 2010
  - five services sectors: financial services, mining and energy services, professional services, telecommunications, transport and logistics.
- Phase 2 – Jointly funded by Australia and APEC, expanded to cover 11 APEC economies, completed 2011
  - Australia, Canada, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States
- Phase 3 – Jointly funded by Australia and APEC, covers *all* APEC economies, *three* new services sectors for 15 economies, completed end 2012
  - education services, distribution services, computer and related technology services.



# Next steps



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- Reviewing STAR Database and further service sector workshops
- Regional Workshops between regulators and industry to discuss market access
  - Financial Services, November 2012 in Singapore and Education Services, August 2013 in Malaysia
- Plans to further publicise website to SMEs and industry