

Arizona

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<p>OFFICIAL STATUS</p> <p>X</p> <p>No change since the 2007 report</p>	<p>AUTHENTICATION</p> <p>X</p> <p>No change since the 2007 report</p>
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Arizona online legal resources are not official.
The state's session laws, statutes, administrative code, administrative register, and court opinions are published in official print versions. Disclaimers on the Arizona judicial and Secretary of State websites make it clear that none of their online resources are official. This clarity is lacking from the legislative site.

Arizona is not addressing the authentication of online legal resources.
Much of the state's legal information provided online is believed to be the same as the printed official versions. However, there is no process in place to certify Web text as complete and unaltered. Web sources are assessed on a case-by-case basis and users must rely on routine business practices to ensure authenticity.

Has the state eliminated the print publication of any of these titles in favor of online only since the 2007 report? There has been no change since the 2007 report.

Has the state enacted legislation guaranteeing the public's permanent access to state online government information since the 2007 report? There has been no change since the 2007 report.

Have courts in your state adopted a medium neutral citation system since the 2007 report? There has been no change since the 2007 report.

Have there been any other significant changes to the 2007 state summary? There have been various changes related to the availability of materials (scope). These changes have been integrated into the text of the report.

The Arizona State Legislature, through its Legislative Council, provides no-fee, Internet access to versions of the state bills (1997–current), session laws (1997–current) and the current version of the Arizona Revised Statutes through its website (at <http://www.azleg.gov>). No written statement on permanent public access appears on the legislature’s website, but the intent is to continue adding new bills and session laws to the database, while maintaining those of previous years. The text of these legislative documents is checked by staff, but is neither *official* nor *authenticated*. Access to statutes with annotations is through paid subscription to the edition as published by commercial publishers.

The Arizona Secretary of State’s Office provides no-fee access to the Arizona Administrative Code (annual) and Administrative Register (weekly) in HTML and PDF formats. The website for these publications (at <http://www.azsos.gov>) provides access to the Arizona Register (May 1996–current) and the latest compilation of these administrative rules and regulations in the annual publication of the Arizona Administrative Code.

The Arizona judicial branch provides no-fee access to slip opinions from the Supreme Court (1998–current) and from the Arizona Court of Appeals (Division 1: 2000–current; Division 2: 2002–current) on the judiciary website (at <http://www.supreme.state.az.us>). These unofficial and unauthenticated opinions are in PDF, however the judges’ signatures do not appear.

Arizona state agencies are encouraged to publish documents on the Web, and they are to post their reports on their agency website. ARIZ. REV. STAT. ANN. § 41-4153. State agencies may publish electronic versions of reports in place of print publications. These publications are required to be forwarded to the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records (hereafter referred to as the “Arizona State Library”) for their collections (ARIZ. REV. STAT. ANN. § 41-1338(A)(2)), with failure to supply the State Library with these publications resulting in a charge to the agency (ARIZ. REV. STAT. ANN. § 41-1338(B)).

Three divisions of the Arizona State Library – Records Management, State Archives, and Law and Research Library – are working with state agencies to address the access to internal and public documents, as well as plan for the retention and maintenance of these documents through trusted systems in the agencies and the Arizona State Library.