



RESEARCH GUIDE

federal regulations

Federal regulations, referred to as delegated or subordinate legislation, exist under governing statutes. 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.

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). 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.

finding

Consolidated index of Statutory Instruments

<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/StatutoryInstrument>

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

<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/>

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

Canada Gazette, part II

<http://canadagazette.gc.ca/partII/index-e.html>

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

CanLII (Canadian Legal Information Institute)

<http://www.canlii.org>

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.

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.

updating

Regulations are in force on the date registered with the Clerk of the Privy Council unless otherwise specified. 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.

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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 Abridgment* summarises 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

<http://www.pco-bcp.gc.ca/index.asp?lang=eng>

Orders in Council are searchable on this site. The latest information is available from their office at (613) 957-5153.

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.

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.

Canada Gazette, part I

<http://canadagazette.gc.ca/part1/index-e.html>

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.

Justice Laws Web Site

<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/searchadvanced>

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

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