



Presidential Documents

The president may take administrative action based on constitutional and statutory authority. This guide describes types of presidential documents and their sources.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS & PROCLAMATIONS:

Executive orders (E.O.s) are orders issued by the president under specific authority granted by Congress. E.O.s often relate to the conduct of government business or to executive department organization and have the force of law.

Presidential proclamations are declarations issued under specific authority granted by Congress. Some substantive proclamations may cover trade policy or tariff issues. Ceremonial proclamations have no legal effect, but relate to matters of widespread interest (for example, Law Day or National Library Week).

Check the following print services for Executive Orders and Proclamations information:

- Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) (Title 3). Washington, D.C.: Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration. **Level 3 KF70 .A3 Title 3 (1936 to date)** and **FICHE Level 2 Microform KF70 .A3 (1938 to 2007 – subscription cancelled)**. See also:
 - [GPO Access - Code of Federal Regulations](#): 1997 to date.
 - [Hein Online](#) > [U.S. Presidential Library](#) > [Code of Federal Regulations: Title 3: 1936 to date](#).
- Codification of Presidential Proclamations & Executive Orders: April 13, 1945-January 20, 1989. Washington, D.C.: Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Service, [1989]. **Level 3 Reference KF 70 .A473**.
- Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents effective January 20, 2009. Official publication released by the White House Press Secretary. See [GPO Access Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents – Browse the Daily Comp.](#) – January 2009 to date.

Note: Replaces Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents effective January 20, 2009.

- Federal Register (Fed. Reg.). Washington, D.C.: Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration, 1936 to date. **Level 3 KF70 .A2 (Two years plus current)** and **FICHE Level 2 Microform KF70 .A2 (1936 to July 2007 – subscription cancelled)**. See also:
 - [GPO Access – The Federal Register](#): 1994 to date.
 - [Hein Online](#) > [The Federal Register Library](#) > [Federal Register: 1936 to date](#).

- [Hein Online](#) > [The Federal Register Library](#) > [Federal Register Indexes: 1936 to date.](#)
- National Archives - [Archives.gov](#) > Scroll to FEDERAL RECORDS on left frame and click [Executive Branch](#). Under “Our Executive Branch Holdings,” click [View these Documents](#).
- [Presidential Executive Orders: Numbered 1-8030 – 1862-1938](#). Lord, Clifford L., et al., Eds. New York: Books, Inc., 1944. Vol. I – The List; Vol. II – The Index. **Level 3 Reference KF 70.A5** (Not full-text.)
- [United States Code \(U.S.C.\) 2000 ed.](#) Washington, D.C.: U.S.G.P.O, 2001-. Kept current with periodic hardbound supplements. **Level 3 KF62 2000 .A2. See v.29 Tables volume: Table IV - Executive Orders and Table V - Proclamations.**
- [United States Code Annotated \(U.S.C.A.\)](#). St. Paul, MN: West Group, 1927-. Kept current with annual pocket parts and paperbound supplements. **Level 3 KF 62.5 .W45. See Tables II volume: Table 3 – Executive Orders and Table 4 – Proclamations.**
- [United States Code Congressional & Administrative News \(U.S.C.C.A.N.\)](#). St. Paul, MN: West Pub. Co., 1941 to-date. **Level 3 KF48 .W45.** (See annual Index volumes.)
- [United States Statutes at Large \(Stat.\)](#) (See Proclamations in vol. 9 (1845) to date.) Washington, D.C.: G.P.O., 1789 to date. **Level 3 KF50 .U5 and FICHE Level 2 Microform KF50 .U5** (1776 to date). See also:
 - [GPO Access – Statutes at Large](#): 2003 to date.
 - [Hein Online](#) > [U. S. Statutes at Large](#) > [United States Statutes at Large](#): 1789 to date.
 - [LLMC Digital – U. S. Statutes at Large](#): 1789 to date.
- [Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents](#). Washington, D.C.: Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration. Official publication released by the White House Press Secretary. **Level 1 J 80 .A284** (1965 -2000), **FICHE Level 2 Microforms J 80 .A284** (Dec. 3, 2001 – July 23, 2007), and **INDEX FICHE Level 2 Microforms J 80 .A284** (Index 2001 – Jan.-June 2007). See also:
 - [GPO Access – Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents](#): 1993 to January 29, 2009.
 - [Hein Online](#) > [Federal Register Library](#) > [Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents](#): 1965 to 2008.

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UPDATING:

- Code of Federal Regulations: LSA, List of Sections Affected. Washington, D.C.: National Archives of the United States (**Level 3 KF 70.A34 L55**) updates Title 3. See also:
 - [GPO Access – List of CFR Sections Affected](#): 1986 to-date.
 - [Hein Online](#) > [Federal Register Library](#) > [Compilation of Sections Affected](#): 1949 to date.

LSA is a monthly cumulative pamphlet of C.F.R. changes published in the Fed. Reg. LSA entries are arranged by C.F.R. citation and each change will cite to a specific Fed. Reg. page. Follow these steps to find updates:

1. Look at the cover of C.F.R. volume and determine its revision date.
2. Consult the latest cumulative LSA pamphlet issued after C.F.R. volume revision date:
 - Look for activity on C.F.R. citation under the “Changes . . .” heading for the specific time frame listed. Also check under “Proposed Rules.” LSA will cite to specific Fed. Reg. page(s).
 - Find Fed.Reg. issue dates for page(s) by scanning the “Table of Federal Register Issue Pages and Dates” chart after Title 50 listings.
3. Now check for any Fed. Reg. changes that may have occurred after the date range listed in the LSA.
 - Because Fed. Reg. charts cumulate, go to the shelf and pull the last Fed. Reg. issue for each month after the last date listed in LSA’s “Changes . . .” heading.
 - Find the “Reader Aids” page in the back of each Fed. Reg. and check the “CFR Parts Affected” chart for activity on C.F.R. citation.
 - Locate Fed.Reg. issue dates for the page(s) found by scanning the “Federal Register Pages and Date” chart on “Reader Aids” page.
 - Go to the shelf and check each Fed. Reg. change.

REORGANIZATION PLANS:

Reorganization plans are presidential proposals for changes in structure and/or improvements in the executive branch. Plans become effective when the president accepts a joint resolution adoption from both House and Senate chambers.

Find reorganization plan proposals in:

- Congressional Record. Daily ed. & Index (paper). Washington, D.C.: Supt. of Docs. **Level 3 KF 35 .U583 (current issues retained until replaced by permanent ed. fiche)**. See also:
 - [GPO Access - Congressional Record Daily Edition](#): 1994 to date.
 - [Hein Online](#) > [U.S. Congressional Documents](#) > [Congressional Record Daily](#): 1994 to date.

- Congressional Record. Permanent ed. & Index (fiche). Washington, D.C.: Supt. of Docs., 1873 to date. **Level 2 MICROFORMS KF 35 .U58. v. 79 (74th Cong., 1st sess., Jan. 4, 1935) to date.**

Look for final reorganization plans in the following sources:

- Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) (Title 3). Washington, D.C.: Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration. **Level 3 KF70 .A3 Title 3 (1936 to date) and FICHE Level 2 Microform KF70 .A3 (1938 to 2007 – subscription cancelled).** See also:
 - [GPO Access - Code of Federal Regulations](#): 1997 to date.
 - [Hein Online](#) > [U.S. Presidential Library](#) > [Code of Federal Regulations: Title 3: 1936 to date.](#)
- Federal Register (Fed. Reg.). Washington, D.C.: Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration, 1936 to date. **Level 3 KF70 .A2 (Two years plus current) and FICHE Level 2 Microform KF70 .A2 (1936 to July 2007 – subscription cancelled).** See also:
 - [GPO Access – The Federal Register](#): 1994 to date.
 - [Hein Online](#) > [The Federal Register Library](#) > [Federal Register: 1936 to date.](#)
 - [Hein Online](#) > [The Federal Register Library](#) > [Federal Register Indexes: 1936 to date.](#)
- 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§901-912 Executive Reorganization and Title 5 Appendix 1: Reorganization Plans. 2000 ed. Washington, D.C.: U.S.G.P.O, 2001-. Kept current with periodic hardbound supplements. **Level 3 KF62 2000 .A2. See v.29 Tables volume: Table VI - Reorganization Plans.** See also:
 - [Cornell University Law School's LII/Legal Information Institute](#). Use search templates to find Title 5 §§901-912 and scroll to “Table of Contents” and click [Appendix to Title 5](#).
- 5 United States Code Annotated (U.S.C.A.). §§901-912 Executive Reorganization and Title 5 Appendix 1: Reorganization Plans. St. Paul, MN: West Group, 1927-. Kept current with annual pocket parts and paperbound supplements. **Level 3 KF 62.5 .W45. See Tables II volume: Table 5 - Reorganization Plans.**
- United States Statutes at Large (Stat.). (See Reorganization Plans: 1946-1980.) Washington, D.C.: G.P.O., 1789 to date. **Level 3 KF50 .U5 and FICHE Level 2 Microform KF50 .U5 (1776 to date).** See also:
 - [GPO Access – Statutes at Large](#): 2003 to date.
 - [Hein Online](#) > [U. S. Statutes at Large](#) > [United States Statutes at Large: 1789 to date.](#)
 - [LLMC Digital – U. S. Statutes at Large](#): 1789 to date.

MESSAGES TO CONGRESS:

Presidential messages include veto messages, bill signing statements, proposals for legislation, and speeches or reports to Congress. Find presidential messages in:

- Congressional Record. Daily ed. & Index (paper). Washington, D.C.: Supt. of Docs. **Level 3 KF 35 .U583 (current issues retained until replaced by permanent ed. fiche)**. See also:
 - [GPO Access - Congressional Record Daily Edition](#): 1994 to date.
 - [Hein Online](#) > [U.S. Congressional Documents](#) > [Congressional Record Daily](#): 1994 to date.
- Congressional Record. Permanent ed. & Index (fiche). Washington, D.C.: Supt. of Docs., 1873 to date. **Level 2 MICROFORMS KF 35 .U58. v. 79 (74th Cong., 1st sess., Jan. 4, 1935) to date.**
- [Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents](#) effective January 20, 2009. Official publication released by the White House Press Secretary.

Note: Replaces [Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents](#).

- Public Papers of the President. Washington, D.C.: Federal Register Division, National Archives and Records, General Services Administration, 1929-1933 (Hoover); 1945-1953 (Truman) to date. **Level 1 J80.A283**. See also:
 - [GPO Access – Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States](#): 1991 to date.
 - [Hein Online](#) > [U.S. Presidential Library](#) > [Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States](#).
 - [LLMC – Digital: Public Papers of the Presidents](#): 1929 to date.
- Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents. Washington, D.C.: Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration. Official publication released by the White House Press Secretary. **Level 1 J 80 .A284** (1965 -2000), **FICHE Level 2 Microforms J 80 .A284** (Dec. 3, 2001 – July 23, 2007), and **INDEX FICHE Level 2 Microforms J 80 .A284** (Index 2001 – Jan.-June 2007). See also:
 - [GPO Access – Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents](#): 1993 to January 29, 2009.
 - [Hein Online](#) > [Federal Register Library](#) > [Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents](#): 1965 to 2008.

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ELECTRONIC SOURCES:

- [GPO Access Home Page](#). Under “Executive Resources,” click [View All](#).

The Regulatory Process – Implementing Laws Passed by Congress:

- [Code of Federal Regulations: LSA, List of Sections Affected](#). (Updates Title 3):
 - [GPO Access – List of CFR Sections Affected \(LSA\)](#): 1986 to-date.
 - [Hein Online](#) > [Federal Register Library](#) > [Compilation of Sections Affected](#): 1949 to date.
- [Code of Federal Regulations \(C.F.R.\) Title 3](#):
 - [GPO Access - Code of Federal Regulations](#) – 1997 to date.
 - [Hein Online](#) > [U.S. Presidential Library](#) > [Code of Federal Regulations: Title 3](#): 1936 to date.
- Federal Register:
 - [GPO Access – The Federal Register](#): 1994 to date.
 - [Hein Online](#) > [The Federal Register Library](#) > [Federal Register](#): 1936 to date.
 - [Hein Online](#) > [The Federal Register Library](#) > [Federal Register Indexes](#): 1936 to date.
- [Regulations.gov](#). Submit remarks on federal rules open for comment.
- [Unified Agenda](#): 1994 to date. See final and proposed rules each federal agency expects to issue during the year.

Presidential Materials – Remarks, Speeches & Executive Orders:

- Budget of the United States Government: 1997 to date.
 - [GPO Access – Budget of the United States Government](#).
- Compilation of Presidential Documents:
 - [GPO’s Federal Digital System](#):
 - [Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents](#) (2009 to date).
 - [Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents](#) (1993-2009).
- Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents:
 - [GPO Access Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents – Browse the Daily Comp.](#) – January 2009 to date. Official publication released by the White House Press Secretary.

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- [Economic Report of the President](#): 1995 to date.

- Federal Register:
 - [GPO Access – The Federal Register](#): 1994 to date.
 - [Hein Online](#) > [The Federal Register Library](#) > [Federal Register](#): 1936 to date.
 - [Hein Online](#) > [The Federal Register Library](#) > [Federal Register Indexes](#): 1936 to date.
- Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States:
 - [GPO Access – Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States](#): 1991 to date.
 - [Hein Online](#) > [U.S. Presidential Library](#) > [Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States](#).
 - [LLMC – Digital: Public Papers of the Presidents](#): 1929 to date.
- [State of the Union Addresses](#): 1992 to date.
- [Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents](#). Official publication released by the White House Press Secretary:
 - [GPO Access – Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents](#): 1993 to January 29, 2009.
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- [Hein Online](#): Click [Code of Federal Regulations](#), [Federal Register Library](#), or [U.S. Presidential Library](#).
- [LexisNexis](#) (fee-based): Enter ID, password, and click [Enter Research System](#) >
- Click [Federal Legal – U.S.](#) or [Executive Branch Materials](#).
- [USA.gov](#): Official information and services from the U.S. government.
- [Westlaw](#) (fee-based). Enter password and click GO. Click [Research now on Westlaw](#) > [Directory](#) > [U.S. Federal Materials](#) > [Administrative Rules & Regulations](#) or [Other Administrative & Executive Materials](#).
- [Westminster Law Library](#) > [Web Research Links](#) > [Federal Resources](#) > [Federal Administrative Materials](#) > [Presidential Resources and Documents](#).