

COSTA RICA

Schedule of Specific Commitments

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COSTA RICA - SCHEDULE OF SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS

Modes of supply: 1) Cross-border supply 2) Consumption abroad 3) Commercial presence 4) Presence of natural persons

Sector or subsector	Limitations on market access	Limitations on national treatment	Additional commitments
I. HORIZONTAL COMMITMENTS			
ALL SECTORS INCLUDED IN THIS SCHEDULE	<p>3)None</p> <p>4)Unbound, except for measures affecting the entry and temporary stay of managers, administrative directors, supervisors and general executives of enterprises, provided that there are not more than two in each enterprise</p>	<p>3)The law provides restrictions on the participation of foreign natural and/or legal persons in the concessions which the State may grant with respect to the 200-metre wide strip along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of the Republic, the "land maritime zone"</p> <p>4)Unbound, except for measures affecting natural persons in the categories mentioned in the market access column</p>	

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II. SECTOR/SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS			
I. BUSINESS SERVICES			
B. <u>Computer and related services</u>			
a) Consultancy services related to the installation of computer hardware (CPC 841)	1) Unbound	1) Unbound	
	2) None	2) None	
	3) Unbound	3) Unbound	
	4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	
b) Software implementation services (CPC 842)	1) Unbound	1) Unbound	
	2) None	2) None	
	3) Unbound	3) Unbound	
	4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	

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c)Data processing services (CPC 843)	1)Unbound 2)None 3)Unbound 4)Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	1)Unbound 2)None 3)Unbound 4)Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	
d)Data base services (CPC 844)	1)Unbound 2)None 3)Unbound 4)Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	1)Unbound 2)None 3)Unbound 4)Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	
5.EDUCATION SERVICES ¹			
<u>A.Primary education services</u> (CPC 921)	1)Unbound 2)None	1)Unbound 2)None	
<u>B.Secondary education services</u>	3)Unbound 4)The Higher Council for Education participates in matters relating to teachers and other staff of educational institutions. 1)Unbound	3)Unbound 4)The Higher Council for Education participates in matters relating to teachers and other staff of educational institutions. 1)Unbound	

¹ The Constitution recognizes that education is a public service, and therefore all private educational centres are subject to State inspection.

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<p>(CPC 922)</p> <p>C. <u>Other higher education services</u> (CPC 92390)</p>	<p>2)None</p> <p>3)Unbound</p> <p>4)The Higher Council for Education participates in matters relating to teachers and other staff of educational institutions.</p> <p>1)Unbound</p> <p>2)Unbound</p>	<p>2)None</p> <p>3)Unbound</p> <p>4)The Higher Council for Education participates in matters relating to teachers and other staff of educational institutions.</p> <p>1)Unbound</p> <p>2)Unbound</p>	
	<p>3)The establishment of public limited companies or any type of commercial enterprise for the purpose of providing university education is prohibited. The National Council of University Higher Education (CONESUP) authorizes the establishment and operation of private universities in the country (including fees, plans, study programmes, supervision, etc.) and is responsible for approving the teaching staff and executives of such universities.</p> <p>4)Foreigners wishing to provide such services are required by law to be members of the Professional College. To this end they must fulfil the requirements of nationality and residence. In some cases, the recruitment of foreign professionals by State institutions is possible only when there are no Costa Ricans</p>	<p>3)Unbound</p> <p>4)Foreigners wishing to provide such services are required by law to be members of the Professional College. To this end they must fulfil the requirements of nationality and residence. In some cases, the recruitment of foreign professionals by State institutions is</p>	

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	ready to provide the service in the necessary conditions.	possible only when there are no Costa Ricans ready to provide the service in the necessary conditions.	
<p>8.HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES</p> <p><u>A.Hospital services</u> (CPC 9311)</p> <p>Medical and dental services (CPC 9312)</p>	<p>1) Unbound*</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) Unbound</p> <p>4)Unbound</p> <p>1)Unbound</p> <p>2)None</p> <p>3)Unbound</p>	<p>1)Unbound*</p> <p>2)None</p> <p>3)Unbound</p> <p>4)Unbound</p> <p>1)Unbound</p> <p>2)None</p> <p>3)Unbound</p>	

*Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility.

<p>9.TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES</p> <p><u>A.Hotels and restaurants</u></p> <p>Hotels and other lodging services (CPC 641)</p>	<p>4)Foreigners wishing to provide such services are required by law to be members of the Professional College. To this end they must fulfil the requirements of nationality and residence. In some cases, the recruitment of foreign professionals by State institutions is possible only when there are no Costa Ricans ready to provide the service in the necessary conditions.</p> <p>1)Unbound*</p> <p>2)None</p>	<p>4)Foreigners wishing to provide such services are required by law to be members of the Professional College. To this end they must fulfil the requirements of nationality and residence. In some cases, the recruitment of foreign professionals by State institutions is possible only when there are no Costa Ricans ready to provide the service in the necessary conditions.</p> <p>1)Unbound*</p> <p>2)None</p>	
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<p>Food-serving services (CPC 642)</p>	<p>3)Unbound</p> <p>4)Unbound</p> <p>1)Unbound</p> <p>2)None</p> <p>3)In order to prove that it is a tourist enterprise, an enterprise must meet certain requirements, such as prove that earnings received or estimated from the sale of food amount to at least 50 per cent of total sales, not including the cost of admission charges, table reservations or other similar charges.</p> <p>4)Unbound</p>	<p>3)Unbound</p> <p>4)Unbound</p> <p>1)Unbound</p> <p>2)None</p> <p>3)Unbound</p> <p>4)Unbound</p>	
<p><u>B. Travel agencies and tour operators services</u> (CPC 7471)</p>	<p>1)Unbound</p> <p>2)Unbound</p>	<p>1)Unbound</p> <p>2)Unbound</p>	

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	3)Foreign investors can hold up to 49 per cent of the equity of such enterprises	3)Foreign investors can hold up to 49 per cent of the equity of such enterprises	
	4)Unbound	4)Unbound	
<u>C. Tourist guide services</u> (CPC 7472)	1)Unbound	1)Unbound	
	2)None	2)Unbound	
	3)The right to exercise this activity is reserved to Costa Rican nationals	3)The right to exercise this activity is reserved to Costa Rican nationals	
	4)Limited to Costa Rican service providers	4)Limited to Costa Rican service providers	
<u>D. Other services related to tourism</u>			
Leasing or rental services concerning private cars without operator (CPC 83101)	1)Unbound	1)Unbound	
	2)None	2)None	
	3)Unbound	3)Unbound	
	4)Unbound	4)Unbound	
Tourist boat rental services (CPC 96499)	1)Unbound	1)Unbound	
	2)None	2)None	
	3)Unbound	3)Unbound	
	4)Unbound	4)Unbound	
Computer reservation services	1)Unbound	1)Unbound	
	2)None	2)None	

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	3)Unbound	3)Unbound	
	4)Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	4)Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	