Australian and selected overseas governments: a quick guide to key internet links

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This Quick Guide provides links to:

• federal, state and territory government entry points and key departments
• government gazettes
• federal state, territory and local government directories
• federal, state and territory administrative arrangements orders
• selected overseas government entry points and portals

Australian Government

• Commonwealth Government Entry Point includes federal, state and territory government links to departments, services, key facts and figures.
• Government data makes available federal, state and territory government public datasets.
• www.gov.au links to federal, state, territory and local government portals.
• Council of Australian Governments (COAG) COAG is the peak intergovernmental forum in Australia. The members of COAG are the Prime Minister, State and Territory Premiers and Chief Ministers and the President of the Australian Local Government Association. Includes details of the COAG agenda, meetings, agreements and reports.
• Government On-line Directory (GOLD) contact details for key staff in federal government departments and agencies, members of councils committees and boards, includes links to state and territory government functions and services.
• List of Australian Government Bodies and Governance Relationships as at 1 October 2009, third edition, produced by the Department of Finance, gives an overview of the administrative, legal and financial structures of federal government departments and agencies, statutory and non-statutory bodies and parliamentary departments.
• Administrative Arrangements Order - Commonwealth of Australia lists the matters dealt with by each Department of State and the legislation administered by each Minister of State administering a Department.
• Administrative arrangements orders from 1901 hosted on the National Archives of Australia website, the information is for historical purposes only.
• Australian Government Lobbyists Register, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Any lobbyist who acts on behalf of third-party clients for the purposes of lobbying Government representatives must be
registered on the Register of Lobbyists and must comply with the requirements of the Lobbying Code of Conduct.

- **Australian Government Cabinet Handbook**, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The Handbook sets out the principles of Cabinet government in Australia and describes Cabinet structure and process.
- **Legislative Handbook**, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The Handbook describes the procedures involved in making Commonwealth Acts.
- **Commonwealth of Australia Gazette: Government notices**
- **Australian Government Publications Guide** a guide to selected types of federal, state and territory government publications, such as Acts, Hansards, Gazettes and Parliamentary Papers, located in Australia's National, State and Territory libraries or available on the Internet.

**State and territory governments**

**Australian Capital Territory**
- ACT Government information portal
- ACT Chief Minister and Treasury Directorate
- ACT Chief Minister’s home page
- ACT Government media releases
- ACT Government Gazette
- Administrative Arrangements 2013 (No 1)

**New South Wales**
- NSW Government Information
- NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet
- NSW Premier’s home page
- NSW Government Gazette
- Allocation of the Administration of Acts, 20 September 2013
- NSW Lobbyist code of conduct

**Northern Territory**
- NT Government information
- Department of the NT Chief Minister
- NT Government Gazette
- Administrative Arrangements Order, 16 September 2013

**Queensland**
- QLD Government Information
- QLD Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- QLD Premier’s home page
- QLD Government Notices Gazette
- Administrative Arrangements Order (No. 2) 2013
- QLD Lobbyists code of conduct

**South Australia**
- SA Government information
- SA Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- SA Premier’s home page
SA Government Gazette

Acts committed to Ministers under section 5 of the Administrative Arrangements Act 1994, as at 21 November 2013

SA Lobbyist code of conduct

Tasmania

Tasmania online lists Tasmanian Government, business and community websites.

Service Tasmania lists all government services.

Tasmanian Department of Premier and Cabinet

Tasmanian Premier's home page

Tasmanian Government public notices

Administrative Arrangements Order (No. 2) 2012

Tasmanian Lobbying code of conduct

Victoria

Victoria online

Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet

Victorian Premier's home page

Victorian Government Gazette

Administration of Acts, General Order dated 20 March 2013

Victorian Lobbying code of conduct

Western Australia

WA Government information

WA Department of the Premier and Cabinet

WA Premier's home page

WA Government Gazette

Acts with administering portfolios and public sector agencies, search by Act, portfolio or agency. The 'Administration of Departments, Authorities, Statutes and Votes' is published periodically in the WA Government Gazette.

WA Contact with lobbyists code

Public Service Commission

Local Government

Australian Local Government Association includes links to state local government associations.

University of Technology, Sydney Centre of Excellence for Local Government

Commonwealth Local Government Forum, promotes local government across the Commonwealth and encourages the exchange of best practice through conferences and events, projects and research.

Focus Online online national local government newspaper.

Oultwood Local Government Web Index provides links to local councils within Australia.

Overseas Governments

Canada

Government of Canada home page

Service Canada, search for Government services.

Office of the Prime Minister
The Lobbyists’ code of conduct

**New Zealand**
[Official website of the New Zealand Government](#)
[New Zealand Government information](#)
[Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet](#)

**United Kingdom and Northern Ireland**

**United Kingdom**
[Prime Minister’s Office, 10 Downing Street](#)
[Gov.UK search for government information and services](#)
[The UK Civil Service](#)
[Official Documents website](#)

**Northern Ireland**
[Northern Ireland Office Gov.UK](#)
[Government of Northern Ireland](#)

**Scotland**
[Scottish Government information](#)
[First Minister’s website](#)

**Wales**
[Welsh Assembly Government information](#)
[First Minister’s website](#)

**United States of America**
[The Whitehouse](#)
[Office of the President](#)
[Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents](#)
[USA.gov government made easy, includes an A-Z index of the US Government](#)
[US Government Printing Office](#)
[BusinessUSA a one-stop shop for everything related to business in the USA](#)
[SearchGov.com a directory of US Government websites](#)
[State and Local Government on the Net a directory of official state, county and city government websites](#)
[State Governments](#)

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