

# JAPAN- AUSTRALIA

## ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT



## Factsheet: Financial Services

The Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (JAEPA) provides Australian financial services providers with treatment broadly equivalent to the best Japan has agreed with any trading partner. This includes the following.

### Establishing a commercial presence

- JAEPA ensures Australian financial services providers can establish or acquire institutions in Japan and choose whether to establish as a branch or subsidiary, with only limited exceptions.
- JAEPA provides strong protections for Australian financial service providers operating through investments in Japan.

### Cross-border supply of financial services

- Australian financial services providers can supply specific financial services on a cross-border basis, without the need to open a full commercial presence. This includes:
  - Trade in wholesale securities transactions; and
  - Investment advice and portfolio management services for investment funds.
- These commitments by Japan guarantee Australia's access to one of the largest funds management markets in the world.
- JAEPA also commits Japan to allow Australian financial service providers to process financial data off-shore.

### New financial services

- JAEPA commits Japan to allow Australian financial services providers to supply any new financial services that Japanese financial institutions are allowed to supply under Japanese laws and regulations.

### Transparency and due process

- JAEPA includes strong commitments on enhanced transparency of financial services regulation in Japan and streamlining of licensing processes for financial service providers as well as financial products and services.

### Sub-committee on financial services

- JAEPA creates a regular forum for Australia to raise issues of concern to Australian financial services providers and to review outcomes from the implementation of JAEPA.

