

Retention Periods for General Categories of Retainable Records

RECORD CATEGORY	RETENTION PERIOD*
Electronic Mail	120 days**
Voice mails	None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS	
Boards and Other Governance Committees and Meetings	
Proceedings of Board Meetings, Board committees	Permanent
and administrative reports to Board Committees	
Records of other committees and meetings	5 years
Conflict of interest disclosures	Permanent
Corporate Compliance Audit Findings	Permanent
General	
General Correspondence and chronological files	6 years (For correspondence with regulatory agencies,
	current + 6 years)
Affiliation Agreements	6 years beyond termination date
Feasibility Studies	Active + 1 year but not less than 6 years in total
Organization Charts	3 years
Contracts	10 years after termination
Insurance policies	Permanent
Patent, trademark and other intellectual property	Permanent
records	
Litigation, claims, risk management, incident reports	10 years
COMMUNICATIONS/PR	
Press clippings, TV/radio transcripts	6 years
Press releases, advertising	6 years
DEVELOPMENT	
Funding materials	5 years after end of registration period
Endowment records	Permanent
Donor-restricted funds records	Permanent
All other development records	10 years
FINANCE AND TAX	
External Audit Reports	Current year + 10 years
Budget Workpapers	Current year + 6 years
Financial Statements	Current year + 10 years after audit
Financial Reports and Workpapers	Current year + 6 years
Collection Records	Tax return due date or date of filing if later
	+ 10 years after audit