

## A RULE IS...

A rule is an agency statement of general applicability that:

- Implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy; or
- Describes the procedure or practice requirements of an agency.

Generally, the Legislature passes laws establishing broad guidelines and general standards for the operation of an agency's program. It is then up to the impacted state agency to create rules for the specific processes and procedures needed to effectively implement the law.

State agencies are required to make, amend, and repeal rules in compliance with A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6; the Administrative Procedure Act.

The Commission's general rulemaking authority is prescribed under A.R.S. §§ 5-311 and 17-231.

The Commission's specific rulemaking authority is prescribed under A.R.S. Title 5, Chapter 3 and Title 17.