

IMPACT ASSESSMENT TEMPLATE

PUBLICATION ARRANGEMENTS

DECEMBER 2010

1. The purpose of this document is to set out the arrangements for the use of the revised Impact Assessment (IA) Template and the publication of all post election IAs in the existing IA Library until work on the new IA Library is completed in Spring 2011.
2. The audience for this guidance is all policy officials who are developing policies of a regulatory nature.

IA Template

3. The IA Template has been revised in December 2010 to make it suitable for the new regulatory framework under the Coalition Government, in particular, in relation to the 'One In, One Out' rule, the Government policy on sunseting regulations and the discontinuation of the 2010-2015 Simplification targets. In addition, enhanced functionality features have been added in response to users' feedback.
4. From this point onwards Departments must produce all new IAs (consultation, final, enactment and post-implementation review) using the revised IA Template.

IA Library

5. The Impact Assessment Library (IAL) provides public access to the analysis that Government has undertaken when introducing new regulations. In line with Government's commitment to make improvements to the public availability of data, as part of the Transparency agenda, the BRE decided to improve the functionality of the Impact Assessment (IA) Library.
6. A new IA library is being developed, in partnership with the National Archives, to host IAs alongside the legislation to which they relate (or as standalone documents if they do not relate to legislation) on www.legislation.gov.uk. This work is ongoing and is expected to be completed in Spring 2011. We will keep you informed of further developments. In the meantime, the existing IA library will continue to be used.
7. Departments must, therefore, publish all post-election IAs (consultation, final, enactment and post-implementation review) on the existing IA Library website www.ialibrary.berr.gov.uk/. This includes post-election IAs using the April 2010 IA Template, as well as any IAs after this point using the revised IA.
8. Authorised users should follow the simplified manual loading of IAs of the BRE admin system at <http://admin.betterregulation.gov.uk/> to load all post-elections IAs on to the IA Library.

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