

# CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

## RESEARCH GUIDE

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### Scope

This research guide assists you in locating California regulations. The *California Code of Regulations* comprises 28 Titles. All of the titles except for Title 24, the California Building Code, are available in the library under the title *Barclays Official California Code of Regulations* (KFC 35 1990.B3) and online at <http://ccr.oal.ca.gov>. Title 24 is available in our library (KFC 35 .A221 2007) and is available online from a different website, <http://www.bsc.ca.gov/>.

### What are the California Code of Regulations?

The terms "**code of regulations**" and "**administrative code**" are often used interchangeably, however, as of 1988, the "administrative code" no longer exists. It has been replaced by the *Code of Regulations*. The *Code of Regulations* contains regulations promulgated by government agencies. The legislature created state agencies and empowered them to make rules and procedures, called regulations, to implement state statutes. Regulations are just as binding and enforceable as statutes promulgated by the state legislature.

### How to Use the California Code of Regulations

The *California Code of Regulations* is abbreviated as "CCR." A citation is read "25 CCR 60". The first number is the title number. The second number is the section where that information may be found in that title. Since there are 28 titles, it is important to have a title number. It is extremely difficult to locate a regulation without a title number. For your convenience, we provide a list of titles on pages two and three of this guide.

Regulations are also listed in the *Master Index* (KFC 35 1990.B3) by subject matter. For example, if you are looking for a regulation concerning "Safety Orders for Amusement Rides" you first look in the index under the term "Safety Orders." This index refers you to the term "*See Amusement Rides*"; under "Amusement Rides" you will find a heading "Safety Orders" which is accompanied by a listing of the volume and section number: "8:3900-8:3920. The sub heading "Permanent Rides" is also provided along with a listing of the volume and section numbers: 8:3195.1-8.3195.14. The citation for "Safety Orders" stands for Title 8, sections 3900-3920. The citation for "Permanent Rides" stands for Title 8, sections 3195.1-3195.14.

Another way to locate a regulation is to look up the relevant statute (e.g., "Food and Agricultural Code 27553") in the *Master Index* Table of Statutes to Regulations. This section follows subject matter index. The table then refers you to "3:1358" and "3:1358.2" or Title 3 section 1358 and Title 3 section 1358.2 of the *California Code of Regulations*.

## Proposed Regulations

When an agency proposes new regulations, a notice appears in the *California Regulatory Notice Register* (also called the "Z Register" and formerly called the *California Administrative Notice Register* until 1989), which is published by the Office of Administrative Law ([www.oal.ca.gov](http://www.oal.ca.gov)). A notice also appears in Barclay's unofficial *California Regulatory Law Bulletin*, which is available using the Lexis database. It has coverage back to 1995. The database is available for free at any of the law library locations.

## Final Regulations

When a new regulation goes into effect, the text is filed with the Secretary of State and published in Barclay's *California Regulatory Code Supplement* (formerly called the *California Administrative Code Supplement* until 1989).

Final regulations are subsequently codified in the *California Code of Regulations*. The *Code* is posted on the Web site of the California Office of Administrative Law ([www.oal.ca.gov/](http://www.oal.ca.gov/)). You can search for sections on the Lexis or Westlaw databases.

### THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE 28 TITLES OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

- TITLE 1 - General Provisions
- TITLE 2 - Administration
- TITLE 3 - Food and Agriculture
- TITLE 4 - Business Regulations
- TITLE 5 - Education
- TITLE 7 - Harbors and Navigation
- TITLE 8 - Industrial Relations (OSHA)
- TITLE 9 - Rehabilitative and Developmental Services
- TITLE 10 - Investment
- TITLE 11 - Law
- TITLE 12 - Military and Veterans Affairs
- TITLE 13 - Motor Vehicles
- TITLE 14 - Natural Resources (Fish and Game)
- TITLE 15 - Crime Prevention and Corrections
- TITLE 16 - Professional and Vocational Regulations
- TITLE 17 - Public Health
- TITLE 18 - Public Revenues
- TITLE 19 - Public Safety
- TITLE 20 - Public Utilities and Energy
- TITLE 21 - Public Works
- TITLE 22 - Social Security
- TITLE 23 - Waters

TITLE 24 - Building Standards Code

Part 1 - California Building Standards Administrative code

Part 2 - California Building Code (This is published in two parts)

Part 3 - California Electrical Code

Part 4 - California Mechanical Code

Part 5 - California Plumbing Code

Part 6 - California Energy Code

Part 7 – California Elevator Safety Construction Code (This code is now part of Title 8)

Part 8 - California Historical Building Code

Part 9 – California Fire Code

Part 10 - California Existing Building Code

Part 11 - 2008 California Green Building Standards Code (also called the CalGreen Code)

Part 12 - California Reference Standards Code (Test standards)

TITLE 25 - Housing and Community Development

TITLE 26 - Toxics

TITLE 27 - Environmental Protection

TITLE 28 - Managed Health Care