



Record Retention Schedule

Accident reports/claims (settled cases)	7 years	Magnetic tape & tab card	1 year
Accounts payable ledgers and schedules	7 years	Minute books of directors, stockholders, bylaws and charter	Permanently
Accounts receivable ledgers and schedules	7 years	Notes receivable ledgers and schedules	7 years
Audit reports	Permanently	Options records (expired)	Permanently
Bank reconciliations	2 years	Patents and related papers	Permanently
Bank statements	3 years	Payroll records and summaries	7 years
Capital stock and bond records: ledgers, transfer registers, stubs showing issues, record of interest coupons, options, etc	Permanently	Personnel files (terminated)	7 years
Cash books	Permanently	Petty cash vouchers	3 years
Chart of Accounts	Permanently	Physical inventory tags	3 years
Checks (canceled - see exceptions below)	7 years	Plant cost ledgers	7 years
Checks (canceled for important payments, special contracts, etc. Checks should be filed with the paper pertaining to the underlying transaction)	Permanently	Property appraisal by outside appraiser	Permanently
Contracts, mortgages, notes and leases (expired)	7 years	Property records, including costs, depreciation reserves, year-end trial balances, depreciation schedules, blueprints, and plans	Permanently
(still in effect)	Permanently	Purchase orders (except purchasing department copy only)	1 year
Correspondences (general)	2 years	Purchase orders (purchasing department copy only)	7 years
Correspondences (legal & important matters only)	Permanently	Receiving sheets	1 year
Correspondence (routine) with customers and/or vendors	2 years	Retirement and pension records	Permanently
Deeds, mortgages, and bills of sale	Permanently	Requisitions	1 year
Depreciation schedules	Permanently	Sales commission reports	3 years
Duplicate deposit slips	2 years	Sales records	7 years
Employment applications	3 years	Scraps and salvage records (inventories, sales, etc.)	1 year
Expense analysis/expense distribution schedules	7 years	Stenographers' notebooks	1 year
Financial statements (year-end, other optional)	Permanently	Stock and bond certificates (canceled)	1 year
Garnishments	7 years	Stockroom withdrawal forms	1 year
General/private ledgers, year-end trial balance	Permanently	Subsidiary ledgers	7 years
Insurance policies (expired)	3 years	Tax returns and worksheets, revenue agent's reports, and other documents relating to determination of income tax liability	Permanently
Insurance records, current accident reports, claims, policies, etc.	Permanently	Time books/cards	7 years
Internal audit reports (longer retention periods may be desirable)	3 years	Trademark registration and copyrights	Permanently
Internal Reports (miscellaneous)	3 years	Training manuals	Permanently
Inventories of products, materials, and supplies	7 years	Union Agreements	Permanently
Invoices (to customers and from vendors)	7 years	Voucher register and schedules	7 years
Journals	Permanently	Vouchers for payments to vendors, employees, etc. (includes allowances and reimbursement of employees, officers, etc... for travel and entertainment expenses)	7 years
		Withholding tax statements	7 years