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Introduction to the Office of the Federal Register's eCFR Website

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What We Will Discuss

- The OFR & Its Publications
- Federal Register & Executive Orders
- CFR, eCFR.gov & drafting.ecfr.gov
- Demo of eCFR tools





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The OFR & Its Publications

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- Office in the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)
- Created in 1935 by the Federal Register Act
- Federal Register was OFR's first publication in 1936
- Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) came soon after
- More publications added over time
- Additional duties
 - Electoral College
 - Constitutional amendments



Office of the
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Government Publishing Office

- GPO – formerly called Government Printing Office
- Under Congress in the Legislative Branch
- Statutory partner with OFR in producing the Federal Register and Code of Federal Regulations
- Provides publication services for other OFR publications
- Since 2017, our landlord





OFR Publications

Federal Register (FR)

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

Public Inspection List

List of Sections Affected (LSA)

Federal Register Index

CFR Index and Finding Aids

United States Government Manual

Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents (DCPD)

Slip Laws

US Statutes at Large

Privacy Act Compilation





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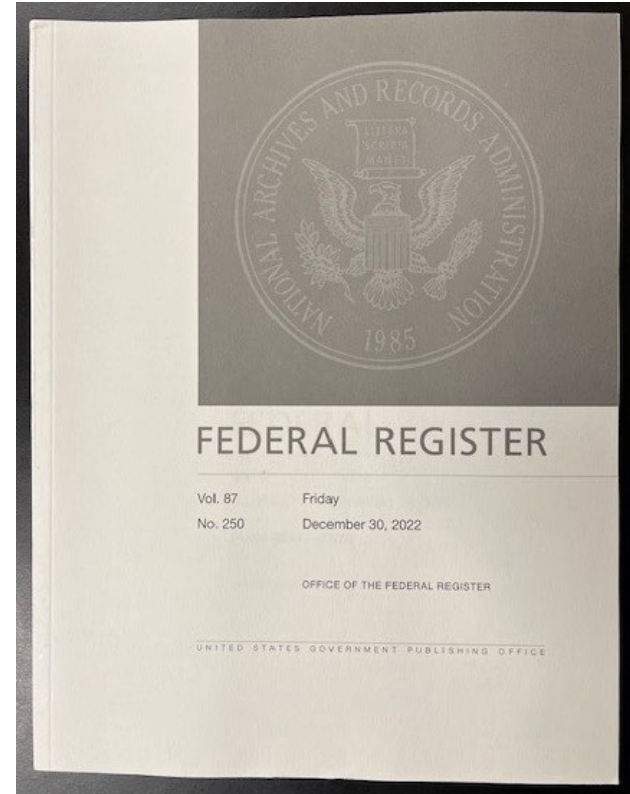
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Federal Register

- Federal Register is the official gazette of the United States Government which contains:
 - proposed rules
 - rules
 - notices
 - presidential documents



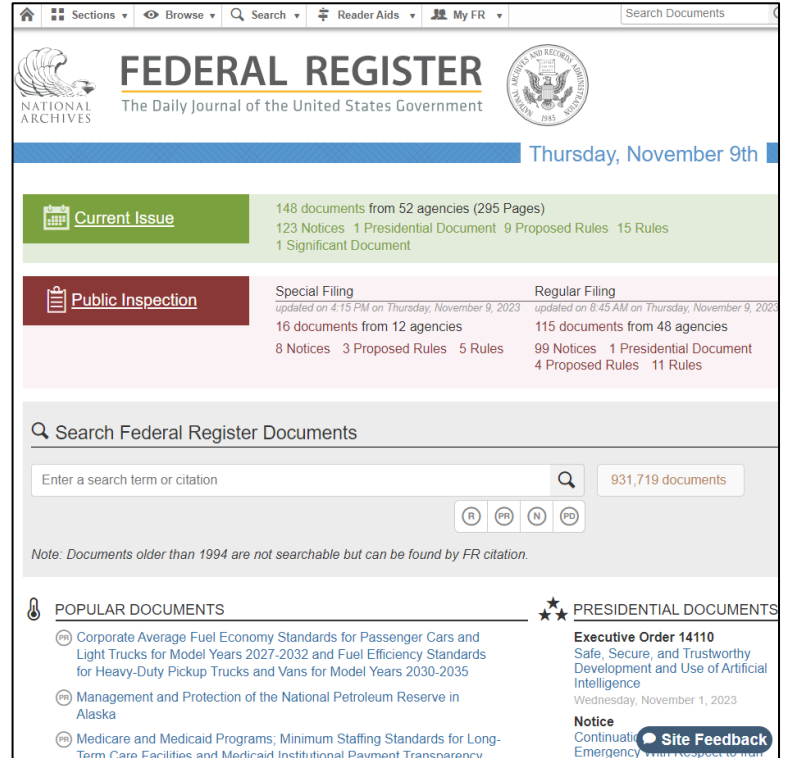


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FederalRegister.gov

- Federal Register website
- Updated each weekday except holidays
- Current issue / past issues to 1994
- Public Inspection
- Search tools
- MyFR Accounts
- Presidential document pages

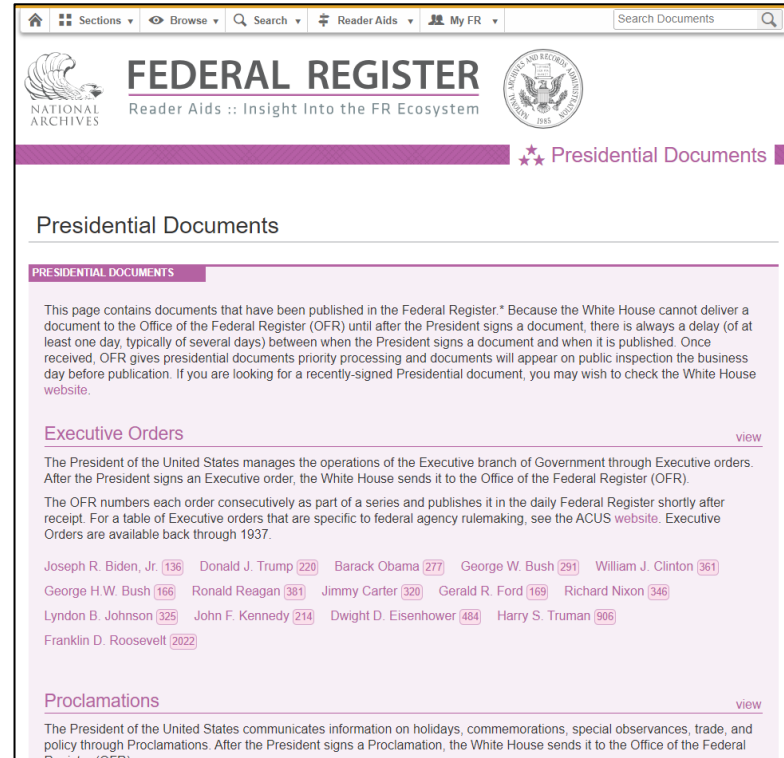
FederalRegister.gov



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Federal Register website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Sections, Browse, Search, Reader Aids, and My FR. The main header features the National Archives logo, the text "FEDERAL REGISTER The Daily Journal of the United States Government", and the date "Thursday, November 9th". Below the header, there are several sections: "Current Issue" with 148 documents from 52 agencies (295 Pages), "Public Inspection" with 16 documents from 12 agencies, and "Regular Filing" with 115 documents from 48 agencies. A search bar is prominently displayed, showing "931,719 documents" and a note that documents older than 1994 are not searchable. At the bottom, there are sections for "POPULAR DOCUMENTS" and "PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS", including "Executive Order 14110" and "Notice".

Presidential Documents

- 3 categories of Presidential Documents
 - Executive Orders
 - Proclamations
 - Other Presidential Documents
- Special presentation of Presidential Documents on FederalRegister.gov
- Recently added Executive Orders from 1937 to 1993



The screenshot shows the Federal Register website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Sections, Browse, Search, Reader Aids, and My FR. The main header features the National Archives logo, the text 'FEDERAL REGISTER', and the tagline 'Reader Aids :: Insight Into the FR Ecosystem'. A purple banner highlights 'Presidential Documents'. Below this, the section title 'Presidential Documents' is displayed. A sub-section titled 'PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS' contains an introductory paragraph explaining the delay between signing and publication. Two sub-sections are visible: 'Executive Orders' and 'Proclamations', each with a 'view' link. The Executive Orders section lists various presidents with their corresponding document counts, such as Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (136), Donald J. Trump (220), Barack Obama (277), George W. Bush (291), William J. Clinton (361), George H.W. Bush (166), Ronald Reagan (381), Jimmy Carter (320), Gerald R. Ford (169), Richard Nixon (346), Lyndon B. Johnson (325), John F. Kennedy (214), Dwight D. Eisenhower (484), Harry S. Truman (906), and Franklin D. Roosevelt (2022).



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CFR, eCFR.gov & drafting.ecfr.gov

CFR

- Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) is the codification of rules published in the Federal Register
- Divided into 50 titles
- Titles are organized by topic
- Annual update, broken into 4 groups
 - One group is published each quarter





- Special presentation of the CFR
- Difference between CFR and eCFR
- Updated each business day
- Search engine and finding aides
- Linked references
- Complex versioning and compare
- My eCFR Accounts & subscriptions
- Multiple ways to view and use the data

ecfr.gov

The screenshot shows the eCFR.gov website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Browse, Search, Recent Changes, Corrections, Reader Aids, and My eCFR. A search bar is also present. Below the navigation bar, the National Archives logo and the text "Code of Federal Regulations" are displayed, along with the tagline "A point in time eCFR system". A blue banner with the text "eCFR" is visible. A "READER AIDS" section contains a welcome message and a link to a "Getting Started" guide. Below this is a search bar with the placeholder text "Enter a search term or CFR reference (eg. fishing or 1 CFR 1.1)". The main content area features a table of titles with columns for "Titles", "Last Amended", and "Recent Changes".

Titles	Last Amended	Recent Changes
Title 1 :: General Provisions	Dec 29, 2022	
Title 2 :: Grants and Agreements	Mar 04, 2024	view changes
Title 3 :: The President	Mar 17, 2015	
Title 4 :: Accounts	May 01, 2018	view changes
Title 5 :: Administrative Personnel	Mar 01, 2024	view changes
Title 6 :: Domestic Security	Mar 04, 2024	view changes
Title 7 :: Agriculture	Mar 11, 2024	view changes
Title 8 :: Aliens and Nationality	Mar 04, 2024	view changes



Drafting.ecfr.gov

- From comments received from users of the website and OFR staff we recognized there were two groups of users
 - Regulation consumers
 - Regulation authors
 - Special website just for regulation authors
 - Simple regulatory text without extra tools on the regular eCFR website
- drafting.ecfr.gov

The screenshot shows the drafting.ecfr.gov website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a home icon, a 'Browse' dropdown, a search bar, and links for 'Recent Changes', 'Corrections', 'Reader Aids', and 'My eCFR'. A 'Sign In / Sign Up' link is also present. Below the navigation bar is the 'Code of Federal Regulations' header, featuring the National Archives logo and the text 'A point in time eCFR system'. A 'READER AIDS' section contains a welcome message: 'Welcome to the new eCFR! Check out our [Getting Started](#) guide to make the most of the new site.' Below this is a search bar labeled 'Go to CFR Reference' with the example text 'ex: 1 CFR 1.1' and a 'Go' button. The main content area is titled 'Titles' and contains a table with the following data:

	Last Amended	Recent Changes
Title 1 :: General Provisions	May 04, 2022	view changes
Title 2 :: Grants and Agreements	May 19, 2022	view changes
Title 3 :: The President	Mar 17, 2015	
Title 4 :: Accounts	May 01, 2018	
Title 5 :: Administrative Personnel	Jun 01, 2022	view changes
Title 6 :: Domestic Security	Feb 04, 2022	view changes
Title 7 :: Agriculture	Jun 30, 2022	view changes
Title 8 :: Aliens and Nationality	May 31, 2022	view changes
Title 9 :: Animals and Animal Products	May 20, 2022	
Title 10 :: Energy	Jun 24, 2022	view changes

A 'Site Feedback' button is located in the bottom right corner of the table area.



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Demo of eCFR Tools



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Questions



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