

Federal Regulations

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The *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) is an annually revised arrangement of the general and permanent rules published in the *Federal Register* (FR) by the executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government. The *CFR* is divided into 50 titles which represent broad areas subject to regulation. The latest edition of each code section is shelved in the Reference stacks. Title 3, The President, is cataloged separately, and has a slightly different call number. Each volume has an alphabetical agency list, and each year also has a separate subject index volume. The *CFR* is cited by title and part number, as *40 CFR 211*.

Code of Federal Regulations

REF KF70 .A3 (Print) Reference, Level 4 Current Year

REF KF70 .A32 Title 3, The President (Print) Reference, Level 4
1936 – 1978/79, 1983, 1986-1999

AE 2.106/3: (Microfiche) Public Documents, Level 3
1986 – 1988, 1999 - date

GS 4.108: (Microfiche) Public Documents, Level 3
1982 – 1985

INTERNET

<http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/cfr-table-search.html#page1>
1996 (incomplete), 1997 – 1999

The database is searchable by keyword (to retrieve information from the most current CFR), or by citation (for current and/or historical data). Or browse or search a particular Title (for current and/or historical data).

Also:

INTERNET

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/federal/>
Current

Cornell has taken the *most recent version* of the CFR from the Government Printing Office and added their own front-end. The database contains the federal regulations in force as of specific revision dates, which vary from title to title (and appears on its table of contents.) It is searchable by title number, or by specific citation.

Federal statutes furnish the authority and the limits for regulations that appear in the CFR. This means that the regulations on a subject should be read together with any pertinent portions of the U.S. Code. It also means that courts will, upon occasion, hold that regulations which appear in the Code of Federal Regulations are invalid because they conflict with a Federal statute.

To view the U.S. Code, which provides references to public laws that amend specific regulations, go to:

INTERNET

<http://uscode.house.gov/usc.htm>

Most recent Code

Can search by keyword, or can limit your search to a particular title, rule, chapter, section, division, or part. There are also advanced searching features which can help to focus searches.

or

INTERNET

<http://uscode.house.gov/prevcode.htm>

1994 edition, 1998 edition

See Also:

INTERNET

<http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/nara005.html>

104th Congress (1995-1996) – 106th Congress (1999-2000)

INTERNET The Helpful Hints page is particularly good:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/desc005.html

Another finding aid is the *LSA* (List of CFR Sections Affected), which is a cumulative list of sections of the code which are affected by rules and proposed rules published in the *FR* since the last *CFR* title revision.

Code of Federal Regulations, List of Sections Affected (LSA)

(Title Varies slightly).

REF KF70 .A3 C63 (Print) Reference, Level 4

1949-63, 1964-72, 1973 – 1998 (Bound)

plus current year's issues

AE 2.106/2: (Microfiche) Public Documents, Level 3

1987 – Date

INTERNET

<http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/lsa/aboutlsa.html>

The regulations appearing in the CFR may be incomplete or even obsolete because of amendments issued after the date the particular title was last revised. This makes it important to note the revision date of the portion of the CFR you are using and, when being sure you have the up-to-date regulations is critical, checking for amendments. Amendments appear, as they are issued by the government, in the *Federal Register*.

The *Federal Register* is published daily, except Sunday, Monday, and the day following an official Federal holiday. It includes the full text of Presidential Proclamations and Executive Orders, and any order,

regulation, notice or similar document promulgated by Federal administrative agencies which has general applicability and legal effect. The *Federal Register* is the medium for disseminating information to the public. Finding Aids are published in each issue. The material printed in the daily issues of the *Federal Register* is later codified and published in the *Code of Federal Regulations*. The *Federal Register* is cited by volume and page number, as 42 FR 5940.

Federal Register (Daily)

AE 2.106: (Print) Public Documents, Level 3
Most current year

AE 2.106: (Microfiche) Public Documents, Level 3
1985:Apr. – date

GS 4.107: (Microfiche) Public Documents, Level 3
1936 – 1944, 1982 – 1985:Mar.

GS 4.107: (Microfilm) Public Documents, Level 3
1964 – 1982

GS 4.107: (Print) Public Documents, Level 3
1944 – 1963

INTERNET

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html 1995 – 2000

INTERNET

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aaces002.html 1994 (has no fields so it is more difficult to search)

The guidance screen for this site is particularly helpful:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/desc004.html#cont9

The *Federal Register* also has a separate printed index. It includes a list of Privacy Act publications, a Table of Federal Register Pages and Dates, and (quarterly) a Guide to Freedom of Information Indexes.

Federal Register Index

AE 2.106: (Print) Public Documents, Level 3
1987 – 1991, 1993 - 1996
Indexes are shelved after the Current year's issues of the Federal Register

AE 2.106: (Microfiche) Public Documents, Level 3
1985 – 1997
Indexes are filed at the end of the Federal Register microfiche

The Federal Register, What It Is and How to Use It

REF KF70 .A34 F42 1992 (Print) Reference, Level 4