

Research Tip – Alaska Administrative Code

The *Alaska Administrative Code* (AAC) contains rules and regulations promulgated by state agencies. These agencies are part of the executive branch and derive their regulatory powers from enabling legislation enacted by the state legislature. While regulations are not the same as statutes, which are passed directly by the legislature, they still have the force of law. The legislature sets out policies and guidelines which are then fleshed out into specific rules by the agency.

When creating rules and regulations, the agencies must follow the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) which, in general, requires agencies to publish proposed rules and allow time for public comments. After the comments are meaningfully considered and addressed, the final rule is issued. The final rule is then sent to the Lieutenant Governor for filing and publishing in the AAC, usually taking effect 30 days after signing.

1. Current Rules

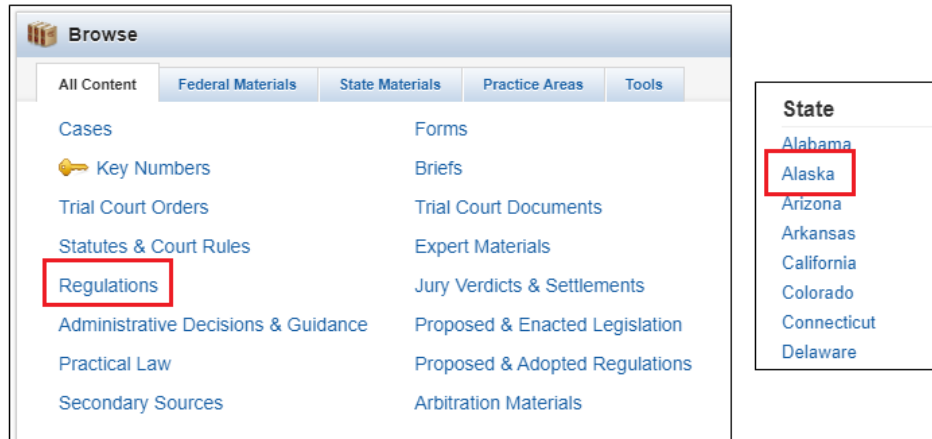
a. Online

The *Alaska Administrative Code* is available online through the Alaska State Legislature’s website at <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/aac.asp>. As you scroll through the site, the enabling statutes, regulatory history, and cross references will be listed on the right side of the screen. You can view the Index by clicking “Index (TOC)” from the menu on the left.

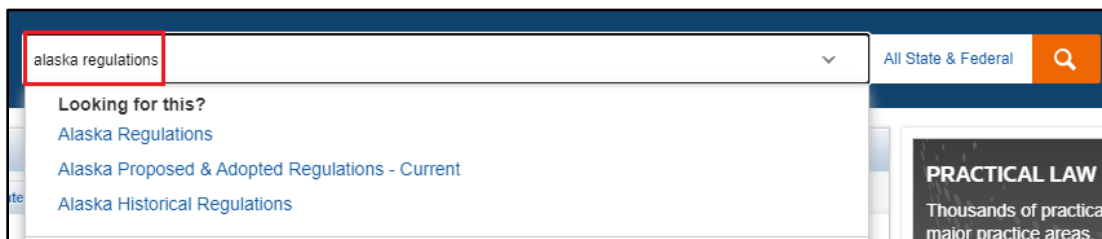
The screenshot displays the Alaska Administrative Code website interface. On the left, there are two vertical navigation menus: 'Basis Navigation' with links for Bills, Legislators, Committees, Session, Session Laws, Tools, and Archive; and 'Admin Code Navigation' with links for Index (TOC), Print, Email Link, and Embed This. The 'Index (TOC)' link is highlighted with a red box. At the top, there is a search bar with a 'Display' button and a question mark icon. The main content area shows the 31st Legislature (2019-2020) and the Alaska Admin Code. Two specific rules are listed: '2 AAC 07.295. Personnel evaluation' and '2 AAC 07.300. Employee training'. The '2 AAC 07.295. Personnel evaluation' rule is expanded, showing sub-sections (a) through (e) detailing personnel evaluation procedures. On the right side, there is a sidebar with a red border containing 'Title 2 Administration', 'Chapter 07. Personnel Rules.', 'Sec 295. Personnel evaluation.', and sections for 'REFERENCE' (2 AAC 07.270), 'AUTHORITY' (AS 39.25.070, AS 39.25.140, AS 39.25.150), and 'HISTORY' (In effect before 6/28/84: am 6/28/84, Register 91). At the bottom of this sidebar, there is a disclaimer: 'While every effort is made to maintain accuracy this is NOT the official version of the Alaska Administrative Code. Any information contained within is strictly factual and does not constitute any kind of legal advice.'

The AAC is also available online through [Westlaw](#). From the home page, select Regulations, then Alaska.

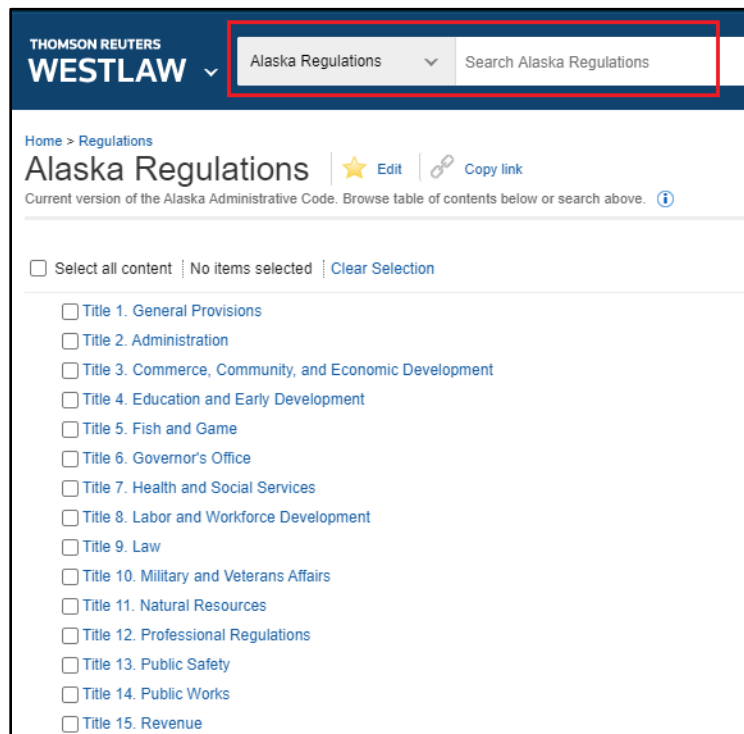
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Or start typing “Alaska Regulations” in the search bar and follow the links from there.



The index to the AAC is not available from Westlaw, so to search the regulations, navigate to the Alaska Regulations homepage and use the search box at the top of the page.



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From an individual regulation, you can view the regulatory history and statutory authority at the bottom of the page. History and citing references are also available, depending on the regulation.

The screenshot displays the Alaska Administrative Code (AAC) online interface. At the top, the title is "5 AAC 96.010. Establishment of a local fish and game advisory committee system." Below the title, there are navigation tabs: "Document", "Notes of Decisions (0)", "History (1)", "Citing References (10)", and "Context & Analysis (0)". The "History (1)" tab is selected. The main content area shows the hierarchy: "Alaska Administrative Code" > "Title 5. Fish and Game (Refs & Annos)" > "Part 6. Fish and Game Advisory Committees and Adoption of Fish and Game Regulations" > "Chapter 96. Local Fish and Game Advisory Committees and Adoption of Fish and Game Regulations" > "Article 1. Local Fish and Game Advisory Committees". The regulation number "5 AAC 96.010" is displayed, followed by the text "5 AAC 96.010. Establishment of a local fish and game advisory committee system." Below this, there is a "Currentness" link. The text of the regulation is: "There is established a system of local fish and game advisory committees to provide a local forum for the collection and expression of opinions and recommendations on matters relating to the management of fish and wildlife resources." Underneath, there is a "Credits" section: "(In effect before 1988)", "AUTHORITY: AS 16.05.260", "Current with amendments received through the Quarterly Supplement, April 2020 (Register 233).", and "Alaska Admin. Code tit. 5, § 96.010, 5 AK ADC 96.010".

b. In Print

The print version of the AAC is available in 11 large, black looseleaf binders. It is available in all law library locations and most court campuses. The index for the print version is located in volume 1.

2. Proposed Rules

Proposed and recently adopted regulations are published on the [Lieutenant Governor's website](#). Each proposed regulation notice includes text of the proposal along with other relevant information such as how to submit comments for consideration. Notices for newly adopted regulations include the text of the new regulation and its effective date.

3. Superseded Rules

To find the history of a regulation, look at the source note at the end of the regulation which tells you when the section was enacted and amended. The source note includes the effective date and Register number. By looking through the Registers, you can find when the language or subsection in question was included in the regulation.

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Alaska Administrative Code
Title 15. Revenue (Refs & Annos)
Chapter 40. Motor Fuel Tax
Article 5. Tax Return Filing Requirements; Filing Credits

15 AAC 40.400

15 AAC 40.400. Tax return filing requirements.

Currentness

(a) Each person subject to [AS 43.40.010\(c\)](#) shall file the tax return, under penalty of unsworn falsification, on a form or in a format prescribed by the department. Each person shall file a separate tax return for gasoline, diesel, aviation fuel, and gasohol.

(b) Each person filing a tax return under (a) of this section may deduct and retain one percent of the total monthly tax due per tax return, up to \$100, if the tax return is complete and timely filed, and the tax is timely paid. The department will not consider the tax return complete unless the tax return includes information on the sales, transfers, or purchases of all fuel held as inventory in this state, regardless of whether the fuel is classified as motor fuel under [AS 43.40.100](#).

Credits
(Eff. 4/1/2001, Register 157)

AUTHORITY: [AS 43.05.080](#), [AS 43.40.010](#)

Current with amendments received through the Quarterly Supplement, April 2020 (Register 233).

Alaska Admin. Code tit. 15, § 40.400, 15 AK ADC 40.400

a. Online

Superseded regulations are available on Westlaw back to 2002. From the Alaska Regulations page, click on “Alaska Historical Regulations” from the menu on the right of the page.

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Current version of the Alaska Administrative Code. Browse table of contents below or search above. ⓘ

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- [Alaska Historical Regulations](#)
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Look for “Alaska Administrative Code – (year)” at the top of the page to make sure you are viewing the historical version instead of the current version.

Alaska Administrative Code - 2005

5 AAC 12.206
Alaska Admin. Code tit. 5, § 12.206
ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
TITLE 5. FISH AND GAME
PART 1. COMMERCIAL AND SUBSISTENCE FISHING AND PRIVATE NONPROFIT SALMON HATCHERIES
CHAPTER 12. ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA
ARTICLE 2. FISHING DISTRICTS AND SECTIONS
Current through Register 176 (January 2006)

5 AAC 12.206. Use of global positioning system (GPS).

In the Aleutian Islands Area, boundaries, lines, and coordinates are identified with the global positioning system (GPS). If the global positioning system is not operating, the boundaries, lines, and coordinates are as identified by ADF&G regulatory markers.

(Eff. 6/4/2004, Register 170)

AUTHORITY: [AS 16.05.251](#)

b. Print

Superseded regulations prior to 2004 are only available in print. We have full sets of superseded regulations at the Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau Law Libraries. Visit the law library in your location or contact us at library@akcourts.us or (907) 264-0856 for assistance finding older regulations.

4. Law Library

For more information or for reference or research assistance, contact library staff at library@akcourts.us or (907) 264-0856.