

Glossary: Graduation - official development assistance

Statistics Explained

Graduation , in the context of [official development assistance](#) , refers to the moving up of a developing country from one category to the next (for example from [lower middle income country](#) to [upper middle income country](#)); it is the term used by [OECD](#) and other international organisations to indicate when a country's economic status has improved enough to meet the criteria of a different category.

Further information

- [OECD: DAC List of ODA Recipients](#)

Related concepts

- [Least developed countries](#)
- [Lower middle income countries](#)
- [Official development assistance \(ODA\)](#)
- [Upper middle income countries](#)

Statistical data

- [SDG 17 - Partnerships for the goals](#)