

Record Retention Recommendations

	<u>Retention Period</u>		<u>Retention Period</u>
Accident reports and claims (settled cases)	7 yrs.	Invoices to customers	7 yrs.
Accounts payable ledgers & schedules	7 yrs.	Invoices to vendors	7 yrs.
Accounts receivable ledgers & schedules	7 yrs.	Journals	Permanently
Audit reports of accountants	Permanently	Minute books of directors and stock-holders, Including by-laws and chapter	Permanently
Bank Reconciliations	1 yr.	Notes receivable ledgers and schedules	7 yrs.
Capital stock and bond record and ledgers. Transfer registers, stubs showing issues, record of interest coupons, options, etc.	Permanently	Option records (expired)	7 yrs.
Cash books	Permanently	Payroll records and summaries, including payments to pensioners	7 yrs.
Chart of accounts	Permanently	Petty cash vouchers	3 yrs.
Checks (cancelled, but see exception below)	7 yrs.	Physical inventory tags	3 yrs.
Checks (cancelled for important payments, i.e. taxes, purchases of property, special contracts, etc. should be filed with the paper pertaining to the underlying transaction)	Permanently	Plant cost ledgers	7 yrs.
Contracts and leases (expired)	7 yrs.	Property appraisals by outside appraisers	Permanently
Contracts and leases still in effect	Permanently	Property records- including costs, depreciation reserves, end-of-year trial balances, depreciation schedules, blueprints and plans	Permanently
Correspondence (routine) with customers or vendors	1 yr.	Purchase orders (except purchasing department copy)	1 yrs.
Correspondence (general)	3 yrs.	Purchase orders (purchasing department copy)	7 yrs.
Correspondence (legal and important matters only)	Permanently	Receiving sheets	1 yr.
Deeds, mortgages and bills of sale	Permanently	Requisitions	1 yr.
Depreciation schedules	Permanently	Sales records	7 yrs.
Duplicate deposit slips	1 yr.	Savings bond registration records of employees	3 yrs.
Employee personnel records (after termination)	3 yrs.	Scrap and salvage records (inventories, sales, etc)	7 yrs.
Employment applications	3 yrs.	Stenographer's notebooks	1 yr.
Expense analyses and expense distribution schedules	7 yrs.	Stock and bond certificates (cancelled)	7 yrs.
Financial statements (end-of-year, other months optional)	Permanently	Stockroom withdrawal forms	1 yr.
General and private ledgers (and end-of-year trial balances)	Permanently	Subsidiary ledgers	7 yrs.
Insurance policies (expired)	3 yrs.	Tax returns and worksheets, revenue agents' reports and other documents relating to determination of income tax liability	Permanently
Insurance records, current accident reports, claims, policies, etc.	Permanently	Time books	7 yrs.
Internal audit reports (in some situations, longer retention periods may be desirable)	3 yrs.	Trade mark registrations	Permanently
Internal reports (miscellaneous)	3 yrs.	Voucher register and schedules	7 yrs.
Inventories of products, materials, and supplies	7 yrs.	Vouchers for payment to vendors, employees, etc. (including allowances and reimbursements to employees, officers, etc., for travel and entertainment expenses)	7 yrs.



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