

RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE LEGEND

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OFR (Office of Record): The department that keeps the Official (original or “record copy”) record for its retention period, then authorizes destruction. Usually, it is the department that originates the record. The official (original) record may be the paper / hard copy version of the record; however the electronic record may be the official (original) record. See the “Destroy Paper after Imaged & QC’d” below for the Legal Requirements for the electronic record to be the official (original) record.

Records Description: The record series (a group of like records).

Non-Record: Documents, studies, books and pamphlets produced by outside agencies, preliminary drafts not retained in the ordinary course of business.

Retention/Disposition:
Active (guideline): How long the file remains in the immediate office area
Inactive (guideline): How long the file is in off-site storage, stored electronically in accordance with law (see below)
Total Retention: The total number of years the record is retained

For file folders containing documents with different retention timeframes, use the document with the longest retention time.

P = Permanent

Indefinite = No fixed or specified retention period; used for databases, because the data fields are interrelated and certain data may require minimum retention.

Vital? = Those records that are needed for basic operations in the event of a disaster.

Media Options (guideline) terms used in State law:
Mag = Electronic Computer Magnetic Media (Hard drives, Networks, USB Drives, Cloud, etc.)
Mfr = Microforms (aperture cards, microfilm, microfiche, or jackets)
Ppr = Paper, Mylar, Linen, “Hard Copy”
OD = Optical Disk or other **Unalterable Media** which does not allow changes

Scan / Import (guideline):
“S” indicates the record should be scanned into the document imaging system;
“I” indicates the record should be electronically imported into the document imaging system;
“M” indicates the record was microfilmed

Destroy Paper after Imaged & QC’d (quality checked) / Trustworthy Electronic Record: “Yes” means the **electronic** record may serve as the **OFFICIAL** record (and the paper version may be destroyed, or the record may be electronically generated and never exist in paper format) **IF (these are the legal requirements for the electronic record to serve as the official (original) record)** the electronic record is also **placed on Unalterable Media, Immutable Cloud Media, Optical Disk (OD), DVD-R, CD-R, Blue-ray-R, or WORM, or microfilmed)** which is **stored in a safe & separate location**. Employees are required to Quality Check (“QC’d”) both the images and the indexes, and ensure the electronic record **contains all significant details from the original and be an adequate substitute for the original document for all purposes;** other legal mandates may apply.

Legend for legal citations (§: Section)
CC: Civil Code (CA)
CFC: California Fire Code
EVC: Evidence Code (CA)
FTB: Franchise Tax Board (CA)
HUD: Housing & Urban Develop. (US)
PC: Penal Code (CA)
UFC: Uniform Fire Code
W&I: Welfare & Institutions Code (CA)

B&P: Business & Professions Code (CA)
CCP: Code of Civil Procedure (CA)
CFR: Code of Federal Regulations (US)
FA: Food & Agriculture Code
GC: Government Code (CA)
LC: Labor Code (CA)
PRC: Public Resources Code
USC: United States Code (US)

CBC: California Building Code
CCR: California Code of Regulations (CA)
EC: Elections Code (CA)
FC: Family Code (CA)
H&S: Health & Safety Code (CA)
Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen.: Attorney General Opinions (CA)
R&T: Revenue & Taxation Code (CA)
VC: Vehicle Code (CA)