

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

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

The *Arizona Administrative Code* codifies the final rules made by all State of Arizona agencies. The Code is updated on a quarterly basis.

The *Arizona Administrative Register* is the public record of all rulemaking activity by State agencies. The Register contains the text of proposed and final rules as well as a variety of other official notices; such as a Governor's Executive Order, County Notice, Notice of Public Information, or a Substantive Policy Statement.

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.

Title 12 consists of 17 Chapters relating to the various programs under the Natural Resources and the Arizona Game and Fish Commission's Rules are listed under Chapter 4 of Title 12.

Chapter 4 contains 9 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

Each Article is made up of 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 **R 12 - 4 - 101**:

“**R**” indicates that the citation refers to an Administrative rule.

“**12**” indicates that the rule is contained within Title 12 of the Arizona Administrative Code.

“**4**” indicates that the rule is contained within Chapter 4 of Title 12.

“**101**” indicates the rule is Section 101 of Chapter 4.