**Government of Russia**

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| **Government of Russia** | |
| Прави́тельство Росси́йской Федера́ции | |
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| **Overview** | |
| **Established** | 1993 |
| **State** | [Russian Federation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russia) |
| **Leader** | [Prime Minister](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prime_Minister_of_Russia) |
| **Appointed by** | [President](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/President_of_Russia) |
| **Main organ** | [Council of Ministers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council_of_Ministers_of_Russia) |
| **Responsible to** | [State Duma](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_Duma) |
| **Headquarters** | [White House](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_House_(Moscow)) [Moscow](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moscow) |
| **Website** | [government.ru](http://government.ru/en/) |

The **Government of the Russian Federation** ([Russian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_language): Прави́тельство Росси́йской Федера́ции) exercises executive power in the [Russian Federation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_Federation). The members of the government are the [Prime Minister of Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prime_Minister_of_Russia) (Chairman of the Government), the deputy prime ministers, and the federal ministers. It has its legal basis in the [Constitution of the Russian Federation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constitution_of_the_Russian_Federation) and the federal constitutional law "On the Government of the Russian Federation".

According to the [1978 Russian Constitution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1978_Russian_Constitution), the [President of Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/President_of_Russia) was a head of [executive branch](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Executive_branch) and headed the [Council of Ministers of Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council_of_Ministers_of_Russia). According to the current 1993 Constitution of Russia, the [President of Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/President_of_Russia) is not a part of the Government of Russia, which exercises executive power. The Chapter 6 of the Constitution of Russia says, that "The Government of the Russian Federation consists of the [Chairman of the Government](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chairman_of_the_Government_of_the_Russian_Federation) of the Russian Federation, [Deputy Chairman of the Government](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deputy_Chairman_of_the_Government_of_the_Russian_Federation) of the Russian Federation and federal ministries".

**Overview**

After the fall of the [Soviet Union](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soviet_Union), the [Russian Council of Ministers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_Council_of_Ministers) had become the main executive body. At some points it contained over 69 state committees, 16–17 ministers, 5 federal services, and over 46 governmental agencies. After the [2004 reform](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Administrative_Reform_(2004)), government duties were split between 17 ministries, 5 federal services, and over 30 governmental agencies.

The [prime minister](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prime_Minister_of_Russia) is appointed by the [president of the Russian Federation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/President_of_Russia) (currently [Vladimir Putin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vladimir_Putin)), and confirmed by the [State Duma](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_Duma). He or she succeeds to the presidency if the current president dies, is incapacitated, or resigns. The current prime minister is [Dmitry Medvedev](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dmitry_Medvedev).

**History**

The large body was preceded by [Government of the Soviet Union](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_the_Soviet_Union). Since the Russian Federation emerged in 1991 to 1992, the government's structure has undergone several major changes. In the initial years, a large amount of government bodies, primarily the different ministries, underwent massive reorganization as the old Soviet governing networks were adapted to the new state. Many reshuffles and remaining's occurred.

On November 28, 1991, President of the RSFSR [Boris Yeltsin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boris_Yeltsin) signed [presidential decree](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Decree_of_the_President_of_Russia) No.242 "On reorganization of the government bodies of the RSFSR".

The most recent change took place on May 21, 2012 when President [Vladimir Putin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vladimir_Putin) signed presidential decree on forming [Dmitry Medvedev's Cabinet](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dmitry_Medvedev%27s_Cabinet).

**Responsibilities and power**

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| [**Russia**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russia) |
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| This article is part of a series on the [**politics and government of Russia**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Politics_of_Russia) |
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| [Presidency](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Politics_of_Russia#President)   * [President](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/President_of_Russia): [Vladimir Putin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vladimir_Putin) * [Presidential Administration](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Presidential_Administration_of_Russia) * [Security Council](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Security_Council_of_Russia) * [State Council](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_Council_(Russia)) |
| [Executive](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Politics_of_Russia#Executive_branch)   * [Prime Minister](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prime_Minister_of_Russia): [Dmitry Medvedev](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dmitry_Medvedev) * **Government** * [Cabinet (14th)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dmitry_Medvedev%27s_Cabinet) |
| [Legislature](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Politics_of_Russia#Legislative_branch)   * [Federal Assembly](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_Assembly_of_Russia)   + [Federation Council](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federation_Council_(Russia))   + [State Duma](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_Duma) |
| [Judiciary](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Judiciary_of_Russia)   * [Constitutional Court](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constitutional_Court_of_Russia) * [Supreme Court](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Supreme_Court_of_Russia) * [Prosecutor General](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prosecutor_General_of_Russia) * [Supreme Court of Arbitration](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Supreme_Court_of_Arbitration_of_Russia) * [Legal system](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Law_of_the_Russian_Federation) |
| [Elections](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elections_in_Russia)   * [Presidential elections](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Politics_of_Russia#Presidential_elections) * [Legislative elections](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Politics_of_Russia#Political_parties_and_elections) * [Central Election Commission](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Election_Commission_of_Russia) * [Electoral geography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electoral_geography_of_Russia) * [Political parties](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Political_parties_in_Russia) |
| [Foreign relations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foreign_relations_of_Russia)   * [United Nations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russia_and_the_United_Nations) * [Arab–Israeli conflict](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russia_and_the_Arab%E2%80%93Israeli_conflict) |
| Related topics   * [Administrative divisions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Administrative_divisions_of_Russia) * [Federal subjects](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_subjects_of_Russia) * [Regional parliaments](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regional_parliaments_of_Russia) * [Armed forces](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_Armed_Forces) * [Civic Chamber](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civic_Chamber_of_the_Russian_Federation) * [Accounts Chamber](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Accounts_Chamber_of_Russia) * [E-Government](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/E-Government_in_Russia) * [Opposition](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_opposition) * [Human rights](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_rights_in_Russia) * [Political abuse of psychiatry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Political_abuse_of_psychiatry_in_Russia) |
| * [Other countries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Outline_of_political_science#Politics_by_region) * [Atlas](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Atlas_of_Russia) * [Politics portal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portal:Politics) |

*See also:* [*Order of the Government of Russia*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Order_of_the_Government_of_Russia)

The government is the subject of the 6th chapter of the [Constitution of the Russian Federation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constitution_of_the_Russian_Federation). According to the constitution, the government of the Russian Federation must:

1. draft and submit the [federal budget](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_budget_of_Russia) to the [State Duma](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_Duma); ensure the implementation of the budget and report on its implementation to the State Duma;
2. ensure the implementation of a uniform financial, credit and [monetary policy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monetary_policy) in the Russian Federation ;
3. ensure the implementation of a uniform state policy in the areas of [culture](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Culture_of_Russia), science, [education](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Education_in_Russia), [health protection](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Healthcare_in_Russia), [social security](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_security) and [ecology](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Environmental_issues_in_Russia);
4. manage federal property;
5. adopt measures to ensure the country's defense, [state security](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_security), and the implementation of the [foreign policy of the Russian Federation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foreign_relations_of_Russia);
6. implement measures to ensure the [rule of law](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Law_enforcement_in_Russia), [human rights](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_rights_in_Russia) and freedoms, the protection of property and [public order](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public_order), and [crime control](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crime_in_Russia);
7. exercise any other powers vested in it by the Constitution of the Russian Federation, federal laws and [presidential decrees](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Decree_of_the_President_of_Russia).

The government issues its [acts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Act_(document)) in the way of decisions (Постановления) and orders (Распоряжения). These must not contradict the [constitution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constitution_of_Russia), federal constitutional laws, [federal laws](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_law), and [Presidential decrees](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Decree_of_the_President_of_Russia), and are signed by the [Prime Minister](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prime_Minister_of_Russia).

**Current Cabinet**

Main article: [Dmitry Medvedev's Cabinet](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dmitry_Medvedev%27s_Cabinet)

The cabinet consists of the following members:

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| **Federal Cabinet of Russia** | | |
| **Office** | **Name** | **Political party** |
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| [Chairman of the Government](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prime_Minister_of_Russia) | [**Dmitry Medvedev**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dmitry_Medvedev) | [United Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Russia) |
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| [Minister of Foreign Affairs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Foreign_Affairs_(Russia)) | [Sergey Lavrov](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sergey_Lavrov) | [United Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Russia) |
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| [Minister of Internal Affairs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Internal_Affairs_(Russia)) | [Vladimir Kolokoltsev](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vladimir_Kolokoltsev) | [United Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Russia) |
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| [Minister of Finance](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Finance_(Russia)) | [Anton Siluanov](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anton_Siluanov) | [United Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Russia) |
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| [Minister of Defense](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Defense_(Russia)) | [Sergei Shoygu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sergei_Shoygu) | [United Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Russia) |
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| [Minister of Emergency Situations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Emergency_Situations_(Russia)) | [Vladimir Puchkov](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vladimir_Puchkov) | — |
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| [Minister of Justice](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Justice_(Russia)) | [Alexander Konovalov](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexander_Vladimirovich_Konovalov) | [United Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Russia) |
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| [Minister of Industry and Trade](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Industry_and_Trade_(Russia)) | [Denis Manturov](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denis_Manturov) | [United Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Russia) |
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| [Minister for Economic Development](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Economic_Development_(Russia)) | [Alexey Ulyukaev](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexey_Ulyukaev) | — |
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| [Ministry of Health](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Health_(Russia)) | [Veronika Skvortsova](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Veronika_Skvortsova) | — |
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| [Minister of Labour and Social Affairs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Labour_and_Social_Affairs_(Russia)) | [Maxim Topilin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maxim_Topilin) | [United Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Russia) |
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| [Minister of Education and Science](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Education_(Russia)) | [Dmitry Livanov](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dmitry_Livanov) | [United Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Russia) |
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| [Minister of Transport](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Transport_(Russia)) | [Maksim Sokolov](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maksim_Sokolov) | [United Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Russia) |
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| [Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Natural_Resources_and_the_Environment_(Russia)) | [Sergey Donskoy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sergey_Donskoy) | — |
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| [Minister of Energy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Energy_(Russia)) | [Alexander Novak](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexander_Novak) | [United Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Russia) |
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| [Minister of Culture](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Culture_(Russia)) | [Vladimir Medinsky](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vladimir_Medinsky) | [United Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Russia) |
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| [Minister of Sports](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Sport_(Russia)) | [Vitaliy Mutko](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vitaliy_Mutko) | [United Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Russia) |
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| [Minister of Communications and Mass Media](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Communications_and_Mass_Media_(Russia)) | [Nikolai Nikiforov](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nikolai_Nikiforov) | [United Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Russia) |
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| [Minister of Agriculture](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Agriculture_(Russia)) | [Alexander Tkachyov](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexander_Nikolayevich_Tkachyov) | [United Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Russia) |
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| [Minister of Russian Far East](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_for_Development_of_Russian_Far_East) | [Alexander Galushka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexander_Galushka) |  |
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| [Minister for Crimean Affairs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Crimean_Affairs)\* | [Oleg Savelyev](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Oleg_Savelyev&action=edit&redlink=1) |  |
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| **Offices with the status of Minister** | | |
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| Head of Commission for Open Government affairs | [Mikhail Abyzov](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mikhail_Abyzov) | [United Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Russia) |
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| [First Deputy Chairman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Deputy_Prime_Minister_of_the_Russian_Federation), Head of [2014 Winter Olympics Commission](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Winter_Olympics) | [Igor Shuvalov](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Igor_Shuvalov) | — |
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| Deputy Chairman and Head of the Government Administration | [Sergey Prikhodko](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sergei_Eduardovich_Prikhodko) | [United Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Russia) |
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| Deputy Chairman and Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the North Caucasus Federal District | [Alexander Khloponin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexander_Khloponin) | [United Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Russia) |
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| Deputy Chairman and Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District | [Yuri Trutnev](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yuri_Trutnev) | [United Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Russia) |
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| Deputy Chairman for industry and energy | [Arkady Dvorkovich](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arkady_Dvorkovich) | [United Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Russia) |
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| Deputy Chairman for Social Affairs | [Olga Golodets](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olga_Golodets) | — |
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| Deputy Chairman | [Dmitry Kozak](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dmitry_Kozak) | — |
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| Deputy Chairman for [Defense Industries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Defense_industry_of_Russia) | [Dmitry Rogozin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dmitry_Rogozin) | — |
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| Aid to Prime Minister | Janna Odintsova | — |

* Dissolved in July 15,2015 following executive orders

**See also**

* [List of heads of government of Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_heads_of_government_of_Russia)
* [Government of the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_the_Russian_Soviet_Federative_Socialist_Republic)
* [Government of the Soviet Union](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_the_Soviet_Union)
* [Russian Foreign Services](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_Foreign_Services)

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