

WHAT ARE THE ARIZONA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND REGISTER AND WHERE CAN I FIND THEM?

The *Arizona Administrative Code* and the *Arizona Administrative Register* are the two most referred to publications for administrative rules.

Both the *Arizona Administrative Code* and the *Arizona Administrative Register* are published by the Secretary of State's Office and may be accessed via the Secretary of State's website: http://www.azsos.gov/public_services/rules.htm.

The *Arizona Administrative Code* codifies all state agencies final rules and is updated by the Public Services Division on a quarterly basis.

The *Arizona Administrative Register* is the public record for all state agencies rulemaking activities and contains the text of proposed and final rules as well as a variety of other official notices such as: Governor's Executive Orders, Notices of Public Information, Notices of Agency Ombudsman, County Notices, and Substantive Policy Statements.

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission rules are housed in Title 12. Natural Resources, Chapter 4. Title 12, Chapter 4 contains 11 Articles:

- Article 1. Definitions and General Provisions
- Article 2. Miscellaneous Licenses and Permits
- Article 3. Taking and Handling of Wildlife
- Article 4. Live Wildlife
- Article 5. Boating and Water Sports
- Article 6. Rules of Practice Before the Commission
- Article 7. Heritage Grants
- Article 8. Wildlife Areas and Department Property
- Article 9. Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund Grants
- Article 10. (Reserved for Off-highway Vehicle Rules)
- Article 11. Aquatic Invasive Species

Each Article is made up of individual rules, also known as Sections. Sections contain the actual rule language and are labeled to help identify where a particular rule is located. For example, for **R12-4-101**:

- **R** indicates Arizona Administrative Code,
- **12** indicates Title 12 of the Arizona Administrative Code,
- **4** indicates Chapter 4 of Title 12,
- **101** indicates Article 1 of Chapter 4, and
- **101** indicates the rule is the first rule contained within Article 1.