State and federal administrative agencies create specialized and technical rules and regulations that govern activities in specific areas, such as labor relations and environmental protection. This agency-made law, promulgated to implement and enforce state statutes and the general statutes enacted by Congress, is primary law on a par with case law and statutes.

On Westlaw, you can search regulations using methods similar to the ones you use to search statutes. This quick reference guide will explain how to retrieve state regulations as well as regulations from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

**Where Do I Find Federal Regulations?**

**In print**
Federal regulations are published by the federal government in two official publications, the Federal Register and the CFR.

- The *Federal Register* has been issued every business day since 1936. It contains information such as proposals for new regulations, temporary rules and regulations, agency orders and opinions, and calendars of meetings. Final regulations are published chronologically.

- Adopted regulations are arranged by subject in the CFR. The entire CFR is recompiled annually—new regulations are added, changes to existing regulations are incorporated, and regulations that have been withdrawn are deleted. The CFR is organized by title, and each title represents a broad subject such as Banks and Banking or Labor.

**On Westlaw**
Documents from the *Federal Register* are available in the Federal Register 1936–Current database (FR-ALL). All 50 titles in the current CFR are available in the Code of Federal Regulations database (CFR).
Retrieving Federal Regulations on Westlaw

There are several methods you can use to retrieve a federal regulation on Westlaw. The method you choose depends on what you know about the regulation.

Retrieving a federal regulation by citation

If you know the citation of a federal regulation (typically consisting of the title number, the publication abbreviation, and the section number, e.g., 37 C.F.R. § 1.16), type the citation in the Find by citation text box in the left frame of the tabbed Law School page to quickly retrieve the section.

Using the Search page

Access the CFR database by typing cfr in the Search for a database text box in the left frame of the Law School page or click Code of Federal Regulations under Administrative Materials in the Resources section. The Search page is displayed, which provides links to the CFR table of contents and the RegulationsPlus® index.

You can also begin your research by typing a Terms and Connectors query or a Natural Language search.

Using the Table of Contents service

Click Table of Contents at the top of the Search page to access the CFR table of contents. Then click the plus (+) and minus (−) symbols to browse the table of contents. You can also select the check box next to a title, chapter, part, or subpart and click Expand Selections at the bottom of the page. That portion of the table of contents will be expanded.

To retrieve a specific section, click its hypertext link. To retrieve multiple sections or entire titles, chapters, parts, or subparts, select the appropriate check boxes and click Search or Retrieve and Print at the bottom of the page.
Using the RegulationsPlus index

Like the United States Code Annotated® index, the RegulationsPlus index, created by West’s attorney-editors, is a comprehensive topical index. Click RegulationsPlus Index at the top of the Search page, then click the hypertext links and the plus and minus symbols until you see a section that interests you. To view the full text of the section, click its citation.

Alternatively, you can search the index for specific terms by using the Search feature, as shown below.

Where Do I Find State Regulations?

In print

The availability of state administrative publications varies from state to state. Many states publish administrative codes similar to the Federal Register and the CFR. Some states publish only selected agency decisions.

On Westlaw

Administrative codes from 44 states are available in the Multistate Administrative Codes–Academic Accounts database (ADC-ACAD). Administrative codes from individual states are found in the XX-ADC databases, where XX is a state’s two-letter postal abbreviation.

Retrieving State Regulations on Westlaw

There are several methods you can use to retrieve a state regulation on Westlaw. The method you choose depends on what you know about the regulation.

Retrieving a state regulation by citation

If you know the citation of a state regulation, type the citation in the Find by citation text box in the left frame of the Law School page to quickly retrieve the section.

If you are not sure of the citation format for a particular state’s administrative code, type xx adc (where xx is a state’s two-letter postal abbreviation, e.g., ca adc for California regulations).
Using the Search page
Access a state administrative code database by typing a database identifier (e.g., ca-adc for the California administrative code) in the Search for a database text box in the left frame of the Law School page. The Search page is displayed, which provides a link to the table of contents for that administrative code. To search all available state administrative codes, click State Administrative Codes under Administrative Materials in the Resources section.

You can also begin your research by typing a Terms and Connectors query or a Natural Language search in the Search text box.

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When you are viewing a state or federal regulation, click Previous Section or Next Section at the top of the document to view consecutive sections even if they were not retrieved by your search or Find request. For example, if you are viewing 29 C.F.R. § 825.112, click Previous Section to view section 825.111 or Next Section to view section 825.113.

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