## **RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS**

	Records to be Retained	Retention Period
CO	RPORATE RECORDS	
•	Certificate or Articles of Incorporation	Permanent
•	Certificates of Permission to do business in a Foreign State	
•	Capital Stock Records	
•	By-Laws and All Amendments thereto	
•	Minute Books	
•	Bond Records	
•	Copy of Notice of Shareholder Meetings	
•	List of Stockholders Entitled to Vote at Meeting	6 years
LE	GAL AND PATENT RECORDS	
•	Abstracts of Title	Permanent
•	Warranty Deeds	
•	Conveyances and other Title Papers	
•	Easements	
•	Patents and patent applications	
•	Assignment of Patents	
•	Trade-Marks	
•	Copyrights	
•	Mortgages, Leases, Contracts, Trust Agreements	15 years after Termination
•	Correspondence	15 years
•	Options, License Agreements, Contracts	15 years after termination unless claim pending
•	Claims, Evidence and Proof , Case files, Affidavits, Depositions,	10 years after closing case
	Information Files, Briefs	
FIN	IANCIAL ACCOUNTING RECORDS	
•	Audit Reports	Permanent
•	Year-end statements and working papers	
•	Contracts with Auditors	
•	Check register	
•	Property & Equipment Detail Ledger, including depreciation calculations	
•	Royalty Records	
•	General Ledger, Journals & trial balances	Life of business plus 7 years
•	Records of Investments	Ownership period plus 7 years
•	Sale or Disposals, record of	20 years
•	Vouchers & Invoices supporting purchases of property & equipment	15 years
•	Finance Agreements, Credit Agreements	15 years after termination
•	Monthly financial statements	10 years
•	Cancelled Checks	
•	Account receivable detail ledgers	
•	Note receivable detail ledgers	
•	Sales invoices & journals	
•	Account payable detail ledgers	
•	Inventory records	
•	Note payable detail ledgers	
•	Purchases journal	
•	Vouchers & vendor invoices	
•	Safe Deposit Agreement	10 years after termination
•	Notes Payable - Cancelled or Paid	10 years after payment
•	Bank statements	7 years
•	Bank reconciliations	
•	Expense reports	
•	Entertainment records	
•	Employment Tax Returns	
•	Notes receivable,	7 years after payment
•	Remittance Advices	
•	Deposit slips	5 years
•	Petty Cash Records	4 years
	X RETURNS	Permanent