



# Washington

*2007 Report and 2009-10 Update by Kay E. Newman, Washington State Law Library*

<b>OFFICIAL STATUS</b>  Change since the 2007 report	<b>AUTHENTICATION</b>  No change since the 2007 report
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**The majority of Washington online legal resources are not official.**  
*The electronic code for the state statutes and administrative code is transferred from database sources used for the print official publications, and the Code Reviser of the State Law Committee updates the sources as changes occur. Court opinions available on the Web are not deemed official.*

*In 2008, Washington's administrative code became available only electronically. It is official but not authenticated.*

**Washington is not addressing the authentication of online legal resources.**  
*The state is not planning on producing online official statutes or court opinions. Officials, including the Code Reviser and other members of the State Law Committee, closely watch developments in other states, but no change concerning their official status or authentication is currently planned.*

*The Washington Register is only available electronically. It is official but not authenticated. The Code Reviser is not using technology to authenticate, nor do they plan to do so in the future.*

**Has the state eliminated the print publication of any of these titles in favor of online only since the 2007 report?** In 2008, Washington's administrative code became available only electronically. It is official but not authenticated.

**Has the state enacted legislation guaranteeing the public's permanent access to state online government information since the 2007 report?** The state has not enacted legislation guaranteeing permanent public access to online government information.

**Have courts in your state adopted a medium neutral citation system since the 2007 report?** Washington has not adopted a medium neutral citation system.

**Have there been any other significant changes to the 2007 state summary?** The state's administrative register, which publishes new or proposed administrative rules and other agency actions, updates the administrative code. The online *Washington State Register* is now the *official* source of the administrative register. It is posted on the Washington State Legislature website (at <http://www1.leg.wa.gov/codereviser/washington+state+register/>) and is updated on the first and third Wednesday of each month.