

The CFR -- ORGANIZATION & CONTENTS

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What is the Code of Federal Regulations ?

- **The CFR contains Federal rules that have:**
 - ✧ **General applicability to the public**
 - ✧ **Current and future effect as of the date specified on the cover (or as specified in the online edition)**
- **Rules are always published first in the FR as amendments to the CFR**
- **The CFR is published in a set of about 200 volumes**
 - ✧ **Printed soft cover books (available from GPO & Depository Libraries)**
 - » **Different color each year**
 - ✧ **Microfiche (available from GPO & Depository Libraries)**
 - ✧ **Online at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara> (free access)**

How is the CFR organized ?

- **Federal regulations are organized into:**
 - ✧ **50 titles**
 - ✧ **According to broad subject matter categories**
 - ✧ **Examples: Environment, Defense, Public Health, Transportation**
- **Each title is completely revised and reissued once each year on a staggered schedule.**
 - ✧ **Titles 1 -- 16 updated as of January 1**
 - ✧ **Titles 17 -- 27 updated as of April 1**
 - ✧ **Titles 28 -- 41 updated as of July 1**
 - ✧ **Titles 42 -- 50 updated as of October 1**

What is the CFR numbering system ?

- The CFR has a uniform numbering system
 - ✧ Most of the 50 titles conform to the system
 - ✧ Titles 3, 41, and 48 have significant variations
- The section is the basic unit of the CFR
- Cite the CFR by title and section: 12 CFR 303.1
- Text is divided into descending levels of units

CFR Structure

The following table illustrates the CFR numbering system:

Title	12	Broad subject area of regulations
Chapter	III	Rules of individual agency
Part	303	Rules on a single program or function
Section	303.1	One provision of program/function rules
Paragraph	303.1(a)	Detailed, specific requirements

Paragraph Levels

Sections may contain up to 6 levels of paragraphs.

✧ We strongly recommend agencies use no more than 3 levels.

<u>Paragraph</u>	<u>Designations</u>	<u>Cite paragraph as</u>
Level 1	(a), (b), (c), etc.	§ 303.1(a)
Level 2	(1), (2), (3), etc.	§ 303.1(a)(1)
Level 3	(i), (ii), (iii), etc.	§ 303.1(a)(1)(i)
Level 4	(A), (B), (C), etc.	§ 303.1(a)(1)(i)(A)
Level 5	(1), (2), (3), etc.	§ 303.1(a)(1)(i)(A)(1)
Level 6	(i), (ii), (iii), etc.	§ 303.1(a)(1)(i)(A)(1)(i)