

The Oklahoma Administrative Code

The *Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC)* is the only official compilation of the permanent rules and executive orders of the State of Oklahoma.

Full editions of the *OAC* are published every five years and, between publications of full editions, cumulative supplements are published annually. Each year's publication contains permanent rules and executive orders enacted and filed with the Secretary of State on or before August 15 of that year. Between the annual *OAC* publications, the semi-monthly issues of *The Oklahoma Register* serve as supplementation to the *OAC*. **At any given point in time, therefore, current rules can be found by checking the latest full edition of the *OAC* and the latest annual supplement (if any), and by checking emergency, permanent, and preemptive rule updates promulgated in issues of the *Register* after the August 15 closing date for the last annual *OAC* publication (i.e., edition or annual supplement).**

Each annual publication of the *OAC* is available for purchase as a full set and by individual Title, as follows:

- ❑ Full sets - Full set publications of each edition and each cumulative annual supplement are available in print and on CD. Each full set publication includes a comprehensive subject index of the rules and executive orders included in that year's publication. (*See order forms for prices.*)
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The Oklahoma Register

The *Oklahoma Register* is published semi-monthly. Each issue contains the text of recently-enacted emergency rules, preemptive rules, and executive orders, as well as the text of permanent rules that are scheduled to become effective after being published in the *Register*. The permanent rules, preemptive rules, and executive orders that are accepted by August 15 for publication in the *Register* are then published at the end of the year in the *OAC* (edition or cumulative supplement). **However, emergency rules are NOT published in the *OAC*, so the *Register* is the only official source for tracking or researching Oklahoma's emergency rules.** The *Register* also contains various notices that will allow you to participate in the rulemaking process prior to adoption of a permanent rule, and to track the progress of the adopted rule through the review/approval process.

The Oklahoma Register includes:

- Notices of intended rulemaking (comment periods and public hearings)
- Notices of continued or cancelled comment periods or public hearings
- Notices of the adoption and submission of proposed rules to Governor and Legislature
- Notices of legislative disapproval of rules
- Notices of withdrawn rules
- Recently-enacted emergency and preemptive rules (after approval by the Governor)
- Finally adopted permanent rules (after legislative approval) that will become effective at least 10 days after publication
- Recently-issued executive orders
- Recently-issued Governor's declarations approving disapproved permanent rules

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