Many laws enacted by Congress require agencies to issue regulations (rules) which specify how laws are to be carried out. The Federal Register is the medium for notifying the public of official agency actions. All proposed and final rules are published in the Federal Register. After publication as a final rule in the Federal Register, regulations are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) which is a subject arrangement of regulations in force.

Federal Register

The Federal Register is published daily (every federal working day) and contains public regulations and legal notices issued by federal agencies and the President. Along with the text of proposed regulations it gives addresses and deadlines for comment. The Federal Register contains:

- Presidential Documents
- Sunshine Act Meetings
- Rules and Regulations
- Corrections
- Proposed Rules
- Finding Aids
- Notices

Federal Register. 1936 - present
Location Current 2 years are in paper Reference KF 70 A2 F292
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Indexes 1989 – present are in paper, shelved in Reference at the end of the Federal Register issues.
The index is at the beginning of each microform annual volume of the Federal Register.

Browse the tables of contents or search by keyword, date or page number.

Using the Federal Register

At the beginning of each issue is a table of contents, an alphabetical list by agency name of all documents in the issue. The tables of contents from the daily issues of the Federal Register are consolidated and published monthly in the Federal Register Index. The Index is cumulated quarterly and annually.

Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions

The Unified Agenda is published in the Federal Register twice a year. It contains the regulatory agendas of agencies describing regulatory actions they are developing or reviewing. The Regulatory Plan, a statement of the Administration's regulatory and deregulatory policies and priorities, is published with the fall edition of the Unified Agenda.

Location see Federal Register locations in the preceding section.

1995 – present via the Regulatory Information Service Center: ciir.cs.umass.edu/ua/

Comment on Proposed Regulations

Find, review, and submit comments on federal regulations that are open for comment and published in the Federal Register via www.regulations.gov/
The Code of Federal Regulations is a subject arrangement of the general and permanent rules issued by the executive departments and agencies of the federal government which were originally published in the Federal Register. Each volume of the CFR is revised annually: the revision date is on the cover and the color of the cover changes every year.

**Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).**

**Location** Reference KF 70 A5

**Indexes** CFR Index and Finding Aids. Reference KF 70 A35

Index to the Code of Federal Regulations. Reference KF 70 A3 index 2000 and supplements

(This index provides more in-depth subject access.)


**Arrangement of the CFR**

♦ The CFR is divided into 50 titles or broad subject areas.

♦ Each title is divided into chapters (I, II, III, etc.) which usually bear the name of the issuing agency.

♦ Chapters are divided into parts (1, 2, 3, etc.) covering a single subject or agency function.

♦ Subparts (A, B, C, etc.) group related sections within a part.

♦ Parts are divided into sections, the basic unit of the CFR.

  Section numbers include the symbol §, the number of the part, a period, and the section number. For example, §25.3 is the third section in part 25.

♦ Sections may be further divided into paragraphs e.g., (a), (b), (c).

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**How to Locate Changes to Regulations Since the Latest CFR**

The CFR is kept up to date by issues of the Federal Register. Use the List of Sections Affected (LSA) to find Federal Register entries containing amendments, deletions, or additions to regulations. The LSA is a monthly, cumulative list of CFR sections affected by documents published in the Federal Register.

1. Note the revision date printed on the CFR volume
2. Check all issues of the LSA since that CFR date
3. Check all issues of the Federal Register since the latest LSA:

  The Federal Register lists CFR Parts Affected in This Issue after its table of contents. The Reader Aids section at the end of each Federal Register issue has a cumulative list of CFR parts affected that month.

**List of Sections Affected**

**Location** Reference KF 70 A34 C6


**Finding Regulations Associated with a Particular Law**

The Parallel Table of Authorities and Rules lists rulemaking authority for regulations in the CFR. It is arranged primarily by United States Code citation and gives the associated CFR citation.

**Location** In the CFR Index and Finding Aids Reference KF 70 A35

**Internet** via GPO Access: [www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/about.html](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/about.html)

(the links to the Parallel Table are near the bottom of the page).

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