

**Official Judicial Branch
Records Retention Schedules**



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The Supreme Court and Judicial Council of Georgia resolve that, other than wills, original evidence, and federal tax liens, all original documents can be digitized and originals can be destroyed provided that (1) digitizing or microfilming is done according to Georgia Imaging Standards or Microfilm Standards; (2) a security copy of the digital format or microfilm is deposited in the Georgia Archives; (3) a reference copy of the digital format or microfilm format is kept in the office of the clerk of superior court and a reader-printer is available to facilitate reference. Records created digitally can be managed completely digitally according to these schedules. The Court and Council also affirm, pursuant to OCGA § 50-18-120, the resolution approved by the State Records Committee on January 18, 1996, stating: "All paper records of State agencies and local governments, and all records of the Courts of the State of Georgia which have been microfilmed and verified in accordance with said Micrographic Standards (Georgia Micrographic Standards) may be destroyed, unless specifically prohibited by law, code, resolution, order or an approved State Records Committee records retention schedule."

Throughout these schedules the word "document" is used frequently. The Georgia Records Act at OCGA § 50-18-90 et seq. presents a number of formal definitions used broadly in the judiciary record retention schedules.

OCGA § 50-18-91 (2) "Court record" means all documents, papers, letters, maps, books (except books formally organized in libraries), microfilm, magnetic tape, or other material, regardless of physical form or characteristics, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or, in the necessary performance of any judicial function, created or received by an official of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and any superior, state, juvenile, probate, or magistrate court. "Court record" includes records of the offices of the judge, clerk, prosecuting attorney, public defender, court reporter, or any employee of the court.

OCGA § 50-18-91 (5) "Records" means all documents, papers, letters, maps, books (except books in formally organized libraries), microfilm, magnetic tape, or other material, regardless of physical form or characteristics, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in performance of functions by any agency.

"Digital" or "Digitize" has been changed on each occurrence of "microfilm" throughout the retention schedules. This change reflects the application of scanning documents into electronic format. All imaging in the Judicial Branch must be in compliance with the imaging standards issued by the Department of Archives and History in the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

Felony Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Felony Case Files	Documents relating to trying felony cases in superior courts and documenting proceedings in those cases. Included are indictments; pleadings; motions; warrants; bond applications; sentences; correspondence; verbatim records or narrative recollections of judicial proceedings; certified records of court reporters' transcripts; certified records in narrative form of recollections of the motions, colloquies, objections, rulings, evidence (documentary or otherwise), charge of the court; well-bound books used to contain court reporters' transcripts of judicial proceedings; passport surrenders; and all other papers and proceedings in any judicial action based on a charge of felony offense punished by any term of imprisonment less than life, life imprisonment, or death.	<p>Capital Offenses: Permanent.</p> <p>Non-capital Offenses: 70 years after disposition.</p> <p>Upon the determination of the superior court clerk or chief judge that a record is of historical significance, the record may be held past its retention period and, if directed, the originals may not be destroyed.</p>	JB-001
Court Reporters' Note Files	Recordings, notes, other records which have not been reduced to typed or printed documents, or other records relating to generation of certified transcripts.	70 years after disposition.	JB-002
Article Two Habeas Corpus	Documents related to the filing of habeas corpus actions pursuant to OCGA §§ 9-14-40 – 9-14-53.	<p>Capital Offenses: Permanent.</p> <p>Non-capital Offenses: 70 years after disposition.</p>	JB-003

Misdemeanor Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Case Files	Includes original papers which are called or serve as an: accusation, affidavit, appearance bond, arresting officer's affidavit, bail bond, cash bond, conviction, disposition, fine, indictment, judgment, motion, notice of appeal, notice of arraignment, notification of hearing, order, plea, pleading, sentence, subpoena, summons, waiver, warrant, or certified copies of the same transcript. This schedule does not apply to any record books which contain references to felony cases.	10 years after disposition.	JB-004
Docket Books	Books which generally contain essential information in summary form about each particular misdemeanor case adjudicated. Most dockets contain an alphabetical index in front of each book which references the defendant's name to the page number on which the case summary is docketed.	10 years after disposition.	JB-005
Minute Books	Books which contain photostatic copies of the accusation and disposition associated with each case or contain typewritten or handwritten entries regarding the defendant, charge, and disposition of each case.	10 years after disposition.	JB-006
Book of Fines and Forfeitures	Books which contain listings of fines and forfeitures received by the court regarding each particular misdemeanor offense.	10 years after last entry.	JB-007

Traffic Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Case Files	Includes original papers which are called or serve as an: accusation, affidavit, appearance bond, arresting officer's affidavit, bail bond, cash bond, conviction, disposition, fine, indictment, judgment, motion, notice of appeal, notice of arraignment, notification of hearing, order, plea, pleading, sentence, subpoena, summons, uniform traffic citation, waiver, warrant, or certified copies of the same transcript. This schedule does not apply to any record books which contain references to felony cases.	10 years after disposition.	JB-008
Docket Books	Books which generally contain essential information in summary form about each particular traffic case adjudicated. Most dockets contain an alphabetical index in front of each book which references the defendant's name to the page number on which the case summary is docketed. This schedule applies to docket books which contain misdemeanor traffic records only.	10 years after disposition.	JB-009
Minute Books	Books which contain photostatic copies of the accusation and disposition associated with each case or contain typewritten or handwritten entries regarding the defendant, charge, and disposition of each case. This schedule applies to minute books which contain misdemeanor traffic violations only.	10 years after disposition.	JB-010
Book of Fines and Forfeitures	Books which contain listings of fines and forfeitures received by the court regarding each particular misdemeanor offense. This schedule applies to books which contain misdemeanor traffic violations only.	10 years after last entry.	JB-011

Civil Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Civil Cases Not Proceeding to Final Judgment	Civil case files in which the plaintiff never carried through to disposition. Cases dismissed without prejudice are included. Not included are cases dismissed with prejudice or cases in which the judge's order specifies terms of an out-of-court settlement.	2 years after disposition.	JB-012
Civil Case Files	Documents relating to trying civil cases and documenting the proceedings in those cases. Included are pleadings and judgments in civil cases, complaints, summons, defensive pleadings, court orders, notices of appeal, appellate pleadings, and determinations of appellate courts.	20 years after disposition.	JB-013
Civil Dockets	Documents relating to indexing all pleadings filed in the course of civil actions, including independent motions which are to be decided by the judge without the intervention of a jury. Included are bound volumes which serve as an index to pleadings for each case. Entries vary from one time period to another and from one court to another but generally show term of court, names of parties and their attorneys, case numbers, nature of actions, and subsequent service and pleadings. Entries are in case number order (assigned by filing date). Most dockets contain an index to defendants and plaintiffs, showing case numbers for each case.	75 years if maintained separately from civil case files.	JB-014
Minute Books	Documents relating to recording proceedings and orders. Included are court orders, oaths, bonds, motions, certifications, transcripts, full proceedings, other documents regarding cases, charges to and presentments of grand juries, local rules of procedure, orders or other documents regarding court administrative matters, and other documents. Minute books are often divided, with civil and criminal matters in separate volumes.	Permanent.	JB-015
Record of Writs	Documents recording the text of each case heard by the courts, especially recording writs issued. Included are volumes containing, for each case heard by the court, copies of the complete text of the case or copies of any actions taken by the court.	75 years after disposition.	JB-016

Civil Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Sealed Civil Depositions	Documents related to obtaining pre-trial testimony from parties and witnesses during discovery for civil cases filed under OCGA §§ 9-11-27 – 9-11-31. Files consist of sealed envelopes containing depositions taken of parties or witnesses. File may be in the form of stenographic transcripts, videotapes, or electronic or digital recordings. Envelopes are endorsed with the title of the action and the name of the deponent. Not included in this schedule are depositions which have been opened for use in the court thereby becoming part of the case file.	1 year after disposition.	JB-017
General Execution Docket and General Execution Docket Indexes	Documents relating to recording basic information concerning the execution of the court's decisions. Included are books with entries showing the date the case was adjudged, names of the parties and their attorneys, case number, date Fi. Fa. issued, and disposition of the execution. After 1971, photostatic copies of Fi. Fa. are used in place of these entries. Entries are in the order in which the Fi. Fa. are filed with the clerk's office.	20 years after disposition.	JB-018
Domestic Relations	All documents, excluding adoptions, relating to those cases resulting in the dissolution of a marriage, child custody, or award of alimony.	Permanent.	JB-019
Domestic Relations – Contempt Actions	All documents related to contempt actions arising out of domestic relations cases.	20 years after disposition.	JB-020
Name Changes	Case files relating to a name change.	Permanent.	JB-021
Personal Injury and Malpractice	Civil cases related to personal injury or alleging malpractice.	20 years after disposition.	JB-022
Collection Cases	An action containing pleadings on debt concerning a specific contract or account.	5 years or upon satisfaction or expiration of Fi. Fa.	JB-023
Appeals – Magistrate Court	Documents relating to cases appealed to the superior or state court based on a judicial decision of the magistrate court.	10 years after disposition.	JB-024
Adoption	All documents relating to an adoption case.	Permanent.	JB-025

Jury Management Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Jury Master List	Documents relating to persons qualified for jury service. Included are lists composed of all persons qualified to serve as jurors — whether lists be tickets, computer printouts, digital format or microfilm format, or in any other form except computer file data storage banks.	10 years.	JB-026
Jury Questionnaire	Documents relating to selection and qualification of jurors. Included are completed jury questionnaire forms and consolidated lists (including computer output) where applicable.	Capital Offenses: Permanent. Non-Capital Offenses: 10 years after disposition.	JB-027
Juror Information Form	Documents relating to: (1) providing information to attorneys about summoned jurors to facilitate jury selection, and/or (2) correcting errors on or updating information on a juror master list. Included are juror information forms turned in by summoned jurors to a jury clerk on first day of jury service. Forms contain information provided by jurors and may include occupation, age, marital status, age and occupation of spouse, number of children, previous jury service, and similar data.	1 year.	JB-028
Grand Juror or Trial Juror List	Documents relating to summoning and service of grand jurors and trial jurors. Included are (1) lists of grand or trial jurors summoned at a term or week of court, (2) lists of grand or trial jurors sworn to serve at a term or week of court, and (3) lists of grand jurors serving at a term of court and trial jurors serving in a case before the court. Not included are the jury master list – jury box, jury qualifications questionnaires, and jury script.	10 years.	JB-029

Property Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Deed Books	Books containing instruments pertaining to the ownership and transfer of ownership of real and personal property.	Permanent.	JB-030
Indexes to Deeds	Documents relating to maintaining an index for recorded deeds. Included are bound volumes containing grantor and grantee indexes to deeds recorded by the clerk. For each deed recorded the index shows the name of the grantor, the name of the grantee, the character of the instrument, the date of the instrument, the volume and page where recorded, and the date of recording. Usually there are separate volumes for grantors and grantees.	Permanent. If the office uses an indexing system in connection with a computer, any weekly, monthly, quarterly, annual, or other interim printouts (which are superseded by consolidated volumes) may be destroyed when the larger consolidation is received.	JB-031

Property Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
<p>JB-032 through JB-037 refer to statements filed and indexed after January 1, 1964. Real property records in which are noted fixture filings or filings concerning crops, minerals, or accounts subject to OCGA § 11-9-103.</p>			
<p>Financing Statements</p>	<p>Documents indicating the names and addresses of the debtor and the secured party, signed by the debtor, and containing a "statement indicating the types or describing the items of collateral."</p>	<p>(1) If notice of action involving statement given (including insolvency proceeding), hold statement or copy for duration of proceeding and 60 days thereafter or 6 years, whichever is later.</p> <p>(2) If continuation statement filed, hold financing statement for 6 years from date of continuance; destroy unless another continuation statement filed.</p> <p>(3) If real estate mortgage is effective as a fixture (DCC) filing, hold financing statement or copy for 1 year after mortgage released or satisfied of record or otherwise terminates.</p> <p>(4) If financing statement filed before July 1, 1978, hold 6 years and 2 months after filing; then destroy.</p> <p>(5) If a termination statement is filed, hold financing statement or digital format or microfilm format copy for 1 year; destroy after termination date.</p>	<p>JB-032</p>
<p>Continuation Statements</p>	<p>Documents identifying the original financing statement by number and stating that the original statement is still effective which is signed by the secured party.</p>	<p>6 years after date of filing.</p>	<p>JB-033</p>

Property Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Statements of Release	Documents containing a description of the collateral being released, the name and address of the debtor, the name and address of the secured party, and the file number of the financing statement.	6 years after date of filing.	JB-034
Statements of Assignments	Documents setting forth the name of the secured party of record, the debtor, the file number, the date of the filing of the financing statement, and the name and address of the assignee, and descriptions of the assigned collateral.	6 years after date of filing.	JB-035
Termination Statements	Documents stating that there is no outstanding secured obligation and no commitment to make advances, incur obligations, or otherwise give value, indicating the financing statement's file number and/or signed by the secured party.	1 year.	JB-036
Indexes of Financing Statements	Books containing the name and address of the debtors and the file number of the financing statement as well as entries regarding receipt of continuation statements, termination statements, and statements of assignments and release.	20 years and destroy after 1/1/2020 unless financing is still active.	JB-037
JB-038 through JB-041 refer to records recorded prior to January 1, 1964.			
Original Instruments	Includes documents designed as bills of sale, personal property mortgages (including all instruments styled as "note" or "Personalty Deed to Secure Debt"), contracts, conditional sales contracts, bills of sale to secure debt, liens, assignments, leases, liens of conveyances of crops, transfers, bonds for title, renewals (of debt), affidavits, agreements, or retention title contracts delivered to the clerk for recording but never picked up by or returned to the parties to the transaction to which the documents relate.	Return to parties; if impossible, destroy.	JB-038

Property Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Record Books and Indexes Containing Entries Relating to Personalty Only	Consists of copies of original instruments written or typewritten on blank pages, or copies onto forms in a record book kept expressly for that purpose. Indexes may be contained in a separate volume from entries. Record Books include: books of bills of sale, deeds to personal property, books for bills of sale to secure debt, chattel mortgage record docket, chattel mortgages and lien docket, filing docket and general index to chattel mortgages, filing docket and general index to personalty mortgages, personal property docket, personal lien docket, personalty mortgages–grantor index, and public index to personalty mortgages. Some of these books are single volumes or parts of a records series containing both volumes for personalty and volumes for realty records.	20 years except that Books created prior to 1900 must be offered to Department of Archives and History.	JB-039
Records Books and Indexes Relating to Both Personalty and Realty	Consists of copies of original instruments written or typewritten on blank pages or copied onto forms in a record book kept expressly for that purpose. Indexes to these entries may be contained in the record books themselves or may be in separate volumes. Books include: Book for Mortgage Liens, Book for Title, Contract Records, Factor's Lien Records, File Docket for Liens, Lease Record, Lien Book, Lien Stock Record, Mortgages and Lien Record, Mortgage Record, Promiscuous Record, Security Bonds and Deals, Security Deed Record, Filing Docket and General Index to Mortgages or Other Items, Filing Docket and General Index to Property, Filing Docket and Index to Mortgages, General Index to Deeds and Personalty Mortgages, Grantee Index to Deeds and Personalty Mortgages, Grantee Index to Mortgages, Grantor Index to Deals and Personalty Mortgages, and Grantor Index to Mortgages.	Personalty: 20 years. Realty: Permanent. Extract realty records and rebind if necessary. Treat personalty records according to personalty schedules.	JB-040
Duplicate Index Books	Duplicates of any Index Book.	Verify entries; then destroy.	JB-041
Real Estate Transfer Declaration Forms	Documents relating to transfer tax on real estate. Included is the duplicate copy of the real estate tax declaration form which is filed in the superior court clerk's office.	2 years.	JB-042

Property Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Federal Tax Lien Index	Documents relating to a discharged federal tax lien. Included is the federal tax lien index.	10 years from the date of discharge of the last lien recorded in the index.	JB-043
Federal Tax Lien Files	Documents relating to federal tax liens. Included are notice of a federal tax lien, discharge from a federal tax lien, and release and partial discharge from a federal tax lien.	<p>7 years unless on General Execution Docket, then 50 years.</p> <p>If federal tax lien index is kept, and if discharges are entered on same lien, as required by law, both notice of lien and discharge can be destroyed 7 years from final discharge date. Renewed liens and liens which were discharged in error (and for which notice has been received) are not discharged liens for the purposes of this schedule. When federal tax lien index is not marked as above, or where any other system (including General Execution Docket) is used, retain notice of federal tax lien and discharge for 50 years.</p>	JB-044

Attorney Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
State Bar Applications Without Examination	Documents relating to admission to State Bar of attorneys from other States. Included are motions for admission, answers of the State Bar, proceedings, rule nisi, and judge's orders.	70 years.	JB-045
Practicing Attorneys Registration Books	Documents relating to registration of practicing attorneys. Includes record of practicing attorneys, order of admission, and oath of commission. Information included is name, address, place, date of admission to practice, and retirement notice.	Permanent.	JB-046
Third-Year Law Students and Staff Instructors Files	Documents relating to authorization of third-year law student or staff instructor to assist District Attorney or practice legal aid. Included are law schedule dean's certificates, student, and staff instructor oaths.	70 years.	JB-047
Certification of Bar Admission Eligibility File	Certificates of a passing bar exam score and orders of judge for clerk to issue license to practice law.	70 years.	JB-048

Election Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Election Records Files	Documents relating to the general and primary elections. Included are used and unused and void ballots, ballot stubs, oath of poll officers, numbered lists of voters, tally papers, voting machine proof sheets, and return sheets.	2 years after adjournment of the grand jury where documents were presented to and approved by the grand jury. If there is a court case for any race documented by these records, retain until final settlement.	JB-049
Applications for Petitions to Recall the Probate Court Judge	Records related to granting authority to persons wishing to sponsor a recall drive for petitions for the recall of the judge of the probate court as provided for in OCGA § 21-4-3 (3) (B).	2 years.	JB-050
Calls of Recall Elections for Probate Judge	Calls for recall elections for a probate judge who also serves as election superintendent. See OCGA § 21-4-13 (c) (2).	2 years.	JB-051

Other Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Notary Public Applications, Certificates and Dockets Application, and Certificates	Documents including electronic records relating to certifying persons to be notaries public. Included are applications for becoming a notary public, certificates of persons so commissioned, and docket books listing persons commissioned.	Applications and certificates: 9 years. Docket books: 50 years.	JB-052
Application for Trade Name and Trade Name Index	Documents relating to registration of trade name under which an individual or company is doing business. Included are applications for registration of trade name. Trade name registration index books include entries of owners, addresses, and names of businesses. In most counties, recent years of entries are photocopies of applications. Many of the books have a cumulative index which list business name and page number of application.	Applications: 1 year. Index Books: Permanent.	JB-053

Other Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Newspapers Containing Legal Advertisements	Documents relating to giving public notice, through newspaper advertisements, of official actions or as required by various laws. Included are copies of newspapers containing legal advertisements as required by law.	50 years if declined by library. Note: OCGA §§ 15-6-74 and 15-9-43 authorize newspapers to be maintained in digital format or microfilm format or by other photographic means. These Code sections and OCGA § 15-16-12 authorize clerks of superior court, judges of probate court, and sheriffs to enter into an agreement whereby one of these officials will maintain the official record of these newspapers for the other two.	JB-054

All Court Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Superior, State, Probate, and Magistrate Court Administered Programs	Documents relating to the administration of court programs including, but not limited to, the following: settlement conferences; parenting classes; educational workshops; counseling, social, and legal services; and program files associated with accountability courts, alternative dispute resolution, and pre-trial services.	Case files: 3 years from the date of last entry. Certificates: 3 years from the date of last entry.	JB-055
All Calendars	Documents relating to listing civil and criminal matters to be heard, dates for hearing, and styles of cases. Included are calendars for judges and magistrates. Calendars may be made for pre-trial proceedings, trials, motion hearings, small claims, appearances, appellate causes, and other reasons as the court sees fit.	1 year. A record copy of each series of calendar should be maintained by the clerks as this schedule specifies. Other copies generated for office use, publication, or notification purposes may then be destroyed at the end of the week or weeks of court for which they were produced.	JB-056
Order of Cremation	Court orders relating to the cremation of a human body.	10 years.	JB-057
Deeds and Condo Plats	Records documenting individual ownership or property that are filed with the local government.	Permanent.	JB-058
Deeds, Right of Way	Records authorizing use of land for road widening or public works.	Permanent.	JB-059
Deeds, Security	Deeds to properties on which an agency holds the second mortgage.	5 years after final payment.	JB-060

Juvenile Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
<p>Individual Juvenile Court Case Files; Excludes Termination of Parental Rights and Legitimation</p>	<p>The individual juvenile court case files shall serve as the minutes. Includes the following vital records: complaints, petitions, all court orders, rights forms, notices of appeal, publications, applications for publication, transcripts, any other items in juvenile court files which are juvenile court generated and do not fall within the category of non-vital records. Includes the following non-vital records: subpoenas, correspondence, intake data sheets, witness lists, route sheets, clerk or judges bench notes, applications for court appointed attorney, social histories, victim impact statements, any duplicates of court generated documents or records, essays, community service reports, applications for bond, custody reports generated by juvenile court for investigatory purposes, and case histories transmitted by another juvenile court.</p> <p>Includes non-vital documents generated by other persons or agencies such as the following: records of ankle monitoring agencies, police reports; Department of Family and Children Services reports, Department of Juvenile Justice reports, psychologicals, custody reports not produced by juvenile court, medical records, and school discipline/attendance records.</p>	<p>Vital Records: Delinquency: 25 years from the end of the calendar year of the date that the child was born.</p> <p>Dependency: 10 years after the last action in the case or 25 years from the end of the calendar year of the date that the child was born, whichever is later.</p> <p>Non-vital Records: 1 year.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JB-061</p>
<p>Parental Notification of Abortion Case Files</p>	<p>The individual juvenile court case files shall serve as the minutes. Documents relating to actions initiated by a minor, on such minors behalf or by next friend, for a waiver of the requirement that a parent be notified that an abortion is to be performed. Includes petitions, orders, medical statements, correspondence, etc.</p>	<p>90 days after disposition.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JB-062</p>

Juvenile Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Legitimation Case Files and Termination of Parental Rights Case Files in Which Rights Were Terminated	The individual juvenile court case files shall serve as the minutes. May include the following vital records: complaints, petitions, all court orders, rights forms, notices of appeal, publications, applications for publication, transcripts, any other items in juvenile court files which are juvenile court generated and do not fall within the category of non-vital records. May include the following non-vital records: subpoenas, correspondence, intake data sheets, witness lists, route sheets, clerk or judge's bench notes, applications for court appointed attorney, social histories, any duplicates of court generated documents or records, and case histories transmitted by another juvenile court. May include non-vital documents generated by other persons or agencies such as the following: police reports, Department of Family and Children Services reports, Department of Juvenile Justice reports, psychologicals, school discipline/attendance records, and custody reports not produced by juvenile court.	Permanent.	JB-063
Case Files of Juveniles on Probation or Supervision with the Court	Documents relating to a juvenile's status on probation or supervision with the court. Includes drug screens, school attendance records, reports of contact with probation officer, etc.	5 years after probation is terminated or when juvenile is 17, whichever is later.	JB-064
Court Reporters' Notes and Files	Documents relating to verbatim recording of oral proceedings before the court. Included are stenographic machine tapes and/or notes. May also include tape recordings, dictagraph belts, paper strips, steno pads, and other recording media including electronic formats.	2 years after disposition.	JB-065

Juvenile Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Docket Books	Documents relating to cases filed in juvenile courts. Included are docket books, bound and loose-leaf, and the pages thereof, in which is recorded information regarding children who are referred to juvenile courts and complaints which are filed against them or in their interest. Also included are computer records or other electronic records of the information required to be maintained in the juvenile docket book in juvenile courts which store the docket sheet information electronically in lieu of maintaining a separate juvenile docket book.	28 years from the end of the calendar year of the last entry.	JB-066
Court Calendars	Documents relating to listing of matters to be heard, dates for hearing, and styles of cases. Included are calendars for judges and associate judges.	1 year.	JB-067
Files and Records of Juvenile Court Administered Programs	Documents relating to the administration of court programs including but not limited to the following: accountability court programs, community service programs, diversion programs, restitution programs, community oriented risk-reduction programs, parenting classes, Tough Love programs, mentoring programs, tutoring programs, and counseling programs. Included are attendance records, referrals to other programs, testing results, certificates, etc.	5 years.	JB-068

Juvenile Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Traffic Case Files	<p>The individual juvenile court case files shall serve as the minutes. May include the following vital records: uniform traffic citations, complaints, petitions, all court orders, rights forms, notices of appeal, publications, applications for publication, transcripts, any other items in juvenile court files which are juvenile court generated and do not fall within the category of non-vital records. May include the following non-vital records: subpoenas, correspondence, intake data sheets, witness lists, route sheets, clerk or judge's bench notes, applications for court appointed attorney, social histories, victim impact statements, any duplicates of court generated documents or records, essays, community service reports, applications for bond, and case histories transmitted by another juvenile court.</p> <p>May include non-vital documents generated by other persons or agencies such as the following: records of ankle monitoring agencies, police reports, Department of Family and Children Services reports, Department of Juvenile Justice reports, psychologicals, and school discipline/attendance records.</p>	<p>Vital Records: 7 years after disposition.</p> <p>Non-vital Records: 1 year after disposition.</p>	JB-069

Probate Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Applications, Bonds, and Permits for Fireworks Displays	Applications for public display or exhibition of fireworks. Included are applications, bonds, evidence of liability insurance, and permits.	6 years.	JB-070
Election Tally Summary File	Included are election tally sheets.	6 years.	JB-071
Estate Case Files (Excluding Wills)	The qualification of a legal representative and the management and distribution of the assets of an estate. Included are: original and recorded copies of all proceedings in relation to estates, excluding probate of wills. Examples are: applications for letters of appointment and dismissal of executors and administrators under OCGA Title 53; applications for year's support; as well as guardianships and conservatorships under OCGA Title 29; inventories and appraisements; applications for leave to sell property; and annual and final returns.	Permanent.	JB-072
(Hospitalization) Files Created Pursuant to Proceedings Under Chapters 3, 4, and 7 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and Proceedings Under Prior Official Codes Related Thereto (Involuntary Commitment Records)	The hospitalization and treatment of mentally ill, mentally disabled, alcoholics, drug-dependent individuals, and drug abusers. Included are originals of petitions, proceedings and orders relating to emergency admission, evaluation, and involuntary hospitalization, writs of habeas corpus, and protective orders, appointments of legal counsel and guardians ad litem, notices to parties, clinical or medical records of individuals, affidavits and certificates of examining physicians, and patient service plans. Hospitalization petitions may also contain guardianship applications.	75 years after disposition.	JB-073

Probate Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Lists of Persons Who Have Been Adjudicated as Mentally Incompetent	Records relating to deleting from electors' lists the names of those persons who have been adjudicated as mentally incompetent. Included are lists prepared monthly by the judge of the probate court and filed with the registrar giving names, addresses, and ages of persons who appear to be disqualified from voting by reason of an adjudication of mental incompetency during the preceding month.	2 years.	JB-074
Marriage Records	Transcription, digitization, or photocopy of the marriage license recorded by the probate judge within 30 days of the marriage.	Permanent.	JB-075
Peddlers Licenses and Certificates of Eligibility Files	Application for peddler's license and certificate of eligibility for disabled, indigent, disabled veterans, and the blind for a free license. Included are books or files containing any of the following: (1) receipt stubs of certificate or license, (2) application or affidavit for certificate or license, (3) letters of character reference, (4) letters from physicians of U.S. Veterans Administration, (5) copies of applicant's military discharge, and (6) court copy of license.	2 years.	JB-076
Weapons Carrying License Application File	The licensing of county residents to carry a weapon. Included are approved and denied applications for licenses to carry a weapon and supporting documents. Applications contain information supplied by the applicants that is pertinent to their eligibility to apply for the license. Supporting documents include mental health waiver forms, law enforcement reports, rap sheets, and other documents relating to issuance of the license.	6 years.	JB-077
Public Officers' Oaths and Bonds	The oaths of office and bonds of public officials filed in the probate court. Included are copies of written oaths of office and accompanying certificates issued by the officer administering the oath which specify the day and year taken, official bonds of county officials, and books containing recorded copies of official bonds.	6 years. Records dated prior to 1900: Permanent.	JB-078
Wills	Wills of decedents. Included are original, photostatic, imaged, and recorded copies of probated wills of decedents. Specifically excluded are wills of living persons filed in the probate court for safekeeping and wills filed but not probated.	Permanent.	JB-079

Magistrate Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Arrest and Search Warrants Files	Documents relating to arrest and search warrants. Included are audio and video applications for warrants, supporting affidavits, and evidence. Specifically excludes the original arrest warrants in which the defendant was bound over for trial by a magistrate to state or superior court. These original warrants should be transferred with the case file to the trial court.	10 years.	JB-080
Good Behavior Bonds	Documents relating to Good Behavior Warrants. Included are applications for warrants, supporting affidavits, and/or law enforcement reports or supplemental evidence, including audio and video of Good Behavior Warrant proceedings.	7 years. All original documents shall be kept in the magistrate court. See OCGA § 17-6-90.	JB-081
Civil Case Files	Documents relating to trying of civil cases in magistrate courts. Included are all pleadings, exhibits, transcripts, judgments, and related papers appropriate for inclusion in case files as required by statute or by the Uniform Rules for the Magistrate Courts. (Some courts maintain indexes to their case files and dockets. The retention of these indexes is covered in the schedule Magistrate Court Civil Dockets.) Includes affidavits for summons of dispossessory, applications for summons of foreclosure of personal property, and abandonment of automobiles or vessels.	10 years after disposition. If a judgment is renewed or enforcement is actively pursued in accordance with OCGA § 9-12-60 within the 10-year period, transfer case back to current files area and treat as a newly closed case.	JB-082
Transcripts, Recordings or Notes of Proceedings as Court Inquiry	Documents relating to certified verbatim records, digital recordings, and any other audio recordings or video recordings, including certified records of court reporters' transcriptions.	3 years from end of each calendar year or duration of sentence, whichever is longer.	JB-083

Prosecuting Attorney Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Misdemeanor, Traffic and Ordinance Violations	Documents relating to the investigation and prosecution of misdemeanor and misdemeanor traffic violations under Georgia law and alleged violations of county ordinances which are brought against individuals and corporations.	5 years after all direct appeals are completed or right to a direct appeal has terminated.	JB-084
Prosecutor's Felony Case Files	Documents relating to prosecution of individuals for felony violations of Georgia law. This file series is within the District Attorney's office.	25 years after all direct appeals are completed or right to a direct appeal has terminated.	JB-085
District Attorney's Files on Child Support	Documents relating to civil actions brought by the District Attorney on behalf of a parent or guardian to obtain or enforce support of minor children. Included are petitions, pauper's affidavits, summonses and rule nisi, rules for contempt, orders, answers, depositions, interrogatories, other discovery papers, pleadings, transcripts, judgments, motions, District Attorney's personal notes, notices of appeal, briefs and other related documents.	3 years after case is closed by court or operation of law.	JB-086
District Attorney's Child Support Undocumented Case Files	Documents relating to cases referred to the District Attorney's office by the Department of Human Services pursuant to OCGA § 19-11-1 et seq. which were not docketed in any court due to insufficiency of the evidence or statements made by the custodial parent (recipient) which prevent initiation of a paternity action. Included are DHS referral documents, correspondence relating to case, notices to potential defendant and affidavit of custodial parent as to paternity.	3 years after administrative determination that evidence is insufficient to obtain a judgment.	JB-087
Prosecutor's Dismissed Misdemeanor and Misdemeanor Traffic Case Files	Records of cases referred to Prosecutor investigation of misdemeanor, misdemeanor traffic, or ordinance violations dismissed before filing. OBTS form forwarded to GCIC; if local practice requires it – return original to clerk.	3 years.	JB-088
Attorney Case Files	Records of documentation of agency attorney in advising and representing the agency.	6 years after settlement of case.	JB-089

Municipal Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Executed Arrest Warrants	Summons for an individual who has not appeared in court for sentencing.	3 years after court appearance.	JB-090
Open Arrest Warrants	Summons for an individual who has not appeared in court for sentencing.	15 years.	JB-091
Traffic	Serious traffic (suspendable).	6 years after disposition.	JB-092
Cash Bond List	List of offenses under the court's jurisdiction and bond amount set for each offense.	3 years after superseded.	JB-093
Citation Intake List	List of citations received from public safety officers by the court.	1 year.	JB-094
Court Calendar	Documents relating to list of matters to be heard, dates, and styles of cases.	1 year.	JB-095
Court Docket	Books which generally contain essential information in summary form about each traffic case adjudicated.	7 years.	JB-096
DDS Electronic Transfer	List of convictions and failures to appear transferred to DDS.	7 years.	JB-097
Dismissed Misdemeanor and Misdemeanor Traffic Case Files	Documents relating to the investigation and prosecution of misdemeanor and traffic offenses under Georgia law and alleged violations of city ordinances which are brought against an individual.	3 years after closure.	JB-098
DUI Case File	Documents that support, refer, or reflect the adjudication of a DUI case.	10 years after disposition.	JB-099
DUI Notices/Photos	Notice of conviction of second subsequent DUI sent to local newspaper.	10 years.	JB-100
GCIC/NCIC Printouts	Driver and criminal histories printed for use by prosecutor and judge.	Until file closure.	JB-101
Jail List	List received showing defendants incarcerated from public safety or jail.	1 year.	JB-102
Misdemeanor Case Files, Traffic Court	Court adjudication of misdemeanor traffic citations issued by authorized public safety officers and documents specific to the case.	7 years after disposition.	JB-103
Misdemeanor Court Records – Case Files	Documents supporting the adjudication of a case.	10 years after disposition.	JB-104

Municipal Records

Record Type	Description	Retention	Schedule Number
Misdemeanor Traffic Offenses Transferred to Another Jurisdiction	Citations, accusations, and summonses transferred to higher court for jury trial or another court of jurisdiction.	7 years after appearance in court.	JB-105
Prisoner Mail Logs	Record of all mail received from an inmate.	1 year.	JB-106
Probation Records	Official records pursuant to an individual probationary status, including probation officer, probationary conditions, and length of term.	7 years.	JB-107
Telephone Taps	Court order for telephone taps.	10 years.	JB-108
Grand Jury Presentment	Grand jury reports.	10 years.	JB-109
Legal Organ Designation	Declaring the local paper as the Official Organ.	7 years.	JB-110
Terms of Court	Quarterly reporting of opening and closing the court terms.	7 years.	JB-111
Writs of Habeas Corpus	Writs of habeas corpus.	7 years.	JB-112
Ordinance Violations	Records concerning ordinance violations. See OCGA § 15-10-63.	2 years.	JB-113

Official Judicial Branch

Administrative Records Retention Schedules

ACCOUNTING (01)

Records	Description	Retention	Number
Accounting Records	Records include: accounts payable files; accounts receivable files; bank statements; cancelled checks, vouchers, and EFTS; cash balances and reconciliations; cost accounting records; deposit slips and reconciliations; invoices; journal entries (journal vouchers); outstanding obligations; payment schedules; purchase orders; receipts; returned checks; reconciliations; refund/disbursement requests; moving expenses; agency-paid individual memberships and activities in professional organizations; registration fees; and travel authorization and reimbursement records.	5 years.	GASC-01-001
Annual Financial Statements	Records which provide an annual statement of net assets and activities; often called a comprehensive annual financial statement or report.	Permanent.	GASC-01-002
Audit Reports (Agency Copies)	Reports prepared by the Department of Audits examining and verifying the agency's financial activities for a defined period of time; does not include the record copy maintained by the Department of Audits.	5 years or 2 successive audits, whichever is longer.	GASC-01-003
Bids and Competitive Selection Records	This series documents the procurement of equipment and service valued in excess of bid limit. This series may include but is not limited to: requests for proposal (RFP); requests for invitations to bid (RFI); requests for quotes (RFQ); vendors' proposals and bids; records for all bids received; and competitive quotes.	Capital Improvement Projects: 11 years; All other records: 7 years.	GASC-01-004
Budgeting Records	Records documenting budget requests, maintenance, and reports as well as the budget approved by the Legislature.	Approved Budget: Permanent; All other records: 6 years.	GASC-01-005

Collection Records	This series includes records documenting an agency's efforts to collect unpaid accounts; includes PeopleSoft collection reports.	5 years after account paid in full or deemed uncollectible.	GASC-01-006
Contracts and Agreements	This series documents the negotiation, execution, completion, and termination of legal agreements between an agency and other parties to acquire or provide services or products.	Capital Improvements: 10 years after expiration; Other contracts: 7 years after contract expiration.	GASC-01-007
Cooperative Federal Programs Budget Preparation, Project, and Allocation Records	Records used to develop, estimate, propose, and plan the preliminary budget requests for cooperative state/federal programs and reflect the process by which annual budget allotments are distributed.	5 years after the end of the fiscal year.	GASC-01-008
Cost Accounting Reports	Financial reports by cost center for all expenditures.	3 years.	GASC-01-009
Credit Card Administration Records	Records documenting administration of credit cards issued to individual agency staff or offices.	7 years.	GASC-01-010
Federal and State Grant Project Files	Records documenting federal and state-funded grant projects.	Final Narrative Summary: Permanent (GASC-02-008); Education Agencies: 5 years after submission of final report or denial of application; Non-Education Agencies: 3 years after submission of final financial report.	GASC-01-011
Federal Revenue Sharing Records	Records documenting federal, state, county, and municipal revenue-sharing; includes summaries, expenditures, and investments.	5 years after submission of final report.	GASC-01-012

General Ledger and Trial Balances	Records of final entry for all financial transactions.	7 years.	GASC-01-013
Internal Auditing Records	Records documenting the conduct of an internal review of agency financial accounts and processes.	5 years or 2 successive audits, whichever is longer.	GASC-01-014
Official Bonds and Oaths	Bonds required of state officials and custodians of funds.	5 years after expiration of term.	GASC-01-015
Signature Authorizations	Records documenting the certification of employees who are authorized to sign fiscal and contractual documents.	7 years after authorization expires.	GASC-01-016

ADMINISTRATION (02)

Records	Description	Retention	Number
Administrative Rules Records	Records documenting reviews and changes to administrative rules issued in compliance with OCGA § 50-13-1 – 50-13-44.	Final rule: 5 years after expiration; Other records: Retain for useful life.	GASC-02-001
Annual Reports	Annual reports that summarize agency functions and activities.	Permanent.	GASC-02-003
Broadcast Logs	Records documenting agency daily broadcast activities.	Logs relating to a disaster or investigated by the FCC: Retain until authorized by FCC to destroy; Other logs: 2 years.	GASC-02-007
Correspondence – Administrative	This series includes communications received or sent that document significant events and/or the development of administrative structure, policy, procedures, and the historical development of the office.	Permanent.	GASC-02-004
Correspondence – General	This series includes correspondence that documents formal decisions regarding routine matters.	5 years.	GASC-02-005

Crisis or Disaster Records	Records documenting events and damages to an agency's property due to storms, riots, fires, drought, floods, and other acts affecting the agency facilities; may include photos, logs, reports, notes, and correspondence.	Records that document a lasting change to agency property or activities: Permanent; Other: See applicable retention schedule.	GASC-02-006
Executive Level Administrative Files	This series includes the records of an agency's director, deputy director, and division directors. Records with historical value include memoranda, reports, and other documentation concerning the administration of policy, coordination of agency functions, and management of program activity. Records of a routine or non-substantive nature that do not document policy decisions or significant programmatic and functional activities.	Records that document policy, coordination of agency functions, and management of program activity: Permanent; Other records: 5 years.	GASC-02-002
Federal and State Grant Reports	Final narrative summary submitted according to grant requirements of the funding agency.	Permanent.	GASC-02-008
Legal Case Files	Records documenting the work of the agency legal counsel in advising and representing the agency.	6 years after settlement of case.	GASC-02-009
Legal Opinions	Interpretations of the law and an agency's compliance with the law by the Attorney General or other legal counsel.	Until superseded.	GASC-02-010
Legislative Relations Records	This series may be used to review and plan institutional positions on legislative activities. This series may include but is not limited to: final reports; bill review and tracking records; copies of legislation; and working papers.	Final reports: Permanent; All other records: Retain for useful life.	GASC-02-011
Lobbyist Records	This series documents the activities of agency employees who engage in lobbying the state. Records may include: lobbyist registration statement forms; lobbyist termination forms; lobbyist expenditure report forms; lobbyist listings; and salary information.	5 years.	GASC-02-012

Meeting Agendas, Minutes, and Packets	Records documenting proposed and executed proceedings of agency meetings.	Approved Minutes, Agenda, and Final Packet: Permanent; Notes and records used to create the approved minutes and supporting documentation: Retain until minutes are approved.	GASC-02-013
News Release Records	This series documents newsworthy events of the agency. This series may include but is not limited to news releases issued by agency news and communications units arranged by topic and/or date of issue.	10 years.	GASC-02-014
Periodic Reports	Reports that describe the agency's functions and activities and include quarterly, monthly, weekly, and daily reports. Note: does not include annual reports (GASC-02-003).	Reports that are summarized in an agency's annual report: Retain until annual report is completed; Other reports: 2 years.	GASC-02-015
Photographs, Videos, and Films	Photographs, videos, films, and other visual representations of agency public service announcements, events, productions, promotions, tourism, training, and property.	Final Product: Permanent; Other: 5 years; Copies and poor images: Useful life.	GASC-02-016
Policies and Procedures	Standard operating practice for business processes.	Policies that affect the public: Permanent; Policies that do not affect the public: 3 years after superseded.	GASC-02-017
Printing Service Files	Records relating to printing requests, cost estimates, mock-ups, proofs, and printing plates.	Retain for useful life.	GASC-02-018
Publications	Newsletters, handbooks, pamphlets, and brochures published by an agency.	Permanent.	GASC-02-019

Speeches and recordings:
Permanent; Drafts, source
materials, and other
materials: Retain for useful
life.

GASC-
02-020

Speeches

Records relating to public speaking engagements of agency officials.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT (03)

Records	Description	Retention	Number
Calendars	Desk calendars and other scheduling media.	1 year after the end of the calendar year in which the record was created.	GASC-03-001
Data Input Forms	Any type of form used to collect information for input into electronic form.	Destroy upon verification/quality control of data entry.	GASC-03-002
Indexes	Records which provide a ready reference or pointer into larger sets of records.	Retain until superseded or destruction of indexed set of records.	GASC-03-003
Mailing Lists	Various standard lists of names and addresses.	Retain for useful life.	GASC-03-004
Newspaper Clippings and Scrapbooks	This series includes newspaper clippings and scrapbooks, which may contain newspaper clippings, photographs, event programs, and other memorabilia.	Newspaper clippings: Retain for useful life. Scrapbooks: Contact Archives staff before disposition to ensure that any original materials contained in the scrapbook are retained for the duration of their retention period and that no permanent records are destroyed.	GASC-03-005

Reference Files	Publications, copies of records, and other materials that provide general reference for agency employees.	Retain for useful life.	GASC-03-006
Telephone and Fax Records	"While You Were Out" message slips; telephone and fax contact information; and related data.	Retain for useful life.	GASC-03-007
Transitory Records	Records with short-term interest that have no documentary or evidential value, such as routine requests for publications, transmittal letters, and agency event notices (holidays, charitable campaigns).	Retain for useful life.	GASC-03-008

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (04)

Records	Description	Retention	Number
Computer System Documentation, Management, and Maintenance Records	Records documenting the addition, modification, maintenance, and removal of software and/or hardware from an agency's computer system. Records may include: computer equipment inventories; hardware performance reports; component maintenance records; system backup reports; backup tape inventories; system overviews; operations logs; job listings; system development logs; system specifications and changes; conversion notes; dataset logs; dataset inventories; dataset record layouts; hard copies of tables; data dictionaries; programming logs; program specifications and changes; record layouts; user views; control program table documentation; program listings; instruction manuals; software purchase records; software inventories; and licenses.	Computer Equipment Inventories: 4 years after surplus and all audit requirements have been met; Records related to backup: Retain for 2 backup cycles; All other records: Life of system, software, or component and all audit requirements have been met.	GASC-04-001
Information System Planning and Development Records	This series documents the planning and development of agency information systems. Records may include: information technology plans; feasibility studies; cost-benefit analyses; studies and surveys; system specifications and revisions; component proposals; technical literature; and vendor literature and proposals.	Implemented systems: Life of system and all audit requirements have been met; Unimplemented systems: Useful life.	GASC-04-002
Network, Computer, and Server Password and Security	Records documenting the issuance or selection of a network password and the administration of security and monitoring of the agency's network, computers, and servers.	1 year after superseded or the employee separates from the agency, and all audit requirements have been met.	GASC-04-003

System Architecture Documents and Wiring Schemas	Records documenting the location of wiring and the design of the overall agency network environment.	Until superseded or obsolete and all audit requirements have been met.	GASC-04-004
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PAYROLL (05)

Records	Description	Retention	Number
Annual Payroll Earnings Reports	Summary of employees' payroll earnings for fiscal year, including deductions.	50 years after tax year in which the records were created.	GASC-05-001
Deduction Records	Records documenting individual employee's authorization to withhold taxes and other deductions from employees pay.	4 years after end of fiscal year.	GASC-05-002
Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Compliance Records	All records pertaining to FMLA's leave requirements, including dates and hours of FMLA leave; copies of employer notices, documents describing premium payments, employee benefits, and records of disputes over FMLA benefits.	3 years.	GASC-05-003
Garnishments	Records documenting the withholding of funds from an employee's wages at the request of the courts or a state agency.	5 years.	GASC-05-004
HIPAA/HITECH Records	These records include the policies and procedures implemented by agencies to comply with HIPAA/HITECH regulations.	6 years.	GASC-05-005
Periodic Tax Reports	Records documenting taxable and non-taxable income of an agency.	5 years.	GASC-05-006
Salary and Wage Records	Pre-payroll reports, monthly payroll check registers, monthly fund distribution reports, and payroll action forms.	5 years.	GASC-05-007
Unclaimed Pay Checks	Checks that remain unclaimed by employees.	1 year.	GASC-05-008

Unemployment Compensation Records	Documents relating to employee claims for unemployment compensation.	5 years after end of the fiscal year in which the transaction occurred.	GASC-05-009
Wage and Rate Tables	Records utilized to calculate straight time and overtime work schedules.	5 years.	GASC-05-010
Wage and Tax Statements	Information returns used to report wages paid to employees and the taxes withheld from them. Includes W-2s.	5 years.	GASC-05-011
Withholding Allowance Certificates (G-4 and W-4 forms)	Federal forms completed by an individual to establish the amount of taxes withheld from wages.	4 years after superseded.	GASC-05-012

PERSONNEL (06)

Records	Description	Retention	Number
Accident Reports	Reports of employee accidents and injuries; including workers' compensation claims.	Workers' Comp Claims: 5 years and settlement of all claims due; Accident Reports not resulting in Workers' Comp Claims: 3 years.	GASC-06-001
Affirmative Action Records	Records documenting an agency's compliance with the requirements of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and response to federal program reviews, state compliance audits, annual reporting requirements, and internal audits.	Plans: Permanent; Audits, annual reports, and other records: 3 years.	GASC-06-002
Applications for Employment, Not Hired	Records documenting employment applications of persons not hired. Records may include but are not limited to: unsolicited, incomplete, and complete applications; supporting documentation, interview notes and materials; background surveys; and correspondence.	Unsolicited and incomplete applications: Useful life; All other records: 3 years.	GASC-06-003
Background Checks	Criminal and financial background checks on employees.	5 years.	GASC-06-004

Cafeteria Plan (Flexible Benefits) Records	Records documenting salary reduction-type plans authorized by the Internal Revenue Service.	6 years after termination of participant.	GASC-06-005
Continuation of Insurance Benefits (COBRA) Records	Copies of notices required by COBRA; documentation that notices were received; documentation of any circumstance in which COBRA is not offered due to gross misconduct.	6 years	GASC-06-006
Contracts – Employee	Service contracts between an individual and government agency.	7 years after expiration.	GASC-06-007
Converted Personal Leave Requests	Records documenting converted personal leave requests.	1 year after leave is used.	GASC-06-008
Drug Testing Records	Records documenting the random drug testing of employees to include pre-employment and reasonable suspicion.	Positives and refusals: 5 years. Negatives and cancelled drug tests and documents relating to the administration of the alcohol and controlled substance testing programs: 2 years.	GASC-06-009
Employee Grievance Action Case Files	Resolution of employee complaints against supervisor or other employees.	2 years after the complaint is filed or the case is resolved.	GASC-06-010
Employee Handbooks	Guidelines created to explain the internal operations and procedures of the agency to a new employee.	Permanent.	GASC-06-011

Employee Hazardous Materials Exposure Monitoring Records	Records monitoring the exposure of employees to hazardous materials.	30 years.	GASC-06-012
Employee Medical Files, Toxic/Hazardous Substance Exposure	Documentation of employee exposure to hazardous materials.	30 years after separation.	GASC-06-013
Employee Parking Records	Records documenting employee parking permit applications, cards, and permits.	5 years after permit expires or is superseded or separation of employee from the agency.	GASC-06-014
Employee Personnel Files	Records documenting an employee's work history with the agency, generally maintained as a case file; includes records of continuing education, performance evaluations, disciplinary actions, and background checks. Please note: no central agency maintains these records; it is the responsibility of individual agencies to maintain the personnel files of their employees.	Records documenting service, final leave status, and hire/no hire recommendation: 50 years; Other records: 7 years following separation of employee.	GASC-06-015
Employment Eligibility Verification Records	I-9 forms.	3 years after date of hire or 1 year after separation, whichever is longer.	GASC-06-016
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Reports	Reports classifying employees by race and gender that document compliance with EEOC rules.	3 years.	GASC-06-018

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and GA Commission on Equal Opportunity Complaints	Records documenting charges of discrimination filed against an agency.	2 years or until final disposition of the charge or action.	GASC-06-017
Family Medical Leave Case Files	Records documenting extended absence from work by an employee under provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act.	3 years.	GASC-05-003
Intern Records	This series documents the activities of interns working at the agency.	5 years.	GASC-06-020
Job Recruitment Materials	Records documenting efforts to advertise positions and attract qualified personnel.	2 years.	GASC-06-021
Leave Donation Records	Records documenting the donation of leave by employees to assist an individual who must be absent from work for an extended period of time due to illness.	1 year after leave used.	GASC-06-022
Leave Records	Records documenting hours worked, leave earned, and leave taken; does not include final leave status.	3 years.	GASC-06-023
Position Classification Materials	Records documenting job requirements, description, and salary range.	4 years after position is re-classified.	GASC-06-024
Pre-employment Assessments, Not Hired	Exams taken by those applying for positions with a state agency.	2 years.	GASC-06-025
Retirement Incentive Program Records	Records documenting employees who elect early retirement under government-offered incentive programs.	6 years.	GASC-06-026

SAVE Affidavits	SAVE (Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements) Affidavits testifying to an individual's right to receive public benefits.	3 years.	GASC-06-027
Student Workers Permits	Permits to allow persons under 18 years old to obtain summer employment.	Return to issuing officer (school board) after termination or failure to appear for 30 days.	GASC-06-028
Training Records	Records documenting attendance and course content for continuing education training.	5 years.	GASC-06-029
Training Records – Breath-Alcohol Testing	Records relating to the training of individuals for breath-alcohol testing.	2 years after individual ceases to perform the testing function.	GASC-06-030
Volunteer Program Records	This series documents the activities and administration of an agency's volunteer program. Records may include: volunteer hour statistics; volunteer program publicity records; insurance requirement information; and inactive volunteer files containing applications and conditions of volunteer service forms.	Individual volunteer files: 3 years after separation; All other records: 3 years.	GASC-06-031
Work/Time Schedules	Records documenting employee's daily and weekly work schedules.	4 years.	GASC-06-032

PROPERTY AND SECURITY (07)

Records	Description	Retention	Number
Blueprints and Specifications	Plans and specifications maintained by an agency for its own facility; used by facilities management to facilitate repairs and upgrades to the building.	As Built plans and specifications: Permanent; Interim and Never Built plans and specifications: 7 years.	GASC-07-001
Building/Grounds Maintenance, Remodeling, and Repair Records	Records documenting the condition, upkeep, and routine maintenance on agency facilities and grounds.	7 years.	GASC-07-002

Business Continuity Plans	Business recovery plans for man-made and natural disasters.	Until superseded.	GASC-07-003
Capital Construction Project Records	Records relating to the planning, administration, and implementation of capital construction projects; includes project descriptions and requirements, bid records, plan reviews, project schedules, contract changes, consultant contracts, and budgets.	11 years after completion of project.	GASC-07-004
Depreciation Schedules	Records documenting useful life and depreciation of agency-owned equipment and property, usually for insurance purposes.	4 years.	GASC-07-005
Employee Identification Records	Records documenting the issuance of employee identification cards, including restricted access.	4 years after superseded or employee separation.	GASC-07-006
Equipment and Vehicle Maintenance Records	Records documenting service history, mileage, damage repair, routine preventative maintenance and disposition of agency vehicles and equipment. Records type includes warranties, operating manuals, service contracts, and service logs for maintenance of agency-owned equipment and vehicles etc.	5 years after disposition of vehicle or equipment.	GASC-07-007
Facility Inspection Files and Reports	Records documenting inspection of facilities to comply with standards, rules, and codes affecting health and safety of the occupants; includes security and safety inspections.	3 years.	GASC-07-008
Federal Property Records	Records documenting the loan or lease of government equipment (federal) by state agencies.	7 years after expiration of contract or disposal of equipment.	GASC-07-009
Fuel and Oil Usage and Tax Reports	Periodic reports of the consumption of taxable and non-taxable diesel, gas, and oil in government-owned vehicles.	3 years.	GASC-07-010
Incident Reports	Reports of incidents of suspected criminal activity.	Internal documentation and incidents not reported to police: 5 years; Incidents reported to police: Retain until settlement of claims.	GASC-07-011

Insurance Policies	Records documenting insurance purchase for agency facilities or of membership in risk management cooperatives.	7 years after expiration of policy or membership.	GASC-07-013
Maintenance Work Orders	Records documenting routine maintenance on facilities and property.	5 years.	GASC-07-015
Property and Equipment Inventories	Listings of agency-owned property and equipment.	5 years after superseded.	GASC-07-014
Property Disposition Requests (Surplus Property Records)	Records documenting requests for change in status of state-owned property.	5 years.	GASC-07-016
Property Insurance Fund Claims	Records documenting requests for payment of insurance claims from the Georgia Department of Administrative Services Risk Management Division.	5 years after claim is paid or denied.	GASC-07-012
Real Property Ownership Records	Deeds, titles, purchasing records, and supporting documentation for land owned by an agency.	11 years after the year in which the property was sold or transferred.	GASC-07-017
Receipts of Responsibility	Records documenting property temporarily in use or possession of an employee.	5 years.	GASC-07-018
Security Access Records	Logs documenting when and who accessed restricted areas.	5 years.	GASC-07-019
Security Videos	Digital or analog video recordings and images from agency security systems. This series also includes digital or analog voice recordings of radio and telephone communications.	Known incident/accident: Retain until settlement of claims; No known incident/accident: 30 days.	GASC-07-021

Security/Fire System Install and Maintenance Records	Records documenting agency security and fire alarm systems.	3 years after replacement of system.	GASC-07-020
Space Planning/Design Management Project Files	Evaluation and design of space for government agencies.	3 years after project completion.	GASC-07-022
Vehicle Accident Reports	Records documenting damage to agency-owned vehicles.	5 years.	GASC-07-023
Vehicle and Equipment Purchases	Records documenting the purchase of vehicles and equipment.	5 years after disposition of vehicles or equipment.	GASC-07-025
Vehicle Permits/Security Identification Records	Records documenting the issuance of vehicle decals providing access to secure areas.	2 years after superseded.	GASC-07-026
Vehicle Title Records	Records documenting agency ownership of vehicles.	Applications: Retain until receipt of title; Title: Retain for duration of ownership.	GASC-07-027
Vehicle Use Authorizations and Requests	Records documenting permission for employees to use their private automobiles for official business.	5 years after superseded or obsolete.	GASC-07-028
Visitor Sign-in Logs	Visitor sign-in logs.	1 year.	GASC-07-029

RECORDS MANAGEMENT (08)

Records	Description	Retention	Number
Destruction Records	Records documenting the destruction of agency records.	Retain in office.	GASC-08-001

Microfilm Records	Records documenting the processing of microfilm to show compliance with standards; the preparation and filming of records; the inspection of film; and the transfer and acceptance of film to a security storage area.	Retain for life of film.	GASC-08-002
Microfilm Vault Monitoring Reports	Records documenting temperature and humidity conditions within a storage facility.	5 years.	GASC-08-003
Open Records Act Requests and Correspondence	Inquiries from members of the public requesting access to information under the Georgia Open Records Act.	3 years.	GASC-08-004
Records Schedules	Copies of approved agency records retention schedules.	5 years after superseded.	GASC-08-005
Records Transmittal Records	Records documenting the transfer of agency records into the custody of a records center facility.	Permanent records: Retain in office; Temporary records: 5 years after disposition of transferred record.	GASC-08-006
Reference Requests	Reference pull sheets documenting the retrieval of records from a records center facility.	4 years.	GASC-08-007