

MONTANA

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Online Legal Information

This chart provides status information about free online access to state primary legal materials.

	Session Laws	Code of Statutes	Register	Administrative Code	Appeals Court Opinions	Supreme Court Opinions
Publications Title	The Laws of Montana	Montana Code Annotated	Montana Administrative Register (MARs)	Administrative Rules of Montana (ARMs)	N/A	Supreme Court Opinions
Official Status (Notes)	No	No	No	No	N/A	No
(Notes)	The Laws of Montana have been published by the Montana Legislature after each session since 1864 and are available at the State Law Library of Montana. The Legislature meets in regular session each odd-numbered year.	The official Montana Code Annotated is the print version, published in the fall of each odd-numbered year. The Annotations to the MCA is a separate publication published every even year. The Annotations are not available online from an open source.	The Register is online back to 2000, with additional issues from 1976-1999 provided by the Montana State Law Library.	Administrative Rules Services is designated as the publisher of the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) and the Montana Administrative Register (Register) in the Montana Administrative Procedure Act.	Montana has no intermediate-level appellate court. State district court opinions are not published or available online.	The official printed reports of Montana Supreme Court opinions from 1873 to present are in Montana Reports. Montana Supreme Court opinions from the early 1950s are available online from the State Law Library of Montana.

(Notes continued)	Special sessions may occur at other points in the legislative cycle. The session laws can be found online in the past session reports. There are two versions available as pdfs - ordered by bill number and ordered by chapter.			The unit serves as the filing depository for agency rule notices, rule adoptions, and interpretations. The official, printed copy of the ARM is updated on a quarterly basis.		The briefs filed with the Court in cases after 1970 are found on the same website. Recent Montana Supreme Court opinions are posted on the State Law Library website within several hours of being issued.
Authentication	No		No	No	N/A	No
(Notes)						
Online Preservation	No	No	No	No	N/A	No
(Notes)	Archived online to 2001	Archived online to 1995	The State Law Library of Montana has print copies of older <i>MARs</i> issues.	The State Law Library of Montana has the current <i>ARMs</i> volumes and print copies of the superseded <i>ARMs</i> pages.		Archived online to the 1951
Permanent Public Access	No	No	No	No	N/A	No

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UELMA Adopted	No	No	No	No	N/A	No
Universal Citation Adopted	No	Yes	No	No	N/A	Yes
(Notes)		1-11-102. Name -- citation -- correct form. (1) The recodified laws are known as the "Montana Code Annotated" and may be cited as "MCA".2) An example of the correct citation form for a section of the Montana Code Annotated is "1-11-102, MCA".				https://courts.mt.gov/external/library/docs/cite_cases.pdf

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State Law Library of Montana Justice Building, 215 N Sanders P.O. Box 203004 Helena, MT 59620-3004	https://courts.mt.gov/library/	406-444-3660	https://courts.mt.gov/contact	No