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The Green Book

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[The Green Book \(2026\)](#)

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/698dbcd17da91680ad7f4308/The_Green_Book_2026.pdf

PDF, 951 KB, 88 pages

[The Green Book \(2026\) \(/government/publications/the-green-book-appraisal-and-evaluation-in-central-government/the-green-book-2026\)](#)

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Details

The Green Book is the government's guidance on appraisal, the process of assessing the costs, benefits and risks of different options for achieving government objectives.

The Green Book is supported by a wider [collection of supplementary guidance \(https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/the-green-book-and-accompanying-guidance-and-documents\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/the-green-book-and-accompanying-guidance-and-documents), [training \(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-green-book-training\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-green-book-training) and [templates and support materials \(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-green-book-templates-and-support-material\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-green-book-templates-and-support-material).

Previous editions of the Green Book

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