## VIPS Retention Periods

ACT = while active, employed, or enrolled LIFE = life of affected employee PERM = permanent CURR = current year/current issue or project

TYPE OF RECORDS	DOCUMENT	<b>RETENTION PERIOD</b>
ORGANIZATIONAL AND LEGAL RECORDS	Articles of Incorporation	PERM
	Charter	PERM
	By-Laws	PERM
	Minutes of Directors' Meetings	PERM
	Minutes of Directors' Committee Meetings	PERM
	Licenses	ACT + 7 years
	Expired Licenses	7 years
	Deeds and Titles	PERM
	Bills of sale	
	Attorney Opinion Letters (property)	ACT + 7 years
	Insurance policies	PERM
	Legal correspondence	PERM
	General correspondence	3 Years
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HR – GENERAL	<ul> <li>Individual employee personnel files including: <ul> <li>Application / resume / offer letter</li> <li>Original background check / subs abuse screen</li> <li>Acknowledgement forms (i.e. policy / handbook etc.)</li> <li>Wage/salary history/withholding forms</li> <li>Performance appraisals</li> <li>Discipline history</li> <li>Signed job descriptions</li> <li>External training/certifications</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	ACT + 7
	Employee medical documentation. Includes results from substance abuse screens, requests for accommodation under ADA. (kept separate from personnel files)	ACT + 7
	I-9 Forms	ACT + 2
	EEO-1 Reports	CURR + 2

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	Employee Self-Identification forms	ACT + 2
	(gender/race)	
	EEOC Charges / Lawsuits / backup	CURR + 7
	information	
	Random substance abuse screen process /	CURR + 1
	quarterly records of employees identified	
	Applicant / candidates / recruiting activity	CURR + 2
	Employee Issues files	CURR + 2
	Corporate Compliance Hotline reports (Ethics Point and/or other vendor)	CURR + 2
	Records not separately noted including information of current usefulness	CURR + 2
HR – COMP / TRAINING	Salary and wage policies / grade structures	CURR + 3
	Employee Handbook	PERM
	Supervisor's Policy Manual	PERM
	(including policy interpretations)	
	Job Descriptions	CURR + 1
	(Copies signed by employees maintained in Personnel Files)	
	Training Programs (including current files as well as previous for use in development of future programs)	CURR
	Training Program attendance records	ACT + 7
	Records not separately noted including information of current usefulness	CURR + 2
HR – WORK COMP / SAFETY	Accident and incident reports	CURR + 7 years
	Workers Compensation records	CURR + 5 years
	Employee exposure reports	CURR + 5 years
	OSHA related records	CURR + 5 years
	CDL Files (including subs abuse checks for CDL employees)	ACT + 7
	Records not separately noted including information of current usefulness	CURR + 2
BENEFITS RECORDS	All Plan Documents and Summary Plan	CURR + 6

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	Descriptions including:	
	Health Care Plan	
	Dental Plan	
	Vision Plan	
	• 401(k)	
	• 403(b)	
	Deferred Compensation Plan	
	(Maintained in Finance dept)	
	Short-term Disability	
	Long-term Disability	
	• \$50,000 Group Life	
	• Voluntary Group Life	
	• Flexible Benefits Plan	
	• Travel Insurance Plan	
	Form 5500 Filings	CURR + 7
	401(k) Plan participant records and	PERM
	beneficiary information	
	403(b) Plan participant records and	CURR + 7
	beneficiary information	
	Deferred compensation participant records	PERM
	and beneficiary information	
	Life insurance claims payment and	CURR + 7
	supporting documentation	
	Health, dental and vision insurance claims	CURR + 7
	payment and supporting documentation	
	COBRA election / enrollment information	CURR + 7
	Short-term disability claims payment and	CURR + 7
	supporting documentation	
	Long-term disability claims payment and supporting documentation	ACT + 7
	Open Enrollment Elections and Life Event changes	ACT + 7
	Annual plan/insurance renewal notes and documentation	CURR + 3
	<ul><li>FMLA documentation including:</li><li>Initial documentation</li></ul>	CURR + 3
	• Determination and/or denial letters	
	<ul><li>Certification and recertification</li><li>Total leave taken</li></ul>	
	Records not separately noted including	CURR + 2
	information of current usefulness	
	time sheets	Current + 4 years
FEDERAL TAX RECORDS		
	Form 990	PERM

TYPE OF RECORDS	DOCUMENT	<b>RETENTION PERIOD</b>
	Form 940	7 years
	Form 941	7 years
	IRS 501(c)3 Determination Letter	PERM
	Federal Tax ID confirmation letters	PERM
	Federal Tax Group confirmation letters	PERM
	Form 1099	7 years
	Form W-9	7 years
	Form W-2 and W-3	7 years
STATE AND LOCAL TAX RECODS		
	Sales and use tax ID number certificates	PERM
	Sales and use tax exemption certificates	PERM
	Property tax exemption letters	PERM
	State and local withholding tax remittance forms	7 years
FINANCIAL RECORDS		
Accounts Receivable		
	Subsidiary ledgers and schedules	7 years
	Receipts records	7 years
	Cash receipt logs	7 years
	Deposit slips	7 years
	Bad debt allowance calculations	7 years
	Receivable write off documentation	7 years
	Aged trial balances	7 years
Accounts Payable		
	Purchase orders	
	Invoices	7 years
	Contracts	ACT + 7 years
	Cancelled checks	7 years
	Subsidiary ledgers	7 years
	System cash disbursement records	PERM
Bank/Trusts/Treasury		
	Bank statements	PERM
	Bank reconciliations	7 years
	Wire transfers records	7 years
	Trust statements	PERM
	Trust reconciliations	7 years
	Resident/client fund records	ACT + 7 years
	Credit card listings	1 year
	Signatory authorities	PERM
	Petty cash	7 years
<b>Property and Equipment</b>		
	Purchase documents	ACT + 7 years
	Depreciation records	7 years

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	Disposal records	7 years
	Fixed assets ledgers	PERM
	Capital lease documents	PERM
	Physical inventory records	7 years
Debt		
	Leases	ACT + 7 years
	Bond documents	PERM
	Mortgages	PERM
	Line of credit documents	PERM
Other Assets/Liabilities		
	Source documents	7 years
	Quarterly schedules	2 years
	Year-end schedules	7 years
	Amortization schedules	7 years
General Financial		· ·
	Audit reports	PERM
	Trial balances	PERM
	Financial statements (annual)	PERM
	Financial statements (interim)	2 years
	Journal entry documentation	7 years
	Charts of accounts	PERM
	Internal reports	2 years
	General ledger detail reports	7 years
MISSION ADVANCEMENT RECORDS		
	Gift records (unrestricted)	7 years
	Trusts and bequests	PERM
	Annuity agreements	PERM
	Gift records (restricted)	PERM
	Fund raising records	7 years
	Donor correspondence	
	Event records	7 years
	Grants	7 years