

Exporting help and support

The following are a collection of links and sources of useful information regarding exporting.

- **To subscribe to the Department for Business and Trade (DBT) International Education team's e-bulletin newsletter email your contact details to dbt-education@businessandtrade.gov.uk with the subject line 'add to e-bulletin'**
- **DBT INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION TEAM RESOURCE HUB** - <https://www.business.gov.uk/campaign/international-opportunities-for-uk-education/> - contains helpful information and resources for UK education related companies who are currently exporting or seeking to export for the first time.
- **EU TRADING GUIDANCE.** Rules apply to things like travel and doing business with Europe. Please visit the <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/brexit-guidance> website for advice on trading with the EU.
- **INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION STRATEGY:** The UK Government DFE / DBT and FCDO strategy setting out the government's ambition for education exports and how it will support the UK education sector to access global opportunities. The latest 2026 strategy document can be seen here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uks-international-education-strategy-2026>.
- **DBT BUSINESS GROWTH SERVICE:** <https://www.business.gov.uk/> - offers a range of guidance, services and support to help you explore the potential of exporting. This is an essential resource to support your exporting ambitions.
- **DBT EXPORT SUPPORT DIRECTORY:** <https://www.esd.businessandtrade.gov.uk/s4s/> - The Export Support Directory is a quick and easy way to find and connect with export support experts from around the globe.
- **BUSINESS ACADEMY:** <https://www.business.gov.uk/business-academy/> - delivers a wide range of FREE export information, advice and guidance and lots of training sessions aimed at supporting micro, small and medium companies achieve their international ambitions.
- **ASK THE EXPORT SUPPORT TEAM:** You can ask any question for your business, including on exporting to new markets, paperwork you need to sell your goods abroad and rules for a specific country where you want to sell services. Access via <https://www.gov.uk/get-help-export-query>
- **REPORT / VIEW A TRADE BARRIER:** A trade barrier is something that slows down, limits or prevents a UK business exporting to or investing in an overseas market. You can report a new trade barrier or an issue with an existing one. <https://www.great.gov.uk/report-trade-barrier/>. To **see if a trade barrier** has already been reported visit [check for barriers to trading and investing abroad](#).
- **EVENTS/MISSIONS:** It is definitely worth keeping a watching brief on the DBT Events website <https://www.events.great.gov.uk/ehome/200183029/all-events/> as all overseas trade missions and events are usually posted on here.
- **AID/ DONOR FUNDING:** For Aid Funded agencies / donor organisations who may have funded projects that might be of interest to you, please see the [UK Government's Guidance \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/aid-funded-business\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/aid-funded-business) and you can set up a subscription to receive updates. There is a list of the international development funding programmes from FCDO here: <https://www.gov.uk/international-development-funding>
- **EXPORT FINANCE:** <https://www.ukexportfinance.gov.uk/> - UK Export Finance's mission is to ensure no viable UK export fails for lack of finance or insurance from the private sector. To see the range of UK Export Finance products and services available to help you export, please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/our-products>

- **TRADE AND INVESTMENT CORE STATISTICS BOOK.** The most up to date snapshot of the UK's trade and investment position, summarising trade statistics produced by ONS, HMRC, DBT and others. <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/trade-and-investment-core-statistics-book>
- **UK TRADE IN NUMBERS.** Trade statistics are derived from several sources and can be presented in different ways. The UK's trade statistics are primarily provided by ONS releases including the ONS monthly UK trade, ONS UK quarterly trade by partner country, and ONS UK balance of payments. <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uk-trade-in-numbers/uk-trade-in-numbers-web-version>
- **MARKET GUIDES:** The Department for Business and Trade publish a range of guides for UK businesses who are interested in selling overseas: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/exporting-country-guides>
- **TRADE AND INVESTMENT FACTSHEETS:** These factsheets summarise the latest statistics on trade and investment between the UK and individual overseas partners. Trade statistics inform how we meet the challenges of trade policy and promotion in the UK. <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/trade-and-investment-factsheets>
- **MANAGING OVERSEAS BUSINESS RISK:** This contains useful information on how UK businesses might identify and mitigate potential security and political risks to overseas trading: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/overseas-business-risk>
- **BRITISH COUNCIL MARKET INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS** - <https://opportunities-insight.britishcouncil.org/insight>. British Council produced insight reports regarding education from several countries.
- **UNESCO - UNEVOC** – International Centre for Technical and Vocational Education and Training contain excellent free country profiles. These provide insight relating to skills and TVET, including structures and actors. <https://unevoc.unesco.org/home/TVET+Country+Profiles>
- **UK SKILLS PARTNERSHIP** – <http://www.ukskillspartnership.org.uk> - The UK Skills Partnership [UKSP] consists of industry bodies and associations who represent the diversity of both public and private independent skills training and education providers, further education colleges, awarding organisations and associated suppliers. UK registered organisations can apply to become an Associate Member of UKSP here: <https://ukskillspartnership.org.uk/joinuksp/>
- **VALUABLE SOURCES OF INSIGHT** worth reviewing are:
 - The World Bank publications: <https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/>
 - International Labor Organisation (ILO) publications: <https://www.ilo.org/research-and-publications>
 - Asian Development Bank (ADB) publications: <https://www.adb.org/publications>
 - CEDEFOP EU publications: <https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/publications>
 - World Economic Forum (WEF) publications: <https://www.weforum.org/publications/>
 - India Skills Report: <https://wheebox.com/india-skills-report.htm>
 - OECD publications: <https://www.oecd.org/en/publications.html>

There are lots of sources of insight and information available free through simple internet searching.

Please note that from time to time, the links supplied may change as part of ongoing updates.