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Federal regulations, referred to as delegated or subordinate legislation, exist under and are enabled by governing statutes. The [Statutory Instruments Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. S-22](#) governs federal regulations. Regulations are defined in the Act as a statutory instrument "made in the exercise of a legislative power conferred by or under an Act of Parliament", or a statutory instrument "for the contravention of which a penalty, fine or imprisonment is prescribed by or under an Act of Parliament".

New regulations must be registered with the [Clerk of the Privy Council](#) and be published in the [Canada Gazette, part II](#). The latest official consolidation of the regulations is *Consolidated Regulations of Canada, 1978 (C.R.C. 1978)*. Some regulations are exempt from publication.

For more information, view the Privy Council Office (P.C.O.) [Guide to Making Federal Acts and Regulations](#).

Federal regulations are cited by series, year and number. The series is either S.O.R. (Statutory Orders and Regulations) or S.I. (Statutory Instruments). Regulations are cited using **SOR** and other types of statutory instruments are cited using **SI**.

EXAMPLE: S.O.R./87-234 is a Statutory Order and Regulation from 1987, the 234th regulation for the year. Since 2000, the year is given in full, e.g. S.O.R./2006-14. Regulations from the consolidation are cited, for example, as C.R.C., c. 311.

NOTE: Print collections of Federal Regulations are held by Alberta Law Libraries. [Contact the library](#) in order to confirm holdings.

finding

[Consolidated index of Statutory Instruments](#)

This cumulative (from 1955) index is a consolidated list of federal regulations and enabling acts. Part of the *Canada Gazette, part II*, it is published quarterly and is available in both print and electronic formats. Table I lists the regulations alphabetically by title, referencing the enabling statute for each. Table II lists enabling statutes alphabetically by title, with the associated regulations listed alphabetically below each statute.

[Justice Laws Web Site](#)

Consolidated versions of the regulations are searchable by keyword(s) in the title or text, and browsable by title.

[Canada Gazette, part II](#)

Unconsolidated regulations since 1998 are provided here in the electronic version of the *Gazette*, which mirrors the print issues.

[A Nation's Chronicle: The Canada Gazette](#)

Library and Archives Canada provide digitized versions of the *Canada Gazette, part II* for the years 1947-1977, 1983-1997.

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For inquiries by email, visit the [Ask Us](#) page on our website.

CanLII (Canadian Legal Information Institute)

On the [[Federal - Statutes and Regulations](#)] page, search consolidated regulations by keyword(s) or phrases in the title or text, or retrieve them from an alphabetical list. This page indicates the last update to the content, which may not be as up to date as other sources. Some point-in-time versions are also available.

OTHER SOURCES: Westlaw Canada *LawSource* includes a collection of searchable consolidated federal regulations in its collection; they are updated daily. LexisNexis *Quicklaw's* "Canada Regulations" source includes searchable federal regulations, consolidated and updated according to the most recent issue of the *Canada Gazette, part II*. Check the currency information in each document for the date of the last update. (NOTE: these sources are not free and require a subscription).

updating

Regulations are in force on the date registered with the Clerk of the Privy Council unless otherwise specified (see s.9 of the *Statutory Instruments Act*). The date is included beside the S.O.R. and S.I. citations.

Consolidated index of Statutory Instruments

Table II includes all changes (added, repealed, amended) made to sections of a regulation.

Canada Gazette, part II

The Table of Contents in each issue lists the included S.O.R.s and S.I.s and updates the information in the quarterly consolidated index.

Canadian Current Law: Legislation. Carswell, 1991-

This component of the *Canadian Abridgement* summarizes developments in the making, appeal and amendment of regulations. Changes for the year are covered in the annual volumes, while recent changes are published in current issues.

Orders in Council & ministerial orders. J-K Carruthers, 1997-

This source provides a weekly listing of Cabinet activities.

Privy Council Office

Orders in Council are searchable on this site. The latest information is available from their office at (613) 957-5153 or e-mail: info@pco-bcp.gc.ca

history

Use the history note at the end of a section of any consolidated electronic version of a regulation to trace the history of that section.

To locate a regulation no longer in force, use the *Consolidated Index of Statutory Instruments* in the *Canada Gazette, part II* for the year the regulation ceased to be in force. Each *Index* includes the regulations in force at any time during that year.

Canada Gazette, part I

The *Canada Gazette, part I* contains a section on proposed regulations. Each entry consists of a regulatory impact analysis statement and the proposed regulatory text.

Use our online [catalogue](#) to search for additional titles or titles recently received.

Justice Laws Web Site

Point-in-time searching for the consolidated versions of the regulations from March 22, 2006 is available.

CanLII (Canadian Legal Information Institute)

Some point-in-time versions of regulations can be found when searching by regulation name, noted under the “versions” tab heading provided.

LexisNexis *Quicklaw*'s “Canada Repealed Regulations” source contains regulations repealed, revoked, expired, exonerated, cancelled, ceased or terminated since 2003. These may be searched or browsed.

links

Privy Council Office (P.C.O.)

[Guide to Making Federal Acts and Regulations](#)

Canada Gazette

[Part II – Official Regulations](#) (1998 – present)

[Part II – A Nation's Chronicle](#) - historical archive (1947 -)

Statutory Instruments Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. S-22

Text of the Act via the Federal Department of Justice website.

Department of Justice – Justice Laws Website

Browse or search this site for copies of official Regulations.

LEGISinfo

Provides information on legislation currently before Parliament.

glossary

Clerk of the Privy Council Office (P.C.O.): The Clerk of the Privy Council is the most senior non-political official in the Government of Canada, and provides professional, non-partisan support to the Prime Minister on all policy and operational issues that may affect the government.

Canada Gazette: the official newspaper of the Government of Canada published since 1841, the *Canada Gazette* is one of the vehicles that Canadians can use to access the laws and regulations that govern their daily lives. *Part II* contains official regulations.

Also see the [Statutory Instruments Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. S-22](#) for further definitions.