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## - RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE -

Retention Period
Accident reports and claims (settled cases)7 years
Accounts payable ledgers and schedules 7 years
Accounts receivable ledgers and schedules 6 years
Audit reports of accountantsPermanently
Bank statements
Capital stock and bond records; ledgers,
transfer registers, stubs showing issues,
record of interest coupons, options, etc Permanently
Cash booksPermanently
Charts of accountsPermanently
Checks (cancelled for important payments,
i.e., taxes, purchases of property, special
contracts, etc. [checks should be filed with
the papers pertaining to the underlying
transaction]) Permanently
Contracts and leases (expired)Permanently
Contracts and leases still in effectPermanently
Correspondence (routine) with customers
or vendors1 year
Correspondence (general)3 years
Correspondence (legal and important
matters only)Permanently
Deeds, mortgages, and bills of sale Permanently
Depreciation schedules Permanently
Duplicate deposit slips
Employee personnel records (after
termination)
Employment applications3 years
Financial statements (end-of-year, other
months optional)Permanently
General and private ledgers (and end-of-year
trial balances)Permanently
Insurance policies (expired)3 years
Insurance records, current accident reports,
claims, policies, etc Permanently

RetentionPeriod
Internal reports (miscellaneous)
Inventories of products, materials and
supplies
Invoices to customer
Invoices from vendors
JournalsPermanently
Legal correspondencePermanently
Minute book of directors and stockholders,
including by-laws and charter Permanently
Payroll records, summaries, and tax
returns7 years
Petty cash vouchers3 years
Property records - including costs,
depreciation schedules, blueprints
and plansPermanently
Purchase orders (except purchasing
department copy)3 years
Receiving sheets
Safety records
Sales records
Scrap and salvage records (inventories,
sales, etc.)7 years
Stock and bond certificates (cancelled)7 years
Subsidiary ledgers
Tax returns and worksheets, revenue
agents' reports and other documents
relating to determination of income
tax liabilityPermanently
Time cards and daily reports
Trade mark registrations, patents and
copyrightsPermanently
Voucher register and schedules7 years
Vouchers for payments to vendors, employ-
ees, etc. (includes allowances and reim-
bursements of employees, officers, etc.,
for travel and entertainment expenses) years
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The retention periods above are intended to be general guidelines. In most cases, no legislation or rulings are available to rely on. All specific concerns should be reviewed with legal counsel before any records are destroyed.