

Record Retention Schedule

	RETENTION PERIOD			
DOCUMENT	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	7 YEARS	PERMANENTLY
Accounts Payable — ledgers & schedules			•	
Accounts Receivable – ledgers & schedules			•	
Audit reports (of accountants)				•
Bank reconciliations		•		
Bank statements			•	
Capital stock and bond records: ledgers, transfer registers, stubs showing issues, record of interest coupons, options, etc.				•
Cash books				•
Checks (cancelled but see exception below)			•	
Checks (cancelled for important payments, taxes, purchases of property, special contracts, etc.)Checks should be filed with the papers pertaining to the underlying transaction.				•
Contracts and leases (expired)				
Contracts and leases (still in effect)				•
Correspondence (routine) with customers or vendors				
Correspondence (general)		•		
Correspondence (legal and important matters only)				•
Deeds, mortgages, and bills of sale				•
Depreciation schedules				•
Duplicate deposit slips				
Employee personnel records (after termination)			•	
Employment applications		•		
Financial statement (end of year, other months optional)				•
Garnishments			•	
General ledgers				•
Insurance policies (expired)			•	
Insurance records, current accident reports, claims, policies, etc.				•
Inventories of products, materials and supplies			•	
Invoices to customers			•	
Invoices to vendors			•	
Journals				•
Minute books of directors and stockholders, including bylaws and charter				•
Notes receivable ledgers and schedules			•	
Payroll records, summaries and returns (including payments to pensioners)			•	
Petty cash vouchers		•		
Physical inventory tags		•		
Property appraisals by outside appraisers				•



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Property records including costs, depreciation reserves, end of year trial balances, depreciations schedules, blueprints and plans				•
Purchase orders (except purchasing department copy)	•			
Purchase orders (purchasing department copy)			•	
Receiving sheets	•			
Retirement and pension records				•
Requisitions	•			
Sales commission reports		•		
Sales records			•	
Sales tax returns			•	
Scrap and salvage records (inventories, sales, etc.)			•	
Stock and bond certification (cancelled)			•	
Subsidiary ledgers			•	
Tax returns and worksheets, revenue agents' reports and other documents relating to determination of income tax liability			•	
Trade mark registrations				•
Training manuals				•
Union agreements				•
Voucher register and schedules			•	
Vouchers for payment to vendors, employees, etc. (includes allowances and reimbursement of employees, officers, etc. For travel and entertainment expenses)			•	
Withholding tax statements			•	

