Explanation of Rules

Generally speaking, a rule is an administrative law that is created by a government entity to clarify requirements the agency imposes on the public based on a statute that allows the agency to regulate certain activities.

According to the Arizona Revised Statutes, a rule is "an agency statement of general applicability that implements, interprets or prescribes law or policy, or describes the procedure or practice requirements of an agency. Rule includes prescribing fees or the amendment or repeal of a prior rule but does not include intra-agency memoranda that are not delegation agreements." A.R.S. § 41-1001(19).