iptables

iptables -S [chain [number]]	print the rules in a chain or all chains
iptables -L -v	[-L] List rules as table in [-v] verboe mode
iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 22 -j ACCEPT	[-A] append rule. all INPUT traffic on [-p] protocol tcp, with [-dport] destination port 22 (ssh) [-j] jump to ACCEPT
iptables -D INPUT 4	Delete the INPUT 4th rule
iptables -D INPUT -p tcp --dport 22 -j ACCEPT	[-D] Delete the specified rule
iptables -A INPUT -j DROP	all input traffic is DROP (DROP goes to a black hole and doesn't notify the user)
iptables -I INPUT 4 -p tcp --dport 443 -j ACCEPT	[-I] Insert rule on position 4

persistence

iptables-save > ~/rules.v4	Save iptables rules to a file
iptables-restore < ~/rules.v4	Restore iptables rules from a file
apt-get install -y iptables-persistent	You can use iptables-persistent to save/restore rules at startup
sudo service netfilter-persistent start	start previus installed service
sudo invoke-rc.d netfilter-persistent save	start netfilter at startup