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# Records Retention Schedule

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## Preface

- 1 BNU's Records Retention Schedule provides indicative guidance for staff and contracted third-parties responsible for managing Buckinghamshire New University records. The schedule relates to all aspects of University operations, including student records and data; research; human resources; finance and corporate governance and compliance.
- 2 It is the responsibility of every staff member responsible for managing records at the University to familiarize themselves with the schedule.
- 3 The schedule is based upon the JISC guidance contained within JISC's [records retention and management spreadsheet](#) and [student records guidance](#).
- 4 BNU's Records Retention Schedule is not a list of every single record or piece of information that BNU holds and should not be regarded as such. BNU may not hold every single record, or type of record, included in this retention schedule.
- 5 The University's records may be held in different areas or by different Directorates than those listed here. Responsibility for some types of records may also change in the future.
- 6 Staff may find that some records are listed in different parts of the schedule (for example, some financial records might be listed under Human Resources) so it is important that the schedule is searched thoroughly to ensure compliance.
- 7 Records extracted from master systems such as the Student Management System (SMS) and Management Information System (MIS) and stored in local drives, shared drives, SharePoint or email should be destroyed after use to avoid unnecessary duplication, and to ensure data is not held for any longer than necessary.
- 8 Compliance with the Records Retention Schedule is essential to ensure that the University stays compliant with data management laws such as the GDPR.
- 9 Over the course of the academic year 2023-2024, BNU will be transitioning to comply with this new Records Retention Schedule. During this period Schools and Directorates will be updating their records retention practices to comply with this schedule and the JISC guidance.
- 10 BNU's Records Retention Schedule should be read in conjunction with the Records Management Policy. Further information is also contained in the following policies:
  - Freedom of Information Policy
  - Information Classification Policy
  - Privacy Notices
  - Data Protection Policy

## Academic Administration

Function	Activity	Record Group	Retention Period	Notes	Citations
Student Administration and Progress	Student Administration Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's student administration policies: key records.	Superseded + 10 years	Review for archival value	Institutional business requirements.
Student Administration and Progress	Student Administration Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's student administration policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Student Administration and Progress	Student Administration and Support	Records containing personal data on individual students.	Minimum requirement varies for different types of personal data  Recommended maximum retention: End of 'registered student' relationship with institution + 6 years.		Limitation Act, 1980.  If the information forms part of the core record/transcript the retention may be longer (see below).  <i>More stringent safeguards are needed for special category data which includes information about an individual's: race; ethnic origin; politics; religion; trade union membership; genetics; biometrics (where used for ID purposes); health; sex life; or sexual orientation</i>
Student Administration and Progress	Student Administration and Support	The core record of a student as a learner	This is the minimal record kept to provide references for former students and may be retained for the lifetime of the student (80 years). A core (minimal) transcript may be retained indefinitely after this time and transferred to the archive if the institution has one. This depends on the requirements of the individual institution and their archival facilities/policies. The core record may vary according to the policy of each institution but is likely to contain name and dates of study, modules studied, and the qualifications conferred.		Sector norms/Institutional business requirements/Institutional charter/Institutional memory and archival requirements.  <i>For details on what may constitute the core student record see:</i>  <i>The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) User Guide 2015</i> <i>What Is a Student Record? A Case Study by King's College London, Appendix IV</i>  <i>For more details on the HEAR, see the HEAR website and 'Beyond the Honours Degree – the Burgess Group Final Report' (October 2007)</i>
Student Administration and Progress	Student Administration and Support	Records documenting the initial assessment of students including: 1. Student Qualifications on Entry 2. Key Skills Assessments 3. Care Student Assessments	Termination of student relationship + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c.58 1973 Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Act 1973
Student Administration and Progress	Student Progress Administration	Individualised Student Record (ISRS). Individualised Learner Records.	Termination of student relationship + 6 years		Institutional business requirements.
Student Administration and Progress	Student Progress Administration	Records containing standard analyses of data from individual students' records.	Current academic year + 5 years	Review for archival value	Institutional business requirements.

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Student Administration and Progress	Student Progress Administration	Records documenting the handling of requests for ad hoc analyses of data from individual students' records.	Last action on request + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Student Administration and Progress	Student Progress Administration	Records documenting the handling of individual students'/employers' requests for statements of results/transcripts and requests for confirmation of individual students' awards, attendance or conduct from employers and other educational institutions.	Last action on request + 1 year	Review for archival value	Institutional business requirements.
Student Administration and Progress	Student Progress Administration	Records documenting the design and conduct of Graduate Outcomes Surveys and (anonymised) summaries and analyses of the results of First Destination Surveys.	Current academic year + 5 years	Review for archival value	Institutional business requirements.
Student Administration and Progress	Student Progress Administration	Graduate Outcomes Surveys: individual responses	Completion of analysis of responses		<i>These should not be kept longer than necessary, and this should be stated in the privacy notice when the data was collected. After this period, responses can be anonymised for the purposes of analysis to ensure compliance with GDPR.</i>
Student Administration and Progress	Student Progress Administration	Records documenting the academic progress of individual students and formal action taken by the institution to deal with unsatisfactory progress, the transfer of individual students to new programmes or to new courses within programmes, the withdrawal of individual students from the institution, and the termination of individual students' programmes	Termination of relationship with student + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Student Administration and Progress	Student Disciplinary and Appeals Case Handling	Records documenting the conduct and results of disciplinary proceedings against individual students and academic appeals.	Last action on case + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Student Administration and Progress	Student Complaint Handling	Records documenting the handling of complaints by individual students where the formal complaints procedure is not initiated.	Last action on complaint + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Student Administration and Progress	Student Complaint Handling	Records documenting the handling of formal complaints made by individual students against the institution.	Last action on case + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980, c.58
Student Administration and Progress	Student Services Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's student services strategy and policies: key records.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.  <i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i>
Student Administration and Progress	Student Services Strategy, Policy and Procedures	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's student services strategy, policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Student Support and Welfare Management	Student Support and Welfare Management	Student counselling services: case notes, letters to doctors etc.	Varies	Each service will need to decide a realistic timescale that can best accommodate these considerations and what best practice would be in their context. An alternative position would be to shred all session notes, keeping minimal factual information for a limited amount of time. What is important is that a service has a stated policy on the length of time notes are retained, that clients are aware of it, and that this policy is adhered to.	Limitation Act, 1980.  British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) recommendations.  The BACP Ethical Framework 2018 does not mandate the keeping of records but advises "keeping accurate and appropriate records", you should balance this against the requirements of data protection legislation which state that personal information should be kept no longer than necessary.  Counselling files contain Sensitive Information and are confidential.
Student Support and Welfare Management	Student Support and Welfare Management	Records relating to the provision of Sports and Recreational facilities.	Current Year +3		Institutional business requirements.
Student Support and Welfare Management	Student Support and Welfare Management	Records relating to careers advice.	Duration of enrolment +3 years		The Equality Act 2010.
Student Support and Welfare Management	Student Support and Welfare Management	Safeguarding and support records (including Prevent records)	Suggested maximum recommended: 6 years from last action		<i>There is not explicit retention guidance from DfE for Prevent records though there is guidance on the Prevent duty generally</i> Limitation Act, 1980.
Student Recruitment	Student Recruitment Schemes and Campaigns	Records documenting the design, operation and summary results of student recruitment schemes and campaigns.	Current academic year + 5 years OR Termination of scheme/campaign + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Student Recruitment	Student Recruitment	Records documenting the design, organisation and summary results of student recruitment events.	Completion of event + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.  <i>If any personal data is involved, this should not be kept longer than needed to administer the event. Data can be anonymised afterwards in order to provide summaries.</i>
Student Recruitment	Student Recruitment	Records documenting the issue of student recruitment materials in bulk to schools and other organisations.	Current academic year		Institutional business requirements.

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Student Recruitment	Student Recruitment	Records documenting the handling of enquiries from prospective students (subsequently registered as student).	Current academic year + 5 years  Where students did not subsequently enrol at the institutional, the records can be retained current academic year + 1 year.		Competitive Market Authority
Student Recruitment	Student Recruitment	Summaries and analyses of enquiry, recruitment and retention data.	Current academic year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Student Admission, Registration and Induction	Student Admission	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's admission criteria and policies.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Student Admission, Registration and Induction	Student Admission	Records documenting the handling of applications for admission: successful applications.	End of student relationship + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Student Admission, Registration and Induction	Student Admission	Records documenting the handling of applications for admission: unsuccessful applications.	Recommended: Current academic year + 1 year.		The Equality Act 2010  <i>Minimum: Actions under discrimination legislation must usually be brought within 6 months.</i>  Reporting requirements for Office for Students.
Student Admission, Registration and Induction	Student Admission	Records documenting the administration of the clearing process.	Current academic year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Student Admission, Registration and Induction	Student Admission	Records containing data on overall student numbers.	Current academic year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Student Admission, Registration and Induction	Immigration Advice and Compliance	Records documenting immigration casework/compliance for students, including the retention of immigration permission from students.	6 years from last interaction relating to casework or 6 years after permanent withdrawal relating to immigration permission.		OISC Code of Standards: 2016
Student Admission, Registration and Induction	Student Registration	Records documenting the registration of individual students on programmes.	Termination of student relationship + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5

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Student Admission, Registration and Induction	Student Registration	Records containing summaries and analyses of data on registration of students on programmes	Current academic year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Student Admission, Registration and Induction	Student Induction	Records documenting the design, conduct and review of induction programmes for new students.	Completion of induction programme + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Student Admission, Registration and Induction	Student Induction	Records documenting the administration of induction programmes and events for new students.	Current academic year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Teaching	Teaching Strategy and Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's teaching strategy and policies: key records.	Superseded + 10 years	Review for archival value	Institutional business requirements.
Teaching	Teaching Strategy, Policy, and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's teaching strategy, policies, and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year	Review for archival value	Institutional business requirements.
Teaching	Teaching Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to teaching.	Superseded + 5 years	Review for archival value	Institutional business requirements.
Teaching	Teaching Quality & Standards Management	Records documenting the development of the institution's internal quality assurance processes.	While current	Review for archival value	Institutional business requirements.
Teaching	Teaching Quality & Standards Management	Records documenting the conduct and results of formal internal and external reviews of teaching quality and standards, and responses to the results.	Current academic year + 5 years	Review for archival value	Institutional business requirements.
Teaching	Taught Programme Development	Records documenting the design and development of (modules of) taught programmes.	Life of programme + 10 years	Review for archival value	Institutional business requirements.
Teaching	Taught Programme Development	Records documenting the process of obtaining approval and/or accreditation for (modules of) taught programmes from professional, statutory or other accreditation bodies.	Life of programme		Institutional business requirements.
Teaching	Taught Programme Review	Data on, and analyses of, student numbers and other taught programme statistics.	Current academic year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Teaching	Taught Programme Review	Routine solicited feedback on taught programmes from staff and examiners: individual feedback.	Current academic year + 5 years OR Life of course + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Teaching	Taught Programme Review	Routine solicited feedback on taught programmes from students: individual feedback	Completion of analysis of feedback		Institutional business requirements
Teaching	Taught Programme Review	(Anonymised) summaries and analyses of routine solicited feedback on taught programmes from staff, examiners and students.	Current academic year + 5 years OR Life of course + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Teaching	Taught Programme Review	Reports of routine internal reviews of taught programmes and documentation of formal independent reviews of taught programmes, and the responses to the results.	Current academic year + 5 years	Review for archival value	Institutional business requirements.
Teaching	Taught Programme Delivery	Records documenting the preparation of teaching and learning materials, the planning and conduct of teaching and learning events.	Current academic year + 1 year	Review for archival value	Institutional business requirements.



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Teaching	Taught Student Assessment	Records documenting the design and development of assessments.	Life of programme	Review for archival value	Institutional business requirements.
Teaching	Taught Student Assessment	Submitted/completed assessments (formative and summative assessments) and marks/grades given to submitted/completed summative assessments and, where appropriate, awards and classifications.	Current academic year + 6 years	Review for archival value Required for DATs  Office for Students guidance: where possible, records of student assessments should be retained in an anonymized form with personal data removed from the records. However, the removal of students' personal data must not limit the OfS's ability to assess the providers compliance with condition B4, including by ensuring that all of the work of an individual student can be identified from the records.	Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5  Paragraph 335U, <i>Securing student success: Regulatory framework for higher education in England</i> (OfS 2022.69, 24 November 2022)
Teaching	Taught Student Monitoring & Support	Feedback on academic progress, and general academic guidance and support, given to individual taught students.	Completion of student's programme + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Learning Support	Learning Support Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's learning support strategy, policies and procedures: key records.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Learning Support	Learning Support Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's learning support strategy, policies, and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Learning Support	Learning Support Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to learning support.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Learning Support	Learning Support Resource Development	The types of records produced will depend on the type of resource being developed.	Life of resource + 2 years OR Current year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Learning Support	Learning Support Administration	Records relating to Learning Support for Students with specific needs.	Current year + 7 years		The Equality Act 2010
Student Relations	Student Relations Strategy and Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's student relations strategy and policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Student Relations	Student Relations Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's student relations strategy, policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Student Relations	Student Relations Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to student relations.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Student Relations	Student Communications Management	Records documenting the establishment and operation of staff-student liaison committees.	Life of committee + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Student Relations	Student Communications Management	Records documenting the operation of staff-student liaison committees.	Current academic year + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.

Student Relations	Student Communications Management	Records documenting the design and conduct of student surveys.	Completion of survey + 5 years	Review for archival value	Institutional business requirements.
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Student Relations	Student Communications Management	Results of student surveys: individual responses	Completion of analysis of survey responses		<i>The retention period will depend on what was stated in the privacy notice when the data was collected. After this period, responses can be anonymised for the purposes of analysis to ensure compliance with GDPR.</i>
Student Relations	Student Communications Management	Results of student surveys: summaries and analyses of responses	Completion of survey + 5 years	Review for archival value	Institutional business requirements.
Student Relations	Student Communications Management	Records documenting the design of, and overall response to, student suggestion schemes.	Closure of scheme + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Student Relations	Student Communications Management	Records documenting the handling of suggestions from individual students.	Last action on suggestion + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Academic Programme Administration and Awards	Academic Programme Administration Policy and Procedure Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's academic programme administration policies, policies and procedures: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Academic Programme Administration and Awards	Academic Programme Administration Policy and Procedure Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's academic programme administration policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Academic Programme Administration and Awards	Academic Programme Co-ordination	Records documenting the administration of academic programmes.	Current academic year + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Academic Programme Administration and Awards	Academic Award Administration Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's academic award administration policies and procedures (and master copies): key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Academic Programme Administration and Awards	Academic Award Administration Policy and Procedure Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's academic award administration policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Academic Programme Administration and Awards	Academic Award Conferment	Records documenting the notification of awards to students and the issue of awards certificates.	Conferment of award + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Academic Programme Administration and Awards	Academic Award Conferment	Records documenting the process of inviting, receiving and considering nominations for honorary awards.	Conferment of award + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Academic Programme Administration and Awards	Academic Award Conferment	Records documenting offers of honorary awards and responses received.	Conferment of award + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Academic Programme Administration and Awards	Award Ceremony Administration	Records documenting the organisation of award ceremonies.	Completion of ceremony + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Academic Programme Administration and Awards	Award Ceremony Administration	Records documenting the production of award certificates.	Completion of ceremony + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Academic Programme Administration and Awards	Award Ceremony Administration	Records documenting the mailing of award certificates to students who do not attend ceremonies.	Completion of ceremony + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Academic Programme Administration and Awards	Prizes Administration	Records documenting nominations for prizes, the consideration of nominations and notifications to recipients of prizes.	Current academic year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Academic Programme Administration and Awards	Prizes Administration	List of prize winners	While prize is awarded		Institutional business requirements.
Assessment and Examination	Academic Assessment Administration Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's academic assessment administration policies: key records.	Superseded + 10 years	Review for archival value	Institutional business requirements.
Assessment and Examination	Academic Assessment Administration Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's academic assessment administration policies: working papers.	Issue of policy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Assessment and Examination	Academic Assessment Administration Procedure Development	Records documenting the development of the institution's procedures relating to academic assessment administration.	Issue of procedures + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Assessment and Examination	Academic Assessment Administration Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to academic assessment administration.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Assessment and Examination	External Examiner Administration	Records documenting the selection and appointment of external examiners.	Termination of appointment + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Assessment and Examination	External Examiner Administration	Records documenting liaison with external examiners on administrative matters.	Current academic year + 1 year	Useful for DATs	Institutional business requirements.
Assessment and Examination	Assessment Administration	Records documenting the selection and appointment of examination invigilators.	Current academic year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Assessment and Examination	Assessment Administration	Records documenting the design and delivery of training for examination invigilators.	Current academic year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Assessment and Examination	Assessment Administration	Records documenting the control of examination papers and examination scripts.	Current academic year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Assessment and Examination	Assessment Administration	Records documenting the timetabling of examinations.	Current academic year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Assessment and Examination	Assessment Administration	Records documenting the organisation of examination facilities, including special arrangements for students with special needs.	Current academic year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Assessment and Examination	Assessment Administration	Records documenting individual students' attendance at examinations, and the handling of reports of mitigating circumstances.	Current academic year + 1 year (minimum)		Institutional business requirements.
Assessment and Examination	Assessment Administration	Records documenting the collation of examination results and compilation of pass lists and individual notifications of results.	Current academic year + 1 year	Consider implications of 1998 c.29 Review for archival value	Institutional business requirements.
Assessment and Examination	Assessment Administration	Records documenting individual students' submission of assessed work and handling of reports of mitigating circumstances.	Current academic year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Assessment and Examination	Assessment Administration	Records documenting the issue of awards lists and individual notifications of awards.	Current academic year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Assessment and Examination	Assessment Administration	Qualification Lists/Pass Lists/Awards lists.	Issue of list + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Assessment and Examination	Dissertations	Certain specified examples of past dissertations made available as examples to students of an excellent display of academic rigor.	Preserve in relevant University department once student consent for ongoing storage and access by third parties is received		Institutional business requirements.
Assessment and Examination	Examination Board Administration	Records documenting the arrangements for meetings of a Board.	Current year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Assessment and Examination	Examination Board Administration	Records documenting the conduct of the business of a committee: agenda, minutes and papers.	Current academic year + 6 years		Institutional business requirements.
Assessment and Examination	Examination Board Administration	Records documenting the conduct of the business of a committee: correspondence and other records relating to the preparation of committee business or to actions to be taken (or not taken) as a result of committee decisions.	Current academic year + 6 years		Institutional business requirements.
Tuition Fees	Tuition Fees Administration Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's tuition fees policies: key records.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Tuition Fees	Tuition Fees Administration Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's tuition fees policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Tuition Fees	Tuition Fees Administration Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to tuition fees administration.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Tuition Fees	Tuition Fee Remission	Records documenting the handling of applications for remission of tuition fees: successful applications.	Determination of application + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Tuition Fees	Tuition Fee Remission	Records documenting the handling of applications for remission of tuition fees: unsuccessful applications.	Determination of application + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Tuition Fees	Tuition Fee Collection	Records documenting the collection of tuition fees.	Current academic year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Student Financial Support	Student Financial Support Administration Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's student financial support policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Student Financial Support	Student Financial Support Administration Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's student financial support policies: working papers.	Issue of policy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Student Financial Support	Student Financial Support Administration Procedure Development	Records documenting the development of the institution's procedures relating to student financial support.	Issue of procedures + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Student Financial Support	Student Financial Support Administration Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to student financial support.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Student Financial Support	Financial Aid Funds Administration	Records documenting the provision of financial aid funds to individual students.	Current financial year + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Student Financial Support	Crisis/Hardship Funds Administration	Records documenting the provision of crisis/hardship payments to individual students.	Current financial year + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Student Financial Support	Bursaries Administration	Records documenting the award of bursaries to individual students.	Current financial year + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Student Financial Support	Scholarships and Fellowships Administration	Records documenting the award of scholarships and fellowships to individual students.	Current financial year + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Student Financial Support	Student Financial and Employment Support	Records of administration of Student Financial and employment support such as: -New Deal Records -Modern Apprenticeship Records -Access Fund Applications.	Current year + 6 years		Institutional business requirements.

## Research

Function	Activity	Record Group	Retention Period	Notes	Citations
Policy and Planning	Research Strategy and Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's research strategy and policies: key records.	Superseded + 10 years	Review for Archival value	Institutional business requirements.
Policy and Planning	Research Strategy, Policy, and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's research strategy, policies, and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Policy and Planning	Research Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to research.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Policy and Planning	Research Programme Development	Records documenting the development of the institution's research programmes.	Life of programme + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Policy and Planning	Research Programme Development	Routine monitoring of external developments and trends to inform the development of the institution's research programmes.	Current academic year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Policy and Planning	Research Business Development	Liaison with research sponsors to monitor their research policies and to promote the institution's capabilities.	Current academic year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Policy and Planning	Research Business Development	Records documenting the identification and exploration of new research opportunities which do not lead to research projects.	Completion of project		Institutional business requirements.
Policy and Planning	Research Business Development	Records documenting the identification and exploration of new research opportunities which do not lead to research projects.	Last action + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Policy and Planning	Research Business Development	Records documenting the formation and management of partnerships and other collaborative arrangements to undertake research.	Life of partnership/arrangement + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5

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Policy and Planning	Research Design & Planning	Records documenting the design and planning of research projects which are not undertaken.	Abandonment of plans + 1 year		<i>Retention for a longer period may be advisable, depending on the reasons for abandoning the project.</i>
Policy and Planning	Research Design & Planning	Records documenting the design and planning of research projects which are undertaken: key records.	Completion of project + 10 years		<i>This recommended retention period is in line with retention period for records documenting the conduct of research.</i>
Policy and Planning	Research Design & Planning	Records documenting the design and planning of European Union (EU) funded research projects which are undertaken: key records.	Minimum retention: Date of last funding payment + 10 years		See ERDF website and individual project agreements with funding bodies.  Interreg Europe Programme Manual, 19 December 2018 (version 6)  <i>Page 28 suggests 10 years to demonstrate state aid (or lack of), however this may vary according to the national archiving laws (see page 105).</i>
Policy and Planning	Research Funding Administration	Preparation and submission of applications for funding, where the application is unsuccessful (i.e. does not result in the offer of a funding award).	Receipt of notification that application was unsuccessful + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Policy and Planning	Research Funding Administration	Preparation and submission of applications for funding, where the application is successful (i.e. results in the offer of a funding award).	Completion of project (i.e. termination of award) + 6 years (or period stated by funder/s)		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5  <i>Check the individual funder/s requirements as the retention period may differ.</i>
Conduct and Monitoring	Research Quality & Standards Management	Records documenting the development of the institution's internal quality assurance processes.	While current		Institutional business requirements.



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Conduct and Monitoring	Research Quality & Standards Management	Conduct and results of formal internal and external reviews of research quality, and responses to the results.	Current academic year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Conduct and Monitoring	Research Project Management	Records documenting the management of internally-funded research projects.	Completion of project + 3 years		Common internal audit requirement.
Conduct and Monitoring	Research Project Management	Records documenting the management of externally-funded research projects.	Completion of project + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5  <i>A longer retention period for these records may be required by a research sponsor.</i>
Conduct and Monitoring	Research Conduct	Records documenting the conduct of research funded by the Medical Research Council, except where other requirements are specified (see citations).	Completion of project + 10 years		Medical Research Council, Good Research Practice, section 5.2  <i>Minimum requirement. The Medical Research Council requirement is specifically for primary research data. However, retaining full records of research studies is recommended.</i>  <i>MRCRegulatory Support Centre: Retention framework for research data and records , Medical Research Council (2017)</i>

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Conduct and Monitoring	Research Conduct	Records documenting the conduct of clinical or public health studies funded by the Medical Research Council, except specific categories of records in studies for which consent was obtained.	Completion of project + 20 years		<p>Medical Research Council, Good Research Practice, section 5.2</p> <p>Medical Research Council, Personal Information in Medical Research, section 7.1.2</p> <p><i>The Medical Research Council requires full records of these studies to be retained for this minimum period and advises that retention for a longer period may be required where studies were of historical importance, where novel clinical interventions were first used, where studies have proved controversial or where research is ongoing.</i></p>
Conduct and Monitoring	Research Conduct	Records documenting the protocol, the consent procedure, the participants and adverse effects in all studies (for which consent was obtained) funded by the Medical Research Council.	Completion of project + 30 years		<p>Medical Research Council, Personal Information in Medical Research, section 7.1.2</p> <p><i>MRCRegulatory Support Centre: Retention framework for research data and records, Medical Research Council (2017)</i></p>
Conduct and Monitoring	Research Conduct	Records documenting the conduct of all other research funded by all other organisations.	Completion of project + 10 years (date of last funding payment + 10 years for projects funded by the European Union)		<p>Stated or implied requirements of UK Research Councils and other significant research sponsors. See Guidance on Managing Research Records, Jisc (2007).</p> <p><i>A shorter or longer retention period may be appropriate, depending on the discipline and the characteristics of the project, or may be required by a research sponsor.</i></p>

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Reporting and Review	Research Reporting	Working papers for the preparation of publications, audio-visual presentations etc. to disseminate research results (NOT interim or final research reports).	Publication/Delivery + 1 year		This category does NOT include interim or final reports of research studies, which are covered by RESEARCH - RESEARCH CONDUCT.
Reporting and Review	Research Reporting	Final versions of publications and presentations made to disseminate research results (NOT interim or final research reports).	Publication/Delivery + 3 years		This category does NOT include interim or final reports of research studies, which are covered by RESEARCH - RESEARCH CONDUCT.
Reporting and Review	Research Programme Review	Data on, and analyses of, student numbers and other programme statistics.	Current academic year + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Reporting and Review	Research Programme Review	Reports of routine internal and independent reviews of research programmes.	Current academic year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Reporting and Review	Research Programme Assessment	Records documenting the conduct of formal assessments of work undertaken by research students.	Completion of student's programme + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c.58 s 5
Reporting and Review	Research Programme Assessment	Records documenting awards and classifications, including reviews in response to notifications of mitigating circumstances or academic appeals.	Current academic year + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c.58 s 5
Reporting and Review	Research Supervisor Appointment & Training	Records documenting the appointment of supervisors for research students.	Termination of appointment + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Reporting and Review	Research Student Monitoring & Support	Academic advice and guidance to individual students on the selection of research subjects and on the progress and standard of their work.	Completion of student's programme + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c.58 s 5

## Corporate Management and Compliance

Function	Activity	Record Group	Retention Period	Notes	Citations
Planning and Operation	Corporate Planning & Performance Management and Strategy	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's corporate planning and performance management policies and strategy: key records.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Planning and Operation	Corporate Planning & Performance Management, Strategy, and Procedures	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's corporate planning and performance management policies, strategy, and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Planning and Operation	Corporate Planning & Performance Management Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to corporate planning and performance management.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Planning and Operation	Strategic Performance Management	Data on, and analyses of, the institution's performance against its strategic plan.	Current academic year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Planning and Operation	Strategic Performance Management	Reports on the institution's performance against its strategic plan.	Current academic year + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Planning and Operation	Strategic Performance Management	Records documenting the conduct and results of audits and reviews of the strategic planning and performance management function, and responses to the results.	Current academic year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Planning and Operation	Operational Planning	Records documenting the development of the institution's annual operating plans: key records.	Current year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Planning and Operation	Operational Planning	Records documenting the development of the institution's annual operating plans: working papers.	Current year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Planning and Operation	Operational Performance Management	Records documenting the development of the institution's key performance indicators.	Superseded		Institutional business requirements.
Planning and Operation	Operational Performance Management	Records documenting benchmarking exercises with other comparable institutions.	Current + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Planning and Operation	Operational Performance Management	Records documenting performance monitoring and analysis.	Current year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Legal and Governance	Governance Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's governance strategy: key records.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Legal and Governance	Governance Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's governance strategy: working papers.	Issue of strategy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.  <i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i>
Legal and Governance	Governance Framework Development	Records documenting the establishment and development institution's governance structure and rules.	Life of institution		Institutional business requirements.  <i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i>
Legal and Governance	Legal Framework Development	Records documenting the establishment and development of the institution's legal framework.	Life of institution		Institutional business requirements.  <i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i>
Legal and Governance	Senior Officers' Appointments Administration	Records documenting the appointment/ election/designation of the institution's senior officers.	Termination of appointment + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5  <i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i>
Legal and Governance	Public Interest Disclosure (Whistle Blowing) Investigation	Records documenting the investigation, determination and resolution of an allegation made by a member of staff under the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 (c.23).	Closure of case + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 ss 2 and 5

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Legal and Governance	Official External Representation	Records documenting the appointment/designation of staff to officially represent the institution.	Termination of representation		Institutional business requirements.
Legal and Governance	Legal Affairs Management Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's policies on the management of legal affairs: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Legal and Governance	Legal Affairs Management Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's policies and procedures on the management of legal affairs: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Legal and Governance	Legal Affairs Management Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to the management of legal affairs.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Legal and Governance	Contracts & Agreements Management	Records documenting the negotiation, establishment and review of contracts and agreements between the institution and third parties: agreements and contracts under seal (by deed).	Termination of contract + 12 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 8
Legal and Governance	Contracts & Agreements Management	Records documenting the negotiation, establishment and review of contracts and agreements between the institution and third parties: other contracts and agreements.	Termination of contract + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Legal and Governance	Legal Claims Management	Records documenting the provision of legal support and representation for the institution in dealing with claims by or against the institution which do not proceed to litigation or settlement by an agreement.	Settlement of claim + 6 years OR Withdrawal of claim + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 ss 2 and 5
Legal and Governance	Litigation Management	Records documenting litigation between the institution and third parties where legal precedents are set.	Life of institution		Institutional business requirements.
Legal and Governance	Litigation Management	Records documenting litigation between the institution and third parties which does not set legal precedents.	Settlement of case + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 ss 2 and 5

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Legal and Governance	Legal Advice	Legal advice requested by, and provided to, the institution concerning e.g.: - interpretation of legislation affecting the institution's legal framework, governance, responsibilities or operations - proposals for new legislation affecting the institution's legal framework, governance, responsibilities or operations - the institution's relationships with government bodies and HE regulators - industrial relations issues - health, safety and environmental issues	Life of institution		Institutional business requirements.
Legal and Governance	Legal Advice	Legal advice on other matters requested by, and provided to, the institution.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Committees	Statutory/Non-Statutory Committee Administration	Records documenting the development and establishment of the terms of reference, and the rules and procedures, for a committee.	Life of institution		Institutional business requirements.  <i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i>
Committees	Statutory/Non-Statutory Committee Administration	Records documenting the appointment/election/designation of members of a committee, training undertaken by individual members of a statutory committee and register of interests of members of the institution's governing body.	Termination of appointment + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5  <i>Retaining previous versions of training programmes provides evidence of effective induction and training over time.</i>
Committees	Statutory/Non-Statutory Committee Administration	Records documenting the development of induction and training programmes for members of a committee.	Superseded + 5 years		<i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of effective induction and training over time.</i>
Committees	Statutory/Non-Statutory Committee Administration	Records documenting the arrangements for meetings of a committee.	Current year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Committees	Statutory/Non-Statutory Committee Administration	Records documenting the conduct of the business of a committee: agenda, minutes and supporting papers.	Life of institution		Institutional business requirements.  <i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i>
Committees	Statutory/Non-Statutory Committee Administration	Records documenting the conduct of the business of a committee: correspondence and other records relating to the preparation of committee business or to actions to be taken (or not taken) as a result of committee decisions.	Current year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.  <i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i>
Committees	Statutory/Non-Statutory Committee Administration	Records documenting the conduct of reviews of the effectiveness and performance of a committee.	Completion of two subsequent reviews		<i>Retaining records of previous reviews provides evidence of effective monitoring over time, as well as compliance with regulatory requirements/recommendations to undertake reviews.</i>
Risk and Quality	Risk Management Strategy and Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's risk management strategy and policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.  <i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i>
Risk and Quality	Risk Management Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's risk management strategy, policies, and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Risk and Quality	Risk Management Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to risk management.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.



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Risk and Quality	Risk Identification & Assessment	Records documenting identified risks to the institution and assessments of those risks.	Superseded + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Risk and Quality	Business Continuity Planning	Records documenting the formulation, testing and maintenance of disaster response and recovery plans.	Superseded + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Risk and Quality	Quality Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's quality management strategy: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.  <i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i>
Risk and Quality	Quality Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's quality management strategy, policies, and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Risk and Quality	Quality Management Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's quality management policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.  <i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i>
Risk and Quality	Quality Management Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to quality management.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Risk and Quality	Quality Audit	Records documenting the conduct and results of quality audits, and action taken to address issues raised.	Completion of audit + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Risk and Quality	Quality Management Scheme Accreditation Management	Records documenting the attainment and maintenance of the institution's accreditation under established independent quality management schemes.	Termination of accreditation + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Risk and Quality	Audit Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's audit strategy: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.

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Risk and Quality	Audit Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's audit strategy, policies, and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Risk and Quality	Audit Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's audit policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Risk and Quality	Audit Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to audit management.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Risk and Quality	Audit Management	Records documenting the conduct and results of audits, and action taken to address issues raised.	Completion of audit + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Equality and Diversity	Equality & Diversity Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's equality and diversity strategy: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Equality and Diversity	Equality & Diversity Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's equality and diversity strategy, policies, and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Equality and Diversity	Equality & Diversity Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's policies on equality and diversity: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Equality and Diversity	Equality & Diversity Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to the management of equality and diversity.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Equality and Diversity	Equality & Diversity Monitoring	Summary statistical information resulting from equality monitoring.	Current year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Equality and Diversity	Equality & Diversity Training	Records documenting the development and delivery of training on equality and diversity issues and procedures.	Current year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Equality and Diversity	Discrimination Complaints Handling	Records documenting the handling of formal complaints about discrimination by or within the institution.	Last action on case + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 2

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Equality and Diversity	Ethnic Minority Mentoring Scheme Co-ordination	Records documenting the handling of individual applications for the Scheme and monitoring of the mentor-mentee relationship and outcomes.	Completion of the Scheme + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Equality and Diversity	Disability Equality Compliance	Records documenting the preparation/revision of the institution's Disability Equality Scheme.	Superseded + 5 years		The Equality Act 2010 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.  <i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of equality over time.</i>
Equality and Diversity	Disability Equality Compliance	Records documenting the preparation of annual reports on the implementation of the institution's Disability Equality Scheme.	Current year + 5 years		The Equality Act 2010 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.  <i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of equality over time.</i>
Equality and Diversity	Disability Equality Compliance	Records documenting assessments of the impact of the institution's policies and practices on equality for disabled persons.	Superseded + 5 years		<i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of equality over time.</i>

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Equality and Diversity	Race Equality Compliance	Records documenting the preparation of the institution's race equality policy.	Superseded + 5 years		<p>The Equality Act 2010 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</p> <p><i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of equality over time.</i></p>
Equality and Diversity	Race Equality Compliance	Records documenting assessments of the impact of the institution's policies on equality between different racial groups.	Superseded + 5 years		<p>The Equality Act 2010 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</p> <p><i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of equality over time.</i></p>
Equality and Diversity	Race Equality Compliance	Records documenting the monitoring, by racial group, of student admission and progress.	Current year + 5 years		<p>The Equality Act 2010 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</p> <p><i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of equality over time.</i></p>

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Equality and Diversity	Race Equality Compliance	Records documenting the monitoring, by racial group, of employee recruitment and career progress.	Current year + 5 years		<p>The Equality Act 2010 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</p> <p><i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of equality over time.</i></p>
Equality and Diversity	Gender Equality Compliance	Records documenting the preparation/revision of the institution's Gender Equality Scheme.	Superseded + 5 years		<p>The Equality Act 2010 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</p> <p><i>Retaining previous versions provide evidence of compliance and effective management of equality over time.</i></p>
Equality and Diversity	Gender Equality Compliance	Records documenting the preparation of annual reports on the implementation of the institution's Gender Equality Scheme.	Current year + 5 years		<p>The Equality Act 2010 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</p> <p><i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of equality over time.</i></p>
Equality and Diversity	Gender Equality Compliance	Records documenting assessments of the impact of the institution's policies and practices on equality for men and women.	Superseded + 5 years		<p>The Equality Act 2010 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</p> <p><i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of equality over time.</i></p>

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's health and safety strategy: key records.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's health and safety strategy, policies, and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Management Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's policies on health and safety: key records.	Superseded + 50 years		<p><i>The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (c.37), s 2(3) requires every employer to have '... a written statement of his general policy with respect to the health and safety at work of his employees and the organisation and arrangements for ... carrying out that policy ...'.</i></p> <p><i>These records also meet the requirement to document the institution's health and safety arrangements for the planning, organisation, control, monitoring</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Management Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to the management of health and safety.	Superseded + 50 years		<p><i>These records meet the requirement to document the institution's health and safety arrangements for the planning, organisation, control, monitoring and review of preventive and protective measures, as set out by Regulation 5(2) of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations</i></p>

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Inspection	Records documenting the conduct and results of health and safety inspections of the institution's land, buildings, facilities or operations, and action taken to address issues raised.	Date of inspection + 5 years OR Superseded + 1 year		<i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Audit	Records documenting the conduct and results of health and safety audits.	Completion of audit + 5 years		<i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Consultation	Notifications of appointments of safety representatives by trade unions under Regulation 3 of the Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations 1977 (SI 1977/500).	Termination of appointment + 1 year		<i>The Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations (SI 1977/500) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i>  <i>The Health and Safety (Consultation with Employees) Regulations (SI 1996/1513) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Audit	Records documenting the provision of time off, and other facilities and assistance, for safety representatives appointed under the Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations 1977 SI 1977/500).	Current year + 5 years		<i>The Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations (SI 1977/500) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i>  <i>The Health and Safety (Consultation with Employees) Regulations (SI 1996/1513) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i>

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Consultation	Consultations and other communications with safety representatives appointed under the Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations 1977 (SI 1977/500).	Current year + 50 years		<p><i>The Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations (SI 1977/500) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>The Health and Safety (Consultation with Employees) Regulations (SI 1996/11513) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Consultation	Records documenting the establishment of a safety committee to fulfil the institution's duty under s 2(7) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (c. 37) and in accordance with Regulation 9 of the Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations 1977 (SI 1977/500). Includes records documenting the objectives, role, functions, composition and administration of the committee.	Dissolution of committee + 50 years		<p><i>The Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations (SI 1977/500) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>The Health and Safety (Consultation with Employees) Regulations (SI 1996/11513) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Consultation	Records documenting the election of members of a safety committee formed under the Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations 1977 (SI 1977/500).	Completion of election + 1 year		<p><i>The Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations (SI 1977/500) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>The Health and Safety (Consultation with Employees) Regulations (SI 1996/11513) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p>



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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Consultation	Records documenting the proceedings and decisions of a safety committee formed under the Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations 1977 (SI 1977/500).	Current year + 50 years		<p><i>The Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations (SI 1977/500) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>The Health and Safety (Consultation with Employees) Regulations (SI 1996/1513) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Consultation	Records documenting the election of representatives of employee safety under the Health and Safety (Consultation with Employees) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/1513).	Completion of election + 1 year		<p><i>The Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations (SI 1977/500) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>The Health and Safety (Consultation with Employees) Regulations (SI 1996/1513) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Consultation	Records documenting consultations and other communications with representatives of employee safety elected under the Health and Safety (Consultation with Employees) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/1513), or with all employees directly.	Current year + 50 years		<p><i>The Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations (SI 1977/500) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>The Health and Safety (Consultation with Employees) Regulations (SI 1996/1513) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p>

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Consultation	Records documenting the provision of training (specifically related to their functions as representatives) for representatives of employee safety elected under the Health and Safety (Consultation with Employees) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/1513).	Current year + 5 years		<p><i>The Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations (SI 1977/500) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>The Health and Safety (Consultation with Employees) Regulations (SI 1996/1513) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Consultation	Records documenting the provision of time off, and other facilities and assistance, for representatives of employee safety appointed under the Health and Safety (Consultation with Employees) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/1513).	Current year + 5 years		<p><i>The Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations (SI 1977/500) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>The Health and Safety (Consultation with Employees) Regulations (SI 1996/1513) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p>

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Information, Instruction & Training Provision	Records documenting the provision of health and safety information, instruction and training for employees, students and others, except where specified elsewhere in this Records Retention Schedule.	Current year + 5 years or Superseded + 5 years		<p><i>The following regulations require information, instruction and training to be provided but do not prescribe retention periods for records relating to this activity:</i></p> <p><i>The Electricity at Work Regulations (SI 1989/635)</i></p> <p><i>Health and Safety Information for Employees Regulations (SI 1990/606)</i></p> <p><i>The Health and Safety (Display Screen Equipment) Regulations (SI 1992/2792)</i></p> <p><i>The Manual Handling</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment	Records documenting the conduct, review and revision of risk assessments made to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 3 of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (SI 1999/3242) and except where specified elsewhere in this Records Retention Schedule.	Superseded + 5 years		<p><i>The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations (SI 1999/3242) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>As a minimum, risk assessments should be retained until they are superseded.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i></p>

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Display Screen Equipment	Records documenting the conduct, review and revision of assessments of risks to health and safety created by using workstations, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 2 of the Health & Safety (Display Screen) Equipment Regulations 1992 (SI 1992/2792).	Superseded + 10 years		<p><i>The Health and Safety (Display Screen Equipment) Regulations (SI 1992/2792) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>As a minimum, risk assessments should be retained until they are superseded.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Display Screen Equipment	Records documenting the provision of training and information for employees using workstations, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulations 6 and 7 of the Health & Safety (Display Screen) Equipment Regulations 1992 (SI 1992/2792).	Superseded + 5 years		<p><i>The Health and Safety (Display Screen Equipment) Regulations (SI 1992/2792) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Noise	Records documenting the conduct, review and revision of assessments of the risks to health and safety created by exposure to noise, made to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 5 of the Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005 (SI 2005/1643).	Superseded + 10 years		<p><i>Control of Noise at Work Regulations (SI 2005/1643) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i></p>

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Noise	Records documenting the provision of personal protective equipment to employees, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 7 of the Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005 (SI 2005/1643).	Return of issued equipment + 1 year		Common audit requirement  <i>A record of the issue of personal protective equipment should be included in an employee's staff record. See HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT - EMPLOYEE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT.</i>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Noise	Records documenting the maintenance of equipment provided to control exposure to noise, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 8 of the Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005 (SI 2005/1643).	Date of examination/test/repair + 5 years		<i>Control of Noise at Work Regulations (SI 2005/1643) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i>  <i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Noise	Records documenting health surveillance of employees who are exposed to noise, carried out to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 9 of the Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005 (SI 2005/1643).	Date of last entry in record + 40 years		<i>Control of Noise at Work Regulations (SI 2005/1643) does not specify a retention period for these records.</i>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Noise	Records documenting the provision of information, instruction and training for employees who are exposed to noise, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 10 of the Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005 (SI 2005/1643).	Superseded + 10 years		<i>Control of Noise at Work Regulations (SI 2005/1643) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i>  <i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i>

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Hazardous Substances	List of employees exposed to Group 3 or Group 4 biological agents, and records of exposures, accidents and incidents involving these agents, required by Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/2677), Schedule 3, para. 4.	Current + 40 years		The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (SI 2002/2677) Regulation 7(10) and Schedule 3, para. 4(3)
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Hazardous Substances	Records documenting the conduct, review and revision of assessments of the risks to health created by work with substances hazardous to health, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 6 of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/2677).	Superseded + 10 years		<p><i>The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (SI 2002/2677) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i></p> <p><i>Longer retention period may be appropriate if there have been potentially dangerous exposures.</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Hazardous Substances	Records documenting the maintenance of equipment provided to control exposure to substances hazardous to health, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 9 of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/2677).	Date of examination/test/repair + 5 years		The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (SI 2002/2677) Regulation 9(4)
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Hazardous Substances	Records documenting the conduct and results of monitoring the personal exposures of individual employees to substances hazardous to health, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 10 of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/2677).	Last entry + 40 years		The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (SI 2002/2677) Regulation 10(5)(a)

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Hazardous Substances	Records documenting the conduct and results of monitoring employees' general exposure to substances hazardous to health, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 10 of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/2677).	Last entry + 5 years		The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (SI 2002/2677) Regulation 10(5)(b)
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Hazardous Substances	Records documenting health surveillance of individual employees who are exposed to substances hazardous to health, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 11 of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/2677).	Date of last entry in record + 40 years		The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (SI 2002/2677) Regulation 11(3)
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Hazardous Substances	Records documenting the provision of information, instruction and training for employees who are exposed to substances hazardous to health, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 12 of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/2677).	Superseded + 10 years		<p><i>The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (SI 2002/2677) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i></p> <p><i>A longer retention period may be appropriate if there have been potentially dangerous exposures.</i></p>

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Hazardous Substances	Records documenting the development of plans and information to deal with accidents, incidents and emergencies related to the presence of substances hazardous to health, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 13 of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/2677).	Superseded + 10 years		<p><i>The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (SI 2002/2677) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Hazardous Substances	Records documenting the institution's response to accidents, incidents and emergencies involving substances hazardous to health, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 13 of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/2677).	Last action on event + 10 years		<p><i>The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (SI 2002/2677) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining records for a long period provides evidence of effective management of emergency situations.</i></p> <p><i>Alonger retention period may be appropriate if there have been potentially dangerous exposures.</i></p>



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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control (Non-Ionising Radiation)	Records documenting controlling and investigating exposure, assessing the risks to health, providing and maintain equipment to control exposure following ICNiRP guidelines, providing information, instruction and training for employees who are exposed to non-ionising radiation, monitoring levels of non-ionising radiation, testing to detect leakage from articles or equipment transmitting non-ionising radiations.	Date of inspection/test/repair/raining + 5 years		EC Directives 2013/35/EC + ICNiRP guidelines
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Lead	Records documenting the conduct, review and revision of assessments of the risks to health created by work involving lead, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 5 of the Control of Lead at Work Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/2676).	Superseded + 10 years		<p><i>The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (SI 2002/2676) Regulation 5 implies that the records should be retained until the risk assessment is superseded.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i></p> <p><i>A longer retention period may be appropriate if there have been</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Lead	Records documenting the maintenance of equipment provided to control exposure to lead, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 8 of the Control of Lead at Work Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/2676).	Date of examination/test/repair + 5 years		The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (SI 2002/2676) Regulation 8(4)
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Lead	Records documenting the conduct and results of monitoring employees' general exposure to lead (in air), to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 9 of the Control of Lead at Work Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/2676).	Last entry + 5 years		The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (SI 2002/2676) Regulation 9(4)

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Lead	Records documenting medical surveillance of individual employees who are exposed to lead, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 10 of the Control of Lead at Work Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/2676).	Date of last entry on record + 40 years		The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (SI 2002/2676) Regulation 10(5)
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Lead	Records documenting the provision of information, instruction and training for employees who are exposed to lead, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 11 of the Control of Lead at Work Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/2676).	Superseded + 10 years		<p><i>The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (SI 2002/2676) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i></p> <p><i>Longer retention period may be appropriate if there have been potentially dangerous exposures.</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Lead	Records documenting the development of plans and information to deal with accidents, incidents and emergencies related to the presence of lead, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 12 of the Control of Lead at Work Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/2676).	Superseded + 10 years		<p><i>The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (SI 2002/2676) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i></p>

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Lead	Records documenting the institution's response to accidents, incidents and emergencies involving lead, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 12 of the Control of Lead at Work Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/2676).	Last action on event + 10 years		<p><i>The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (SI 2002/2676) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining records for a long period provides evidence of effective management of emergency situations.</i></p> <p><i>Alonger retention period may be appropriate if there have been potentially dangerous exposures.</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Asbestos	Records documenting assessments of the presence and condition of asbestos, as required by Regulation 5 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/632).	Completion of work to which the assessment relates + 10 years		<p><i>Control of Asbestos Regulations (SI 2012/632) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining assessments provides evidence of effective management of risks over time.</i></p>

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Asbestos	Records documenting the conduct, review and revision of assessments of the risks to health created by exposure to asbestos, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 6 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/632).	Superseded + 10 years		<p><i>Control of Asbestos Regulations (SI 2012/632) does not specify a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i></p> <p><i>Alonger retention period may be appropriate if there have been potentially dangerous exposures.</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control – Asbestos	Plans of work for undertaking work with asbestos, as required by Regulation 7 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/632).	Completion of work to which plan relates.		Control of Asbestos Regulations (SI 2012/632) Regulation 7(2)
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Asbestos	Records documenting notifications to enforcing authorities of proposed work with asbestos, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 9 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/632).	Duration of work + 10 years		<p><i>Control of Asbestos Regulations (SI 2012/632) Regulation 9 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining assessments provides evidence of effective management of risks associated with works carried out.</i></p>

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Asbestos	Records documenting the provision of information, instruction and training for employees who are exposed to asbestos, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 10 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/632).	Superseded + 10 years		<p><i>Control of Asbestos Regulations (SI 2012/632) Regulation 10 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i></p> <p><i>Longer retention period may be appropriate if there have been potentially dangerous exposures.</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Asbestos	Records documenting the maintenance of equipment provided to control exposure to asbestos, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 13 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/632).	Date of examination/test/repair + 5 years		Control of Asbestos Regulations (SI 2012/632) Regulation 13(3)
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Asbestos	Records documenting the development of plans and information to deal with accidents, incidents and emergencies related to the presence of asbestos, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 15 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/632).	Superseded + 10 years		<p><i>Control of Asbestos Regulations (SI 2012/632) Regulation 15 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i></p>

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Asbestos	Records documenting the institution's response to accidents, incidents and emergencies involving asbestos, to fulfil its duties under Regulation 15 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/632).	Last action on event + 10 years		<p><i>Control of Asbestos Regulations (SI 2012/632) Regulation 15 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining records for a long period provides evidence of effective management of emergency situations.</i></p> <p><i>Longer retention period may be appropriate if there have been potentially dangerous exposures.</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Asbestos	Records documenting the conduct and results of monitoring the personal exposures of individual employees (who are required to be under medical surveillance) to asbestos, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 19 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/632).	Date of monitoring + 40 years		Control of Asbestos Regulations (SI 2012/632) Regulation 19(4)(a)
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Asbestos	Records documenting the conduct and results of monitoring employees' general exposure to asbestos, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 19 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/632).	Date of monitoring + 5 years		Control of Asbestos Regulations (SI 2012/632) Regulation 19(4)(b)
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Asbestos	Records documenting medical surveillance of individual employees who are exposed to asbestos, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 22 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/632).	Date of last entry on record + 40 years		Control of Asbestos Regulations (SI 2012/632) Regulation 22(1)(b)

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control – Asbestos	Employer's copies of certificates of medical examinations of identifiable employees who are exposed to asbestos, as required by Regulation 22 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/632).	Date of certificate + 4 years		Control of Asbestos Regulations (SI 2012/632) Regulation 22(4)  <i>In practice, these are likely to be retained as part of the health records required by Regulation 22 of SI 2012/632.</i>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Ionising Radiation	Records documenting the conduct, review and revision of assessments of the risks to health created by work with ionising radiation, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 7 of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1075).	Superseded + 10 years		<i>Ionising Radiations Regulations (SI 2017/1075) Regulation 7 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i>  <i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i>  <i>Longer retention period may be appropriate if there have been potentially dangerous exposures.</i>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Ionising Radiation	Records documenting the maintenance of personal protective equipment provided to control exposure to ionising radiation, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 10 of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1075).	Date of examination/test/repair + 2 years		Ionising Radiations Regulations (SI 2017/1075) Regulation 10(2)
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Ionising Radiation	Records documenting the maintenance of other equipment provided to control exposure to ionising radiation, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 10 of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1075).	Date of examination/test/repair + 5 years		<i>Ionising Radiations Regulations (SI 2017/1075) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i>

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Ionising Radiation	Records documenting the preparation of contingency plans to deal with radiation accidents, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 12 of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1075).	Superseded		<i>Ionising Radiations Regulations (SI 2017/1075) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Ionising Radiation	Records documenting the provision of information, instruction and training for employees who are exposed to ionising radiation, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 14 of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1075).	Superseded + 10 years		<i>SI 1999/3232 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i>  <i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i>  <i>Alonger retention period may be appropriate if there have been potentially dangerous exposures.</i>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Ionising Radiation	Records documenting the maintenance and testing of equipment for monitoring levels of ionising radiation, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 19 of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1075).	Date of maintenance/testing + 2 years		Ionising Radiations Regulations (SI 2017/1075) Regulation 19(4)(c)
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Ionising Radiation	Records documenting the monitoring of levels of ionising radiation in designated controlled areas, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 19 of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1075).	Date of monitoring + 2 years		Ionising Radiations Regulations (SI 2017/1075) Regulation 19(4)(c)



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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Ionising Radiation	Records documenting assessments of doses of ionising radiation received by 'classified persons' which are likely to be significant, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 21 of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1075).	Date of assessment + 50 years OR Until the employee reaches (or would have reached, if deceased) 75 years, whichever is the later.		Ionising Radiations Regulations (SI 2017/1075) Regulation 21(3)(a)  <i>Dose records are usually made and maintained by a dosimetry service on behalf of an employer. Adosimetry service provides summaries of dose records to an employer on whose behalf it makes and maintains the records.</i>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Ionising Radiation	Summaries of dose records, as required by Regulation 21 of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1075).	Current year + 2 years		Ionising Radiations Regulations (SI 2017/1075) Regulation 21(7)
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Ionising Radiation	Records documenting investigations into the exposure of 'classified persons' to ionising radiation, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 22 of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1075).	Date of report of investigation + 2 years		Ionising Radiations Regulations (SI 2017/1075) Regulation 22(4)
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Ionising Radiation	Records documenting assessments of individual doses of ionising radiation received as a result of a radiation accident, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 23 of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1075).	Date of accident + 50 years OR Until the employee reaches (or would have reached, if deceased) 75 years, whichever is the later.		Ionising Radiations Regulations (SI 2017/1075) Regulation 23(2)(b)

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Ionising Radiation	Records documenting medical surveillance of individual employees who are exposed to ionising radiation and are required to be under medical surveillance, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 24 of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1075).	Date of last entry + 50 years OR Until the employee reaches (or would have reached, if deceased) 75 years, whichever is the later.		Ionising Radiations Regulations (SI 2017/1075) Regulation 24(3)
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Ionising Radiation	Reports of immediate investigations into possible overexposure to ionising radiation, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 25 of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1075).	Date of report of investigation + 2 years		Ionising Radiations Regulations (SI 2017/1075) Regulation 25(2)(a)
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Ionising Radiation	Reports of investigations into occurrences of overexposure to ionising radiation, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 25 of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1075).	Date of report + 50 years OR Until the employee reaches (or would have reached, if deceased) 75 years, whichever is the later.		Ionising Radiations Regulations (SI 2017/1075) Regulation 25(2)(b)
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Ionising Radiation	Records documenting tests to detect leakage from articles containing or embodying radioactive substances, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 27 of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1075).	Completion of subsequent test on article OR Disposal of article + 2 years.		Ionising Radiations Regulations (SI 2017/1075) Regulation 27(3)
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Hazard Exposure Control - Ionising Radiation	Records of the quantity and location of radioactive substances, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 28 of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1075).	Disposal of radioactive substance + 2 years OR Date of record + 2 years, whichever is the longer.		Ionising Radiations Regulations (SI 2017/1075) Regulation 28

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Incident Recording, Reporting & Investigation	Records documenting immediate investigations into possible accidental release or theft of radioactive substances, where no release or theft was found to have occurred, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 30 of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/632).	Date of report + 2 years		Ionising Radiations Regulations (SI 2017/1075) Regulation 30
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Incident Recording, Reporting & Investigation	Records documenting immediate investigations into possible accidental release or theft of radioactive substances, where accidental release or theft was found to have occurred, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 30 of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/632).	Date of report + 50 years		Ionising Radiations Regulations (SI 2017/1075) Regulation 30
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Incident Recording, Reporting & Investigation	Records of injuries, dangerous occurrences and outbreaks of notifiable diseases on the institution's premises, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 7 of the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/1471).	Date of recording + 3 years		The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (SI 2013/1471) Regulation 7(3) The Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations (SI 1993/2113) Regulation 2  <i>The contents of records to be kept are specified in Schedule 4 of (SI 2013/1471).</i>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Incident Recording, Reporting & Investigation	Records documenting the investigation of accidents, dangerous occurrences and outbreaks of notifiable diseases on the institution's premises.	Closure of investigation + 40 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 11
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Incident Recording, Reporting & Investigation	Records documenting the notification and reporting (to the relevant enforcing authorities) of reportable accidents, dangerous occurrences and outbreaks of notifiable diseases to enforcing authorities.	Date of notification + 3 years		The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (SI 2013/1471) Regulation 7(3)

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Incident Management	Records documenting the conduct, review and revision of fire safety risk assessments to fulfil the institution's duties under Article 9 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (SI 2005/1541) or Section 53 and/or Section 54 of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 5).	Superseded + 5 years		<p><i>Neither SI 2005/1541 nor 2005 asp 5 prescribes a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Incident Management	Records documenting fire safety arrangements made to fulfil the institution's duties under Article 11 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (SI 2005/1541).	Superseded + 5 years		<p><i>SI 2005/1541 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining previous versions provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Incident Management	Records documenting the nomination of 'competent persons' to implement fire-fighting measures to fulfil the institution's duties under Article 13 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (SI 2005/1541).	Termination of status as 'competent person'		<p><i>SI 2005/1541 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retention of these records must comply with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679.</i></p> <p><i>'Competent persons' in this context are often referred to as 'fire wardens' or similar.</i></p>

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Incident Management	Records documenting the provision of role-specific training for 'competent persons' to implement fire-fighting measures in the institution's premises to fulfil the institution's duties under Article 13 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (SI 2005/1541).	Current year + 5 years OR Superseded + 5 years		<i>SI 2005/1541 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i>  <i>Retaining information about previous training provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Incident Management	Records documenting the conduct, review and revision of assessments of requirements for fire-fighting equipment and for fire detectors and alarms to fulfil the institution's duties under Article 13 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (SI 2005/1541).	Review of assessment + 5 years		<i>SI 2005/1541 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i>  <i>Retaining information about previous assessments provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Incident Management	Records documenting the maintenance of premises, facilities and equipment to fulfil the institution's duties under Article 17 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (SI 2005/1541).	Current year + 5 years		<i>SI 2005/1541 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i>  <i>Retaining maintenance history provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i>  <i>Also see: ESTATE MANAGEMENT - PREMISES MAINTENANCE; FACILITIES MANAGEMENT - FACILITIES MAINTENANCE; EQUIPMENT &amp; CONSUMABLES MANAGEMENT</i>

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Incident Management	Records documenting the appointment of 'competent persons' to assist in implementing fire safety measures to fulfil the institution's duties under Article 18 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (SI 2005/1541).	Termination of status		<p><i>SI 2005/1541 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>'Competent persons' in this context are often referred to as 'fire wardens' or similar.</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Incident Management	Records documenting the conduct and review of safety drills to fulfil the institution's duties under Article 15 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire safety) Order 2005 (SI 2005/1541).	Current year + 5 years OR Superseded + 5 years		<p><i>SI 2005/1541 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining information about previous drills etc. provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Incident Management	Records documenting arrangements with external emergency services for the provision of first-aid, emergency medical care, fire-fighting and rescue services (including the provision of information on the institution's emergency procedures and arrangements) to fulfil the institution's duties under Article 16 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (SI 2005/1541).	Current year + 5 years OR Superseded + 5 years		<p><i>SI 2005/1541 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining information about previous arrangements provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i></p>

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Incident Management	Records documenting the maintenance of premises, facilities and equipment provided for the use by, or the protection of, fire-fighters to fulfil the institution's duties under Article 38 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (SI 2005/1541).	Current year + 5 years		<p><i>SI 2005/1541 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining maintenance history provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i></p> <p><i>Also see: ESTATE MANAGEMENT - PREMISES MAINTENANCE; FACILITIES MANAGEMENT - FACILITIES MAINTENANCE; EQUIPMENT &amp; CONSUMABLES MANAGEMENT</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Incident Management	Records documenting the provision of fire safety training to employees to fulfil the institution's duties under Article 21 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (SI 2005/1541).	Current year + 5 years OR Superseded + 5 years		<p><i>SI 2005/1541 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining information about previous training provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i></p>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Incident Management	Records documenting the appointment of first aiders.	Termination of appointment		Institutional business requirements.
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Incident Management	Records documenting the provision of approved training for first aiders to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 3 of the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 (SI 1981/917).	Current year + 3 years OR Superseded + 3 years		<p><i>SI 1981/917 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining information about previous training provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i></p>

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Health and Safety	Health & Safety Incident Management	Records documenting the provision of information about first aid arrangements to employees, to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 4 of the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 (SI 1981/917).	Superseded + 3 years		<i>SI 1981/917 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i>  <i>Retaining previous information provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i>
Health and Safety	Health & Safety Incident Management	Records documenting the conduct, review and revision of assessments of requirements for first aid facilities, equipment and trained personnel to fulfil the institution's duties under Regulation 3 of the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 (SI 1981/917).	Superseded + 3 years		<i>SI 1981/917 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i>  <i>Retaining information about previous arrangements provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i>
Environmental	Environmental Strategy and Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's environmental management strategy, and policies: key records.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Environmental	Environmental Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's environmental management strategy, policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Environmental	Environmental Management Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to environmental management.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Environmental	Environmental Audit	Records documenting the conduct and results of environmental audits, and action taken to address issues raised.	Completion of audit + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.



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Environmental	Environmental Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment	Records documenting identified environmental hazards to the institution, or created by its operations, and the conduct and results of risk assessments.	Elimination of risk + 5 years OR Updating of risk assessment + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Environmental	Environmental Management Scheme Accreditation Management	Records documenting the attainment and maintenance of the institution's accreditation under established environmental management schemes.	Termination of accreditation + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Environmental	Environmental Awareness Promotion	Records documenting action taken by the institution to raise awareness of environmental issues among its employees, other staff and students.	Current + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Environmental	Environmental Incident Recording, Reporting & Investigation	Records documenting the recording of environmental incidents on the institution's premises or caused by its operations.	Last action on incident + 40 years		Institutional business requirements.
Environmental	Environmental Incident Recording, Reporting & Investigation	Records documenting the investigation of environmental incidents on the institution's premises or caused by its operations.	Closure of investigation + 40 years		Institutional business requirements.
Environmental	Environmental Incident Recording, Reporting & Investigation	Notification and reporting of reportable environmental incidents to enforcing authorities.	Date of notification + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Environmental	Energy Management	Routine monitoring of the institution's use and consumption of energy.	Current year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Environmental	Energy Management	Records documenting the conduct and results of formal reviews of the institution's use and consumption of energy, and action taken to address issues raised.	Completion of review + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.

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Environmental	Waste Management	Register of 'special waste' removed from the premises for disposal by registered/licensed contractors, as required by Regulation 15 of the Special Waste Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/972).	Removal of waste consignment + 3 years		<p>The Special Waste Regulations (SI 1996/972) Regulation 15(4)</p> <p><i>The Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations (SI 2005/894) repealed SI 1996/972 but SI 2005/894 Regulation 51(4) requires registers made under SI 1996/972 Regulation 15(4) to be retained for the period specified here .</i></p>
Environmental	Waste Management	Records documenting hazardous waste to be disposed of, as required by Regulation 49 of the Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005 (SI 2005/894).	Removal of waste + 3 years		<p>SI 2005/894 Regulation 49(3)</p> <p><i>The Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations (SI 2005/894) Regulation 49(1) specifies the content of these records.</i></p>

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Strategy and Planning	Human Resources Strategy and Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's human resources strategy, and policies: key records.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Strategy and Planning	Human Resources Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's human resources strategy, policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Strategy and Planning	Human Resources Management Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to human resources management.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Strategy and Planning	Workforce Planning	Assessment and analysis of workforce requirements, and the identification and evaluation of options for meeting these requirements.	Current year + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Strategy and Planning	Workforce Planning	Records documenting management succession plans.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Strategy and Planning	Workforce Planning	Records documenting the development and evaluation of job specifications.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Recruitment and Selection	Recruitment and Selection	Records documenting internal authorisation for recruitment.	Current year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Recruitment and Selection	Recruitment and Selection	Records documenting job evaluation information.	While employment continues and up to 7 years after employment ceases		Limitation Act 1980

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Recruitment and Selection	Recruitment and Selection	Records documenting the advertising of vacancies including screenshots of adverts and any further particulars taken on first day advertised by HR showing URL and date	Completion of recruitment process + 9 months unless post holder recruited is a Tier 2 visa holder, in which case the life of the sponsorship plus 1 year (7 years max)		Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006, Limitation Act 1980, The Equality Act 2010.  <i>Employment Practices Code</i> , Section 1.7.1 (Information Commissioner's Office, 2011)  <i>Recruitment process is completed when an offer of employment has been made and has been accepted, AND when all unsuccessful applicants have been notified.</i>
Recruitment and Selection	Recruitment and Selection	Management analyses of recruitment effectiveness e.g. use of advertising media.	Current year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Recruitment and Selection	Recruitment and Selection	Records documenting enquiries about vacancies and requests for application forms.	Completion of recruitment process		Institutional business requirements.  <i>Recruitment process is completed when an offer of employment has been made and has been accepted, AND when all unsuccessful applicants have been notified.</i>
Recruitment and Selection	Recruitment and Selection	Records documenting the handling of unsolicited applications for employment.	Receipt of application + 1 year		See Section 1.7 of the <i>Employment Practices Code</i> (Information Commissioner's Office, 2011).
Recruitment and Selection	Recruitment and Selection	Records of application forms (for all appointed applicants).	While employment continues and up to 7 years after employment ceases		Limitation Act 1980
Recruitment and Selection	Recruitment and Selection	Records documenting the handling of applications for vacancies: successful applications.	Termination of employment + 6 years (as part of employee contract records) except information which is not relevant to the ongoing employment relationship.		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5  See Section 1.7 of the <i>Employment Practices Code</i> (Information Commissioner's Office, 2011).  <i>For employment records, see HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT - EMPLOYEE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT).</i>

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Recruitment and Selection	Recruitment and Selection	Records documenting the handling of applications for vacancies: unsuccessful applications.	Completion of recruitment process + 1 year.		<p>The Equality Act 2010.</p> <p>See Section 1.7 of the Employment Practices Code (Information Commissioner's Office, 2011).</p> <p>Actions under discrimination legislation must generally be brought within 6 months.</p> <p>The Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development recommends '1 year'. See the factsheet Retention of personnel and other related records (2006).</p> <p>Anonymised data may be held for a longer</p>
Recruitment and Selection	Recruitment and Selection	Copies of unsuccessful candidate's right to work documents and qualifications taken at interview stage.	Completion of the recruitment process		Institutional business requirements.
Recruitment and Selection	Recruitment and Selection	Records of application forms for unsuccessful applicants where no Tier 2 sponsored person was appointed.	6 months after notifying unsuccessful candidates		Information Commissioner: Employment Practice Code Part 1: Recruitment and Selection (1.7.5)
Recruitment and Selection	Recruitment and Selection	Records of application forms for unsuccessful applicants in the medium received where a Tier 2 sponsored person was appointed.	For the life of the sponsorship plus 1 year (up to 7 years max)		Limitation Act 1980
Recruitment and Selection	Recruitment and Selection	Records documenting shortlisting information where no Tier 2 sponsored person was appointed.	6 months after the offer has been accepted by successful candidate		Information Commissioner: Employment Practice Code Part 1: Recruitment and Selection (1.7.5)
Recruitment and Selection	Recruitment and Selection	Records documenting shortlisting information for a role where a Tier 2 sponsored person was appointed.	For the life of the sponsorship plus 1 year (up to 7 years max)		Limitation Act 1980
Recruitment and Selection	Recruitment and Selection	Records of interview notes, interview summary outcomes and any tests (appointee and unsuccessful interviewees) where no Tier 2 sponsored person was appointed.	6 months		Information Commissioner: Employment Practice Code Part 1: Recruitment and Selection (1.7.5)
Recruitment and Selection	Recruitment and Selection	Records of interview notes, interview summary outcomes and any tests for all interviewed candidates (appointee and unsuccessful interviewees) where a Tier 2 sponsored person was appointed.	For the life of the sponsorship plus 1 year (up to 7 years max)		Limitation Act 1980

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Recruitment and Selection	Recruitment and Selection	Copy of job description and person specification for a role where a Tier 2 sponsored person was appointed.	For the life of the sponsorship plus 1 year (up to 7 years max)		Limitation Act 1980
Recruitment and Selection	Recruitment and Selection	Copies of unsuccessful candidate's right to work documents and qualifications taken at interview stage.	Completion of the recruitment process		Institutional business requirements.
Recruitment and Selection	Recruitment and Selection	Any references obtained for unsuccessful candidates.	6 months after the offer has been accepted by successful candidate		Institutional business requirements.
Recruitment and Selection	Recruitment and Selection	Records documenting references provided in confidence in support of the employee's application(s) for employment by another organisation.	Provision of reference + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Recruitment and Selection	Workforce Induction	Records documenting the development, overall delivery and assessment of induction programmes for new employees.  For records documenting individual employees' induction programmes, see Employee Contract Management.	Current year + 6 years		Institutional business requirements.
Recruitment and Selection	Workforce Induction	Records documenting the administration of induction programmes.	Completion of programme + 1 year OR Termination of programme + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Recruitment and Selection	Workforce Training & Development	Summary information on workforce training and development needs.  For records documenting individual employees' training and development needs, see Employee Contract Management.	Current year + 6 years		Institutional business requirements.
Recruitment and Selection	Workforce Training & Development	Records documenting the development of training and development programmes to meet defined needs.	Completion of programme + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Recruitment and Selection	Workforce Training & Development	Individual feedback on training and development programmes.	Completion of analysis of feedback		Institutional business requirements.
Recruitment and Selection	Workforce Training & Development	(Anonymised) workforce feedback on training and development programmes.	Current year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Recruitment and Selection	Workforce Training & Development	Management analyses of the impact of training and development programmes.	Current year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Recruitment and Selection	Workforce Performance Management	Records documenting the development of workforce performance assessment systems.	Life of system + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Recruitment and Selection	Workforce Performance Management	Summary (anonymised) results of employees' performance assessments.	Current year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.

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Recruitment and Selection	Workforce Performance Management	Management analyses of the impact of workforce performance assessment systems.	Current year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Recruitment and Selection	Workforce Remuneration & Reward Management	Records documenting the development of the institution's remuneration structure.	Current year + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Recruitment and Selection	Workforce Remuneration & Reward Management	Pay reviews.	Current year + 6 years		Institutional business requirements.
Recruitment and Selection	Workforce Remuneration & Reward Management	Records documenting special reward schemes (e.g. Merit Reviews).	Termination of scheme + 6 years		Institutional business requirements.
Welfare and Relations	Workforce Welfare Management	Records documenting the hours worked by employees, including those who have agreed to work more than 48 hours a week, as required by the Working Time Regulations 1998 (SI 1998/1833).	Date of record + 2 years		Working Time Regulations (SI 1998/1833) Regulations 5 and 9
Welfare and Relations	Workforce Welfare Management	Health assessments for night workers, and the results of assessments, as required by the Working Time Regulations 1998 (SI 1998/1833).	Date of record + 2 years		Working Time Regulations (SI 1998/1833) Regulations 5 and 9
Welfare and Relations	Workforce Relations Management	Records documenting the design of workforce surveys and consultations.	Completion of survey/consultation + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Welfare and Relations	Workforce Relations Management	(Identifiable) individual responses to workforce surveys and consultations.	Completion of analysis of responses		<i>The retention period will depend on what was stated in the privacy notice when the data was collected. After this period, responses can be anonymised for the purposes of analysis to ensure compliance with GDPR.</i>
Welfare and Relations	Workforce Relations Management	Summary (anonymised) results of workforce surveys and consultations.	Completion of survey + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Welfare and Relations	Workforce Relations Management	Grievances raised by staff (which do not relate directly to their own contracts of employment), the institution's response, action taken and the outcome.	Last action on case + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Industrial Relations and Pensions	Industrial Relations Management	Records documenting institutional recognition/derecognition of trades unions.	Derecognition + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Industrial Relations and Pensions	Industrial Relations Management	Records documenting routine communications with trade union representatives, including minutes of meetings.	Current year + 20 years		Institutional business requirements.
Industrial Relations and Pensions	Industrial Relations Management	Records documenting consultations/negotiations with trade unions on specific issues.	Last action on issue + 20 years		Institutional business requirements.

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Industrial Relations and Pensions	Pension Schemes Administration	Records documenting the institution's relationships with pension schemes to which all or part of its workforce belongs.	Termination of relationship + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Industrial Relations and Pensions	Pension Schemes Administration	Records documenting routine communications with the pension schemes.	Current year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records documenting the employee's initial application for employment with the institution and supporting documentation supplied by third parties (e.g. references, Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks).	Termination of employment + 6 years (as part of employee contract records) except information which is not relevant to the ongoing employment relationship.		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5  <i>See Section 1.7 of the Employment Practices Code (Information Commissioner's Office, 2011).</i>  <i>For employee contract records, see HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT - EMPLOYEE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT.</i>
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records documenting the employee's subsequent applications for other jobs within the institution.	Duration of job + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records documenting the employee's contract(s) of employment with the institution.	Termination of employment + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records documenting changes to the employee's terms and conditions of employment.	Termination of employment + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Job descriptions of positions held by the employee within the institution.	Duration of job + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records documenting induction programmes attended by the employee.	Completion of induction + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records documenting the employee's training and development needs, and the action taken to meet these needs.	Completion of actions + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records documenting job-specific statutory/regulatory training requirements for the employee, and the training provided to meet these requirements.	Expiry of certification + 6 years OR Superseded + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Routine assessments/reviews of the employee's performance, and any consequent action taken.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.



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Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records documenting disciplinary proceedings against the employee, where employment continues.	Closure of case + 6 years		Common HR practice  <i>Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development recommends '6 years after employment ceases'. See Retention of personnel and other related records (Chartered Institution of Personnel and Development, 2018).</i>
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records documenting grievances raised by the employee which relate directly to his/her own contract of employment, the institution's response, action taken and the outcome.	Closure of case + 6 years		Common HR practice  <i>Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development recommends '6 years after employment ceases'. See Retention of personnel and other related records (Chartered Institution of Personnel and Development, 2018).</i>
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records documenting the employee's remuneration and rewards (e.g. bonuses, merit awards, long service awards).	Minimum: Current tax year + 3 years  Recommended: Current tax year + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5  Minimum: The Income Tax (Pay As You Earn) Regulations (SI 2003/2682) Regulation 97(8) The National Minimum Wage Regulations 2015 (Part 7)  Recommended: Taxes Management Act 1970 c. 9 s 34  <i>For payroll records, see FINANCE MANAGEMENT - PAYROLL ADMINISTRATION.</i>
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records relating to the administration of the employee's contractual holiday entitlement.	Current year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records documenting the employee's absence due to sickness.	End of employment + 6 years		<p>The Statutory Sick Pay (Maintenance of Records) (Revocation) Regulations 2014 (SI 2014/55).</p> <p>Limitation Act, 1980.</p> <p><i>SI 2014/55 abolished the former obligation on employers to keep these records. Although there is no longer a specific statutory retention period, employers still have to keep sickness records to best suit their business needs. It is advisable to keep records for at least 3 months after the end of the period of sick leave in case of a disability discrimination claim. However, if there were to be a contractual claim for breach of an employment contract it may be safer to keep records for 6 years after the employment ceases.</i></p>
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records documenting the authorisation and administration of special leave, e.g. compassionate leave, study leave.	Current year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records documenting the authorisation and administration of statutory leave entitlements, e.g. parental leave.	Completion of entitlement + 6 years		The Maternity and Parental Leave etc. Regulations 1999 (SI 1999/3312)
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records documenting entitlements to, and calculations of, Statutory Maternity Pay.	Current Tax Year + 3 years		The Statutory Maternity Pay (General) Regulations (SI 1986/1960 Regulation 26)
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records containing employee's basic personal details (e.g. address, next of kin, emergency contacts).	Superseded		Institutional business requirements.
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records documenting pre-employment health screening of an employee: employees exposed to hazardous substances during employment.	See HEALTH & SAFETY MANAGEMENT - HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE EXPOSURE CONTROL.		Institutional business requirements.
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records documenting pre-employment health screening of an employee: other employees.	Termination of employment + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records documenting the issue of personal protective equipment/other special equipment to an employee.	Termination of employment + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5

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Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records documenting major injuries to an employee arising from accidents in the workplace.	Termination of employment + 40 years		Health and Safety Regulations.
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records documenting the employee's termination of employment by voluntary resignation, redundancy, retirement (including on medical grounds) or dismissal.	Termination of employment + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records documenting references provided in confidence in support of the employee's application(s) for employment by another organisation.	Provision of reference + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Employee Contract Management	Employee Contract Management	Records documenting right to work and immigration information	2 years after the termination of employment		Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 and Limitation Act 1980
Payroll	Payroll Administration	Records documenting employees' authorisation for non-statutory payroll deductions.	Current tax year + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Payroll	Payroll Administration	Records documenting calculation and payment of employees' salaries and other payments.	Minimum: Current tax year + 3 years Recommended: Current tax year + 6 years		Minimum: The National Minimum Wage Regulations (SI 2015/621) Regulation 59(8) The Income Tax (Pay As You Earn) Regulations (SI 2003/2682) Regulation 97(8) Recommended: Taxes Management Act 1970 c. 9 s 34
Payroll	Payroll Administration	Employer's PAYE records which are not required to be sent to the Inland Revenue (under the provisions of the Income Tax (Pay As You Earn) Regulations 2003.	Minimum: Current tax year + 3 years Recommended: Current tax year + 6 years		The Income Tax (Pay As You Earn) Regulations (SI 2003/2682) Regulation 97(8)  'PAYE records' are defined in Regulation 97(2) of the Income Tax (Pay As You Earn) Regulations 2003 (SI 2003/2682).
Payroll	Payroll Administration	Records documenting the administration of payments made under the Statutory Sick Pay scheme.	Minimum: Current tax year + 3 years Recommended: Current tax year + 6 years		The Statutory Sick Pay (Maintenance of Records) (Revocation) Regulations 2014 (SI 2014/55).
Payroll	Payroll Administration	Records documenting the administration of payments made under the Statutory Maternity Pay scheme.	Minimum: Current tax year + 3 years Recommended: Current tax year + 6 years		The Statutory Maternity Pay (General) Regulations (SI 1986/1960) Regulation 26

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Payroll	Payroll Administration	Record of P45's	While employment continues and up to 7 years after employment ceases		Limitation Act, 1980
Payroll	Pension Contributions Administration	Records documenting payments of the institution's employers' contributions to pensions schemes for its employees.	Death of last known beneficiary of member + 6 years		The Retirement Benefits Schemes (Information Powers) Regulations 1995 s.15 (SI 1995/3103)
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Function	Activity	Record Group	Retention Period	Notes	Citations
Estates	Estate Strategy and Policies Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's estate strategy and policies: key records.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Estates	Estate Strategy, Policy, and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's estate strategy, policies, and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Estates	Estate Management Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to estate management.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Estates	Property Acquisition	Records documenting the acquisition of ownership of properties.	Disposal of property + 12 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 8  <i>This retention period assumes that property contracts are executed as deeds. For other types of contracts, the retention period may be 6 years rather than 12 years.</i>
Estates	Property Acquisition	Deeds of title for properties owned by the institution.	Disposal of property		<i>Deeds of title for a property are transferred to the new owner when the property is sold.</i>
Estates	Property Acquisition	Records documenting negotiations for properties where the property was not acquired.	Closure of negotiations + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 2
Estates	Property Acquisition	Records documenting the negotiation of leases and original lease agreements.	Expiry of lease + 15 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 14B

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Estates	Property Development	Records documenting the development of properties.	Disposal of property		<p>Institutional business requirements.</p> <p><i>Some of these records may be transferred to the new owner when property is sold.</i></p>
Estates	Property Development	Health and Safety File for a structure, as required by Regulation 12 of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/51).	Demolition of property OR Disposal of interest in property		<p>The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (SI 2015/51) Regulation 12</p> <p><i>SI 2015/51 does not prescribe a retention period for these records, but Regulation 12 implies that the Health and Safety File for a structure should be retained for the life of the structure by the person responsible for the property. Regulation 12(2) requires that a Health and Safety File is transferred to the new owner when ownership transfers.</i></p>
Estates	Property Development	Applications for planning consents required to (re)develop property and consents granted.	Disposal of property or expiry of consent.		<p>Planning consents which are valid when a property is sold are transferred to the new owner.</p>
Estates	Property Maintenance	Records documenting routine inspections of property.	Date of inspection + 5 years OR Superseded + 1 year		<p>Retaining inspection records provides evidence of effective property management.</p>
Estates	Property Maintenance	Records documenting major maintenance works on property.	Disposal of property		<p>Some of these records may be transferred to new owners when land is sold.</p>
Estates	Property Maintenance	Records documenting minor maintenance works on property.	Completion of works + 15 years		<p>Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 14B</p>

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Estates	Property Maintenance	Records documenting assessments made to determine the presence (or likely presence) of asbestos in premises, as required by Regulation 4(3) of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/632).	Review of assessment + 10 years		<p>Institutional business requirements.</p> <p><i>Control of Asbestos Regulations (SI 2012/632) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i></p> <p><i>Retaining assessments provides evidence of effective management of risks associated with works carried out.</i></p>
Estates	Property Maintenance	Records documenting the monitoring of the condition of asbestos in premises, and of maintaining or removing it.	Removal of asbestos + 10 years OR Subsequent inspection + 10 years		<i>Retaining these records provides evidence of compliance with SI 2012/632.</i>
Estates	Property Disposal	Records documenting the disposal of properties by sale, transfer or donation.	Disposal of property + 12 years		<p>Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 8</p> <p><i>This retention period assumes that property contracts are executed as deeds. For other types of contracts, the retention period may be 6 years rather than 12 years.</i></p>
Estates	Property Security Management	Records documenting the conduct and results of security inspections of properties, and action taken to address issues raised.	Date of inspection + 5 years OR Superseded + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Estates	Property Security Management	Records documenting property access controls to secure areas (e.g. access registers, key registers, security data logs).	Creation + 2 years		Institutional business requirements.
Estates	Property Security Management	Records of security passes issued to visitors	Expiry of pass + 1 month		Institutional business requirements.
Estates	Property Security Management	Records of security passes issued to employees, other staff and students.	Expiry of pass + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Estates	Property Security Management	Records documenting the conduct of routine security surveillance of properties.	Creation + 1 month		Institutional business requirements.
Estates	Property Security Management	Records documenting security breaches or incidents, and action taken.	Last action on incident + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Estates	Property Leasing-out	Records documenting leasing-out arrangements for properties.	Expiry of lease + 12 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 8  <i>This retention period assumes that leases are executed as deeds. For other types of contracts, the retention period may be 6 years rather than 12 years.</i>
Estates	Space Management	Records documenting the conduct and outcomes of space audits.	Completion of subsequent audit + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Accommodation Contract	Records documenting the establishment of formal contractual relationship between institutional accommodation and student.	Termination of contract + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980
Staff and Student Accommodation	Allocation Plan and Policy	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's accommodation allocation plan and policy for the corresponding year.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Accommodation Application	Records documenting the student's application to accommodation provided by institution's accommodation: Successful applications.	Superseded by the contract if accepted (see contracts)		Limitation Act 1980
Staff and Student Accommodation	Accommodation Application	Records documenting the student's application to accommodation provided by institution's accommodation: Unsuccessful applications.	Start of current academic year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Accommodation Application	Records documenting the students application to accommodation provided by institution's accommodation: Specific requirements – supporting evidence.	Decision + 3 months		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Accommodation Enquires	Records documenting the handling of enquiries from prospective and current students.	Current academic year + 2 years		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Inventories	Records documenting the room facilities associated with the contracted room and common areas.	End of academic year + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980



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Staff and Student Accommodation	Rents	Records documenting the development and establishment of institution's accommodation rents for the corresponding year.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Students Lists	Records documenting the collation of students in list format for information purposes: Business need.	Superseded or end of academic year		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Transfer Requests Form	Records documenting the request to alter student allocation.	End of current academic year		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Incident Reports	Incidence reports relating to student accommodation (unless covered under HEALTH AND SAFETY section).	Last action + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Academic Withdrawal Requests	Record documenting student's withdrawal request that may result in termination of accommodation licence: [Institution] accommodation resident.	End of licence + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Off-Campus Accommodation	Records documenting enquiries from current and prospective landlords (Head Leasing Scheme enquiries).	Last action + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Off-Campus Accommodation	Rent assessments-records documenting the development and establishment of proposed rents offered to landlords for the corresponding year	Superseded + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Off-Campus Accommodation	Records documenting the landlord's application to Head Leasing Scheme (HLS) provided by [Institution] Accommodation: Successful applications.	Superseded by the contract if accepted (see contracts)		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Off-Campus Accommodation	Records documenting the landlord's application to HLS provided by [Institution] Accommodation: Unsuccessful applications (institution rejects property).	Start of current academic year		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Off-Campus Accommodation	Records documenting the landlord's application to HLS provided by [Institution] Accommodation: Unsuccessful applications (landlord rejects offer).	Start of current academic year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Off-Campus Accommodation	Records documenting the establishment of formal contractual relationship between institution and landlord.	Termination of contract + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980
Staff and Student Accommodation	Off-Campus Accommodation	Records documenting landlord property ownership for information purposes: Business need.	While current + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Staff and Student Accommodation	Off-Campus Accommodation	Records documenting the landlord/company landlord name and address; contact details, in list format for information purposes: Business need (landlord lists).	Superseded or end of academic year		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Off-Campus Accommodation	Landlord Invoices-records documenting remedial and compliance work.	End of licence + 6 years		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Off-Campus Accommodation	Landlord bank details.	End of licence + 6 years		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Off-Campus Accommodation	Records documenting landlord's proposed contractual arrangement: Agreed.	End of licence + 6 years		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Off-Campus Accommodation	Records documenting landlord's proposed contractual arrangement: Not agreed.	Current + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Staff and Family Housing	Assured shorthold tenancy agreement.	Termination of contract + 6 years		Housing Act 1988 and Limitation Act 1980
Staff and Student Accommodation	Staff and Family Housing	Staff and family accommodation applications: Successful.	Superseded by the contract if accepted		Limitation Act 1980
Staff and Student Accommodation	Staff and Family Housing	Staff and family accommodation applications: Unsuccessful.	End of decision process or add to waiting list		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Staff and Family Housing	Waiting lists.	End of academic year if unsuccessful		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Staff and Family Housing	Records documenting the individual's occupation of staff and family housing and the activities that facilitate the occupancy: Council tax, Utility Bills, rent collection etc.	Termination of tenancy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Staff and Family Housing	Records documenting the landlord's application to lodgings list provided by staff and family housing; Successful applications.	Current year + 1 (annually reviewed)		Institutional business requirements.
Staff and Student Accommodation	Staff and Family Housing	Records documenting the landlord's application to lodgings list provided by staff and family housing; Unsuccessful applications.	End of decision process		Institutional business requirements.

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Staff and Student Accommodation	Staff and Family Housing	Right to rent check-records documenting checks are carried out to confirm that a tenant or lodger can legally rent a residential property in England.	End of tenancy + 1 year		Section 22 of the Immigration Act 2014
Staff and Student Accommodation	Staff and Family Housing	Relocation service-records documenting the individuals enquiry for assistance when relocating to the institution and processes associated.	End of enquiry and annually reviewed		Institutional business requirements.
Facilities	Facilities Strategy and Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's facilities strategy and policies: key records.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Facilities	Facilities Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's facilities strategy, policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Facilities	Facilities Management Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to facilities management.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Facilities	Facilities Development	Records documenting the specification of requirements for facilities.	Completion of works + 15 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 14
Facilities	Facilities Development	Records documenting the development of interior design and fit-out schemes.	Completion of works + 15 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 14
Facilities	Facilities Development	Records documenting the carrying out of interior decoration and fitting-out works.	Completion of works + 15 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 14
Facilities	Facilities Maintenance	Records documenting routine inspections of facilities.	Completion of two subsequent inspections		<i>Retaining inspection records provides evidence of effective property management over time.</i>
Facilities	Facilities Maintenance	Records documenting the carrying out of major maintenance works within facilities.	Completion of works + 15 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 14B
Facilities	Facilities Maintenance	Records documenting the carrying out of minor maintenance works within facilities.	Current year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Facilities	Facilities Security Management	Records documenting the conduct and outcomes of security inspections of facilities.	Completion of two subsequent inspections		<i>Retaining inspection records provides evidence of effective property management over time.</i>
Facilities	Facilities Security Management	Records documenting the conduct of routine surveillance of facilities.	Creation + 1 month		Institutional business requirements.
Facilities	Facilities Security Management	Records documenting occurrences of unauthorised access to facilities, and action taken.	Last action on incident + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Facilities	Facilities Compliance Management	Records documenting the conduct and outcomes of inspections of facilities by enforcing authorities.	Completion of subsequent inspection		<i>A longer retention period may be advisable for particular types of facilities (e.g. where there are significant health and safety risks) in order to maintain evidence of effective management over time.</i>
Facilities	Facilities Compliance Management	Original licences and certificates	Superseded		Institutional business requirements.
Finance	Finance Strategy and Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's finance strategy and policies: key records.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Finance	Finance Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's finance strategy, policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Finance	Finance Management Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to finance management.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Finance	Financial Accounting	Records documenting the issue of sales invoices and the processing of incoming payments.	Current financial year + 6 years		Taxes Management Act 1970 c. 9 s 34 Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5 Value Added Tax Act 1994 c. 23 HMRC VAT Notice 700/21 para. 5.2
Finance	Financial Accounting	Records documenting the receipt and payment of purchase invoices.	Current financial year + 6 years		Taxes Management Act 1970 c. 9 s 34 Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5 Value Added Tax Act 1994 c. 23 HMRC VAT Notice 700/21 para. 5.2
Finance	Financial Accounting	Records documenting the payment and/or reimbursement of employees' expenses.	Current financial year + 6 years		Taxes Management Act 1970 c. 9 s 34 Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5

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Finance	Financial Accounting	Records documenting the payment of honoraria to third parties.*  *Unless honoraria are administered through the payroll.	Current financial year + 6 years		Taxes Management Act 1970 c. 9 s 34 Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Finance	Financial Accounting	Records documenting the payment of expenses to third parties (e.g. honorary appointees).	Current financial year + 6 years		Taxes Management Act 1970 c. 9 s 34 Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Finance	Financial Accounting	Records documenting the handling of petty cash.	Current financial year + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5 Value Added Tax Act 1994 c. 23 HMRC VAT Notice 700/21 para. 5.2
Finance	Financial Accounting	Records documenting the receipt and processing of tuition fees.	Current financial year + 6 years		Taxes Management Act 1970 c. 9 s 34 Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Finance	Financial Accounting	Apprenticeship levy records	Current financial year + 3 years		Income Tax (Pay As You Earn) (Amendment) Regulations 2017, 147N.
Finance	Financial Accounting	Records documenting the preparation of annual accounts	Current financial year + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5.
Finance	Financial Accounting	Annual Accounts	Current financial year + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5.
Finance	Management Accounting	Analyses of the internal deployment of the institution's financial resources.	Current financial year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Finance	Statutory Accounting	Records documenting the preparation of the institution's statutory accounts.	Current financial year + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5.
Finance	Internal Accounting	Records documenting the processing of internal accounting transactions between operating units (i.e. cross-charges).	Current financial year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Finance	Internal Accounting	Records documenting the negotiation and administration of formal contracts between operating units (e.g. for the provision of services.)	Termination of contract + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Finance	Funding Management	Records documenting the administration of annual funding allocations from the appropriate statutory funding body.	Current financial year + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Finance	Funding Management	Records documenting the administration of research grants provided by research councils or corporate sponsors.	Termination of grant + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5.

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Finance	Funding Management	Records documenting the administration of funding from European Structural Funds.	Final payment on the programme to the UK + 3 years from 31 December following the submission of the accounts in which the expenditure of the operation is included (see note).		<p>Council Regulation (EC) No. 1303/2013 Article 140.</p> <p><i>Documents relating to the implementation and financing of ESF funded projects must be retained until 3 years after the European Commission makes the final payment for the programme to the UK.</i></p> <p><i>The dates may be changed so it is advisable to retain all documents relating to ESF funded projects until a Government Office advises that they may be destroyed.</i></p>
Finance	Funding Management	Records documenting the administration of scholarship funds.	Current financial year + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Finance	Financial Planning & Budgeting	Records documenting the preparation of annual operating budgets.	Current financial year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Finance	Financial Planning & Budgeting	Records documenting the monitoring of income and expenditure against annual operating budgets, and action taken to deal with variances.	Current financial year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Finance	Investment Management	Records documenting the overall management of the institution's financial investment portfolio.	Divestment + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5.
Finance	Investment Management	Records documenting the purchase/sale of investments.	Current financial year (of transaction) + 6 years		Taxes Management Act 1970 c. 9 s 34.
Finance	Asset Management	Records documenting the value of the institution's capital assets.	Current financial year + 6 years		Taxes Management Act 1970 c. 9 s 34.
Finance	Asset Management	Records documenting decisions (and authorisations) to dispose of capital assets.	Current financial year (of disposal) + 6 years		<p>Taxes Management Act 1970 c. 9 s 34</p> <p>Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 ss 2 and 5.</p>
Tax and Cash Management	Tax Management	Records documenting the preparation and filing of the institution's tax returns.	Current tax year + 6 years		Taxes Management Act 1970 c. 9 s 34.

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Tax and Cash Management	Tax Management	Records documenting the institution's accounting for VAT.	Current tax year + 6 years		Value Added Tax Act 1994 c. 23 s 58 and Schedule 11, para. 6(3) The Value Added Tax Regulations (SI 1995/2518) s 31 HMRC VAT Notice 700/21 para. 5.2.
Tax and Cash Management	Cash Management	Records documenting the opening, closure and routine administration of bank accounts.	Closure of account + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5.
Tax and Cash Management	Cash Management	Records documenting standing orders, direct debits etc.	Life of instruction + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5.
Tax and Cash Management	Cash Management	Records documenting routine bank account deposits/withdrawals/transfers (paying-in slips, transfer instructions, bank statements etc.)	Current financial year + 6 years		Taxes Management Act 1970 c. 9 s 34 Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5.
Publications	Publications Strategy and Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's publications strategy and policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Publications	Publications Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's publications strategy, policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Publications	Publications Management Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to publications management.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Publications	Publications Acquisition	Records documenting the process of selecting publications to purchase.	Completion of purchase		Institutional business requirements.
Publications	Publications Acquisition	Records documenting decisions to (dis)continue purchase of publications.	Last action on issue + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Publications	Publications Organisation	Records documenting the institution's scheme(s) for classifying and cataloguing publications.	Until all catalogues based on the scheme are superseded		Institutional business requirements.
Publications	Publications Organisation	Catalogues/indexes	Superseded		Institutional business requirements.
Publications	Publications Storage & Handling	Records documenting the monitoring and control of storage conditions.	Current year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Publications	Publications Storage & Handling	Records documenting the movement of items from/to storage.	Return of items + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Publications	Publications Conservation	Records documenting conservation work undertaken on publications.	Life of items		Institutional business requirements.
Publications	Publications Disposal	Records documenting the authorisation for the disposal of redundant publications.	Disposal of publications + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Publications	Publishing Strategy	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's publishing strategy: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Publications	Publishing Strategy	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's publishing strategy: working papers.	Issue of strategy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Publications	Publishing Policy	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's publishing policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Publications	Publishing Policy	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's publishing policies: working papers.	Issue of policy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Publications	Publishing Procedure	Records documenting the development of the institution's procedures relating to the management of publishing.	Issue of procedures + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Publications	Publishing Procedure	Master copies of procedures relating to the management of publishing.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Publications	Publication Production	Records documenting the design, commissioning, editing and production of publications.	Issue of publication + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Publications	Publication Distribution	Records documenting the distribution of publications.	Current year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Publications	Publication Marketing	Records documenting the development of marketing plans for publications.	Life of publication		Institutional business requirements.
Publications	Management Information Collection	Dataset specifications and protocols for submission and collation of data.	Superseded		If datasets are archived, dataset specifications and protocols should be archived with them.
Publications	Management Information Analysis & Reporting	Management information reports	Current year + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Copyright	Copyright Compliance Administration	Applications for permission to copy from published works which are not covered by Copyright Licensing Agency licences, where permission is not granted.	Last action on application + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.



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Copyright	Copyright Compliance Administration	Applications for permission to copy from published works which are not covered by Copyright Licensing Agency licences, where permission is granted.	Period for which permission is granted + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5.
Copyright	Copyright Compliance Administration	Records documenting the compilation of statistical and other data required by the Copyright Licensing Agency, and the submission of this data to the Agency.	Current year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Copyright	Copyright Compliance Administration	Records documenting the institution's participation in surveys / audits undertaken by the Copyright Licensing Agency.	Completion of survey/audit		Institutional business requirements.
Copyright	Copyright Compliance Administration	Results of surveys / audits undertaken by the Copyright Licensing Agency (provided to the institution by the Agency).	Current + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Copyright	Copyright Compliance Administration	Records documenting the institution's participation in inspections undertaken by copyright owners or their representatives to check the institution's compliance with legal / contractual requirements.	Last action on case + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	IPR Management Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's IPR management policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	IPR Management Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to IPR management.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	IPR Protection	Records documenting the institution's applications for patents and patent certificates.	Life of patent + 50 years		Legal opinion.
Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	IPR Protection	Records documenting the institution's applications for other forms of IPR protection (registered trademarks, registered designs) and certificates of registration	End of registration + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5.
Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	IPR Protection	Applications for renewal of IPR protection, up to the maximum period permitted.	Life of patent/End of registration		Institutional business requirements.
Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	IPR Protection	Routine monitoring of third-party activity to detect infringements of the institution's IPR.	Current year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.

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Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	IPR Protection	Records documenting identified infringements of the institution's IPR, and action taken other than litigation.	Last action on case + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c.58 s 5.
Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	IPR Exploitation Strategy and Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's IPR exploitation strategy and policies: key records.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	IPR Exploitation Strategy, Policy, and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's IPR exploitation strategy, policies, and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	IPR Exploitation Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to IPR exploitation.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	IPR Assignment	Records documenting the negotiation and completion of IPR assignments to third parties.	Life of IPR + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5.
Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	IPR Licensing	Records documenting the negotiation and completion of IPR licence agreements to third parties.	Termination of licence + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5.
Information Communication Technology (ICT)	ICT Systems Strategy and Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's ICT systems strategy and policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Information Communication Technology (ICT)	ICT Systems Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's ICT systems strategy, policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Information Communication Technology (ICT)	ICT Systems Management Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to the management of ICT systems.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Information Communication Technology (ICT)	ICT Systems Development	Records documenting the initial development and post-implementation modification and maintenance of ICT systems.	Decommissioning of system + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.

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Information Communication Technology (ICT)	ICT Systems Development	Records documenting the initial development of ICT systems which are not implemented.	Last action on development + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Information Communication Technology (ICT)	ICT Systems Development	Records documenting the management of ICT systems development projects (i.e. project management records).	Termination of project + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Information Communication Technology (ICT)	ICT Systems Operations Management	Routine monitoring and testing of the operation of ICT systems, and action taken to rectify problems and optimise performance.	Current year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Information Communication Technology (ICT)	ICT Systems Operations Management	Records documenting faults reported by users of ICT systems, and action taken to investigate and resolve the problem.	Last action on fault + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Information Communication Technology (ICT)	ICT Systems Operations Management	Records documenting the management of system data storage, including the operation of routine data backup, archiving and deletion routines.	Current year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Information Communication Technology (ICT)	ICT Systems Operations Management	User requests to recover data from backup or archive stores, and action taken.	Last action on request + 3 months		Institutional business requirements.
Information Communication Technology (ICT)	ICT Systems Operations Management	Records documenting the maintenance of appropriate software licences for live ICT systems.	Issue of new licence		Institutional business requirements.
Information Communication Technology (ICT)	ICT Systems Security Management	Records documenting the security arrangements for ICT systems.	Decommissioning of system + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Information Communication Technology (ICT)	ICT Systems Security Management	Records documenting the opening, maintenance and closure of user accounts for ICT systems.	Closure of account + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Information Communication Technology (ICT)	ICT Systems Security Management	Records documenting routine monitoring of the use of ICT systems to ensure compliance with legal requirements and institutional policies.	Current year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Information Communication Technology (ICT)	ICT Systems Security Management	Records documenting attempted or actual security breaches of the institution's ICT systems, and action taken.	Last action on incident + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Information Communication Technology (ICT)	ICT Systems Security Management	Requests for, and authorisation of, connections of third-party equipment to the institution's networks, either on institutional premises or via dial-up communications links.	Termination of connection + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Information Communication Technology (ICT)	ICT Systems Security Management	Records documenting the removal/return of mobile ICT systems hardware and software from/to the institution's premises.	Return of equipment + 3 months		Institutional business requirements.
Information Communication Technology (ICT)	ICT Systems Security Management	Records documenting arrangements for the sanitisation of institutional ICT equipment prior to disposal.	Disposal of equipment + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Information Communication Technology (ICT)	ICT Systems Training	Records documenting the development of technical and application training for ICT system users.	Superseded + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Equipment	Equipment & Consumables Strategy and Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's equipment and consumables strategy and policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Equipment	Equipment & Consumables Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's equipment and consumables strategy, policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Equipment	Equipment & Consumables Management Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to the management of equipment and consumables.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Equipment	Equipment & Consumables Selection	Records documenting the development of specifications for, and the selection of, equipment/consumables: major items	Life of item + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c.58 s 5.
Equipment	Equipment & Consumables Selection	Records documenting the development of specifications for, and the selection of, equipment/consumables: items which are safety critical or associated with hazardous operations	Life of item + 40 years		<i>Retaining these records for a long period is in line with requirements/recommendations for retention of Health &amp; Safety records.</i>
Equipment	Equipment & Consumables Selection	Records documenting the development of specifications for, and the selection of, equipment/consumables: other items	Life of item		Institutional business requirements.
Equipment	Equipment & Consumables Storage	Monitoring of the condition of stored equipment/consumables.	Current year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Equipment	Equipment & Consumables Storage	Stock inventory for equipment/consumables.	Superseded		Institutional business requirements.
Equipment	Equipment & Consumables Storage	Routine stocktaking and stock checking.	Current year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Equipment	Equipment & Consumables Storage	Records documenting the movement of stock into and from storage.	Current year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Equipment	Equipment Installation/Commissioning	Records documenting the installation of equipment: major items.	Decommissioning/removal + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5.
Equipment	Equipment Installation/Commissioning	Records documenting the installation of equipment: items which are safety critical or associated with hazardous operations.	Decommissioning/removal + 40 years		Institutional business requirements.
Equipment	Equipment Installation/Commissioning	Records documenting the installation of equipment: other items.	Decommissioning/removal		Institutional business requirements.

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Equipment	Equipment Installation/Commissioning	Health and Safety File for fixed plant which is a 'structure' as defined in Regulation 2 of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1994 (SI 1994/3140).	Decommissioning/removal of plant		<p><i>Construction (Design and Management Regulations 2015</i>  <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uk/si/2015/51/pdfs/uk/si_20150051_en.pdf">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uk/si/2015/51/pdfs/uk/si_20150051_en.pdf</a>  <i>does not prescribe a retention period for these records but implies that the Health and Safety File for a structure should be retained for the life of the structure.</i></p> <p><i>A Health and Safety File is transferred to the new owner when a structure is sold.</i></p>
Equipment	Equipment Installation/Commissioning	Reports of pre-commissioning examinations of lifting equipment, as required by Regulation 9(1) and 9(2) of the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (SI 1998/2307).	Decommissioning		The Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (SI 1998/2307) Regulation 11(2)(a)(i) and 11(2)(a)(iii).
Equipment	Equipment Installation/Commissioning	Reports of pre-commissioning examinations of accessories for lifting, as required Regulation 9(1) of the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (SI 1998/2307).	Date of report + 2 years		The Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (SI 1998/2307) Regulation 11(2)(a)(ii).
Equipment	Equipment Inspection, Testing & Maintenance	Records documenting the inspection, testing and maintenance of equipment, except as specified elsewhere.	Disposal of item + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Equipment	Equipment Inspection, Testing & Maintenance	Records documenting the inspection, testing and maintenance of equipment: major items other than those specified elsewhere.	Decommissioning/Removal + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c.58 s 5
Equipment	Equipment Inspection, Testing & Maintenance	Maintenance logs for equipment	Life of equipment + 6 years		The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (SI 1998/2306) Regulation 5(2) Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5.
Equipment	Equipment Inspection, Testing & Maintenance	Records documenting inspections of equipment, made under Regulation 6 of the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (SI 1998/2306).	Completion of subsequent inspection		The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (SI 1998/2306) Regulation 6(3).

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Equipment	Equipment Inspection, Testing & Maintenance	Records documenting the inspection, testing and maintenance of equipment: items which are safety critical or are associated with hazardous operations.	Decommissioning/Dismposal + 15 years		Limitation Act 1980 c.58 s 14  <i>The Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations (SI 1997/1840) Regulation 6 requires the maintenance of fire detection and fire-fighting equipment but does not prescribe a retention period for records in relation to this activity. Retaining a maintenance history provides evidence of compliance and effective management of health and safety over time.</i>
Equipment	Equipment Inspection, Testing & Maintenance	Records documenting the examination, testing and repair of plant and equipment provided to control exposure to substances hazardous to health, as required by Regulation 9 of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/2677).	Date of examination/test/repair + 5 years		The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (SI 2002/2677) Regulation 9(4).
Equipment	Equipment Inspection, Testing & Maintenance	Records documenting the examination, testing and repair of plant and equipment provided to control exposure to asbestos, as required by Regulation 13 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006 (SI 2006/2739).	Date of examination/test/repair + 5 years		The Control of Asbestos Regulations (SI 2012/632) Regulation 13(3).
Equipment	Equipment Inspection, Testing & Maintenance	Records documenting the examination, testing and repair of plant and equipment provided to control exposure to lead, as required by Regulation 8 of the Control of Lead at Work Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/2676).	Date of examination/test/repair + 5 years		The Control of Lead at Work Regulations (SI 2002/2676) Regulation 8(4).
Equipment	Equipment Inspection, Testing & Maintenance	Records documenting the examination, testing and repair of personal protective equipment provided to control exposure to ionising radiation, as required by Regulation 10(2) of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999 (SI 1999/3232).	Date of examination/test/repair + 2 years		The Ionising Radiations Regulations (SI 2017/1075) Regulation 11(2)(b).
Equipment	Equipment Inspection, Testing & Maintenance	Records documenting the examination, testing and repair of other equipment provided to control exposure to ionising radiation, as required by Regulation 10(1) of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999 (SI 1999/3232).	Date of examination/test/repair + 5 years		The Ionising Radiations Regulations (SI 2017/1075) <i>does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i>

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Equipment	Equipment Inspection, Testing & Maintenance	Records documenting the maintenance and testing of equipment for monitoring levels of ionising radiation, as required by Regulation 19(2) of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999 (SI 1999/3232).	Date of maintenance/testing + 2 years		The Ionising Radiations Regulations (SI 1999/3232) Regulation 19(4)(c)
Equipment	Equipment Inspection, Testing & Maintenance	Reports of inspection and 'thorough examination' of lifting equipment, as required by Regulation 9 of the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (SI 1998/2307).	Date of subsequent report OR Date of report + 2 years, whichever is the later		The Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (SI 1998/2307) Regulation 11(2)(a)(iv).
Equipment	Equipment & Consumables Disposal	Records documenting authorisation for the disposal of equipment/consumables, and the evaluation of alternative methods of disposal.	Disposal of item + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Equipment	Equipment & Consumables Disposal	Records documenting the cleaning/sanitisation of equipment/consumables prior to disposal: items used in connection with operations involving substances hazardous to health.	Disposal of item + 15 years		Limitation Act 1980 c.58 s 14
Equipment	Equipment & Consumables Disposal	Records documenting the cleaning/sanitisation of equipment/consumables prior to disposal: other items.	Disposal if item + 6 year		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Equipment	Equipment & Consumables Disposal	Records documenting the transfer of ownership of equipment/consumables.	Disposal of item + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Insurance	Insurance Strategy and Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's insurance strategy and policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Insurance	Insurance Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's insurance strategy, policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Insurance	Insurance Management Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to the management of insurance cover and claims.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Insurance	Insurance Policy Management	Records documenting the arrangement and renewal of insurance policies: employers' liability insurance.  See also Employers' Liability Insurance Certificates.	Expiry of policy + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c.58 s 5



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Insurance	Insurance Policy Management	Employers' Liability Insurance Certificates	Commencement/Renewal of policy + 40 years		The Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Regulations (SI 1998/2573) Regulation 4(4)
Insurance	Insurance Policy Management	Records documenting the arrangement and renewal of insurance policies: all other insurance.	Expiry of policy + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c.58 s 5
Insurance	Insurance Claim Administration	Records documenting claims, and the outcomes of claims, against insurance policies.	Settlement of claim + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c.58 s 5
Procurement	Procurement Strategy and Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's procurement strategy and policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Procurement	Procurement Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's procurement strategy, policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Procurement	Procurement Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to the management of procurement.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Procurement	Supplier Approval	Records documenting supplier evaluation criteria.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Procurement	Supplier Approval	Records documenting invitations to prospective suppliers to apply for approval.	Expiry of invitation OR Rejection of application + 6 months OR Completion of approval		Institutional business requirements.
Procurement	Supplier Approval	Records documenting the evaluation of applications for approval from prospective suppliers, and notification of the outcome: approved suppliers.	Termination of approval		Institutional business requirements.
Procurement	Supplier Approval	Records documenting the evaluation of applications for approval from prospective suppliers, and notification of the outcome: rejected suppliers.	Rejection + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Procurement	Supplier Approval	Supplier database	While current		Institutional business requirements.
Procurement	Contract Tendering	Records documenting the process of inviting and evaluating pre-qualification submissions from prospective suppliers.	Award of supply contract + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Procurement	Contract Tendering	Invitations to Tender and tender evaluation criteria.	Termination of supply contract awarded + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Procurement	Contract Tendering	Records documenting the issue of Invitations to Tender and handling of incoming tenders.	Award of supply contract + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Procurement	Contract Tendering	Records documenting the evaluation of tenders, the conduct of negotiations with tenderers and the notification of the results of the tender evaluation process: rejected tenders.	Award of supply contract + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Procurement	Contract Tendering	Records documenting the evaluation of tenders, the conduct of negotiations with tenderers and the notification of the results of the tender evaluation process: accepted tenders.	Termination of contract + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Procurement	Contract Tendering	Contract award notices sent to the Official Journal, as required by Regulation 31 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/102) or by Regulation 31 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/446).	Termination of contract + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5  <i>The Public Contracts Regulations (SI 2015/102) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i>  <i>SSI 2006/1 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i>
Procurement	Contract Tendering	Records documenting contracts awarded, containing the information specified in Regulation 32 (14) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/102) or by Regulation 32(14) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/446).	Termination of contract + 10 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5  <i>The Public Contracts Regulations (SI 2015/102) does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i>  <i>The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations (SSI 2015/446) states that “documentation must be kept for a period of at least 3 years from the date of award of the contract”.</i>  <i>These are summary records of each contract awarded and retention of</i>

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Procurement	Contract Tendering	Statistical and other reports on contracts awarded prepared for the Office of Government Commerce, as required by Regulation 40 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/102) or for the Scottish Ministers, as required by the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/446).	Current year + 3 years		<i>SI 2015/102 does not prescribe a retention period for these records.</i>  <i>The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations (SSI 2015/446) states that "documentation must be kept for a period of at least 3 years from the date of award of the contract".</i>
Procurement	Purchasing	Records documenting purchasing authorisation limits.	Superseded + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
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Procurement	Purchasing	Records documenting internal authorisation for procurement.	Current financial year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Procurement	Purchasing	Purchase orders	Current financial year + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5 HMRC 700/21 para. 5.2
Procurement	Purchasing	Goods received notes/goods inwards notes	Current financial year + 6 years		1980 c. 58 s 5 HMRC 700/21 para. 5.2
Procurement	Contract Management	Records documenting variations to contracts (e.g. revisions, extensions).	Termination of contract + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Procurement	Contract Management	Records documenting the monitoring of supplier performance and action taken regarding under-performance.	Termination of contract + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Education and Training	Education & Training Strategy and Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's education and training strategy and policies: key records.	Superseded + 10 years		Superseded + 10 years
Education and Training	Education & Training Strategy and Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's education and training strategy, policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Education and Training	Education & Training Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to education and training.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Education and Training	Education & Training Programme Development	Records documenting the development of education and training programmes.	Life of programme + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.

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Education and Training	Education & Training Programme Review	Records containing data on, and analyses of, student numbers and other programme statistics.	Current academic year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Education and Training	Education & Training Programme Delivery	Records documenting the preparation of teaching and learning materials.	Current academic year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Education and Training	Education & Training Programme Delivery	Records documenting the planning and conduct of teaching and learning events.	Current academic year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Education and Training	Education & Training Programme Assessment	Records documenting the design and development of assessments.	Life of programme		Institutional business requirements.
Education and Training	Education & Training Programme Assessment	Records documenting submitted/completed assessments: formative assessments.	Current academic year		Institutional business requirements.
Education and Training	Education & Training Programme Assessment	Records documenting submitted/completed assessments: summative assessments.	Confirmation of marks/grades + 6 months.		Institutional business requirements.
Education and Training	Education & Training Programme Assessment	Records documenting marks/grades given to submitted/completed summative assessments and, where appropriate, awards and classifications.	Current academic year + 6 years		Limitation Act, 1980 c. 58 s 5
Education and Training	Education & Training Contract Management	Records documenting the negotiation and establishment of contracts.	Termination of contract + 6 years		Limitation Act, 1980 c. 58 s 5
Consultancy	Consultancy Strategy and Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's consultancy strategy and policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Consultancy	Consultancy Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's consultancy strategy, policies, and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Consultancy	Consultancy Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to consultancy.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.

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Consultancy	Consultancy Promotion	Directories of expertise	Current		<i>Retention of these records must comply with the provisions of current data protection laws (the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679).</i>
Consultancy	Consultancy Prospect Management	Records documenting the handling of enquiries about consultancy, where no further action is taken.	Last action on enquiry + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Consultancy	Consultancy Prospect Management	Records documenting the preparation and submission of consultancy proposals/tenders, where the proposal/tender is unsuccessful (i.e. does not result in a contract).	Receipt of notification that proposal/tender was unsuccessful + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Consultancy	Consultancy Prospect Management	Records documenting the preparation and submission of consultancy proposals/tenders, where the proposal/tender is successful (i.e. results in a contract): key records.	Termination of contract + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Consultancy	Consultancy Contract Management	Records documenting the negotiation and agreement of contracts, and subsequent variations to contracts: key records.	Termination of contract + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Consultancy	Consultancy Contract Management	Records documenting the negotiation and agreement of contracts, and subsequent variations to contracts: working papers.	Agreement of contract		Institutional business requirements.
Consultancy	Consultancy Project Management	Records documenting the management of consultancy projects: key records.	Termination of contract + 3 years		Common audit requirement
Consultancy	Consultancy Project Management and Delivery	Records documenting the management of consultancy projects, scheduling of meetings, interviews, deliverables/outcomes, draft versions and other project work: working papers.	Termination of contract		Institutional business requirements.
Consultancy	Consultancy Project Delivery	Records documenting substantive project work.	Termination of contract + 3 years		Common audit requirement  <i>Information/records provided by clients may be returned to them at the end of projects.</i>
Consultancy	Consultancy Project Delivery	Records documenting project deliverables/outcomes: final versions and confirmations of client acceptance.	Termination of contract + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5

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Related Companies	Related Companies Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's related companies strategy, policies and procedures: key records.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Related Companies	Related Companies Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's related companies strategy, policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Commercial Services Management	Commercial Services Strategy and Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's commercial services strategy and policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Commercial Services Management	Commercial Services Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's commercial services strategy, policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Commercial Services Management	Commercial Services Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to the management of commercial services.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.

## Information Compliance

Function	Activity	Record Group	Retention Period	Notes	Citations
Information Strategy and Data Protection	Information Compliance Strategy and Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's information compliance strategy and policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Information Strategy and Data Protection	Information Compliance Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's information compliance strategy, policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Information Strategy and Data Protection	Information Compliance Management Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to information compliance.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Information Strategy and Data Protection	Data Protection Compliance	The institution's notification of data controller details (to be added to the public register of data controllers) to the Information Commissioner's Office, as required by the Data Protection Act 2018.	Current year + 1 year		<i>Notification must be renewed annually to maintain an entry in the public register of data controllers.</i>
Information Strategy and Data Protection	Data Protection Compliance	Records documenting the handling of requests for access to personal information held by the institution under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).	Last action on request + 1 year		<p>Common practice</p> <p><i>GDPR does not prescribe a retention period for these records and the ICO does not advise a specific retention period.</i></p> <p><i>A longer retention period may be appropriate for records documenting the handling of requests which resulted in complaints or appeals.</i></p>

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Information Strategy and Data Protection	Data Protection Compliance	(Anonymised) statistics, analyses and reports of requests for access to personal information held by the institution under current data protection laws (the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679).	Current year + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Information Strategy and Data Protection	Data Protection Compliance	Privacy notices.	Conclusion of the activity to which the privacy notice relates + 6 years		GDPR 5(1) (e) Limitation Act 1980.
Freedom of Information	Freedom of Information Compliance	Records documenting the development and maintenance of the institution's Publication Scheme, as required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c. 36) and the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (asp 13).	Completion of revision of Publication Scheme + 5 years		Freedom of Information Act 2000  See:  <i>'Model publication scheme Freedom of Information Act' 2015 (ICO).</i>  <i>'Definition document for universities and other higher education institutions' and 'Definition document for colleges of further education' ICO (2013).</i>
Freedom of Information	Freedom of Information Compliance	Records documenting the handling of requests for information held by the institution, made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c. 36) or the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (asp 13).	Completion of request handling process + 3 years		Freedom of Information Act 2000  <i>Records created by a public body fulfilling its obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The National Archives).</i>  The National Archives recommends '3 Years after date of creation'. See Model Retention Schedule for Records Created by a Public Body Fulfilling FOI obligations (The National Archives).  <i>Records (or information extracted from them) relating to cases which set legal precedents, or which establish principles for handling requests for certain types of information should be kept for longer, possibly as part of policy development records (see INFORMATION COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT - INFORMATION COMPLIANCE POLICY DEVELOPMENT).</i>  <i>A request handling process is completed when the request has been fulfilled or when all complaints and/or appeals (against non-disclosure of information or methods of handling the request) have been determined.</i>



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Freedom of Information	Freedom of Information Compliance	(Anonymised) management statistics, analyses and reports of requests for information held by the institution, made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c. 36) or the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (asp 13).	Current year + 10 years		Freedom of Information Act 2000  <i>Records created by a public body fulfilling its obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The National Archives).</i>  <i>See 'Definition document for universities and other higher education institutions' and 'Definition document for colleges of further education' ICO (2013).</i>
Freedom of Information	Freedom of Information Compliance	(Anonymised) management statistics, analyses and reports of requests for information held by the institution, made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c. 36) or the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (asp 13).	Current year + 10 years		Freedom of Information Act 2000  <i>Records created by a public body fulfilling its obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The National Archives).</i>  <i>See 'Definition document for universities and other higher education institutions' and 'Definition document for colleges of further education' ICO (2013).</i>
Environmental Information Compliance	Environmental Information Compliance	Records documenting the handling of requests for environmental information held by the institution, made under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3391) or the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (SSI 2004/520).	Completion of request handling process + 3 years		<i>This recommended retention period is in line with the period recommended by The National Archives for retention of records relating to the handling of requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. See Records created by a public body fulfilling its obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The National Archives).</i>  <i>Records (or information extracted from them) relating to cases which set legal precedents or which establish principles for handling requests for certain types of information should be kept for longer, possibly as part of policy development records (see INFORMATION COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT - INFORMATION COMPLIANCE POLICY DEVELOPMENT).</i>
Environmental Information Compliance	Environmental Information Compliance	(Anonymised) management statistics, analyses and reports of requests for environmental information held by the institution, made under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3391) or the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (SSI 2004/520).	Current year + 10 years		<i>Records created by a public body fulfilling its obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The National Archives).</i>
Records Management	Records Management Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's records management strategy: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.

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Records Management	Records Management Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's records management strategy: working papers.	Issue of strategy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Records Management	Records Management Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's records management policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Records Management	Records Management Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's records management policies: working papers.	Issue of policy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Records Management	Records Management Procedure Development	Records documenting the development of the institution's procedures relating to records management.	Issue of procedures + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Records Management	Records Management Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to records management.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Records Management	Records Creation & Capture	Records documenting recordkeeping requirements for specific business activities and processes.	Superseded		Institutional business requirements.
Records Management	Records Organisation & Description	Records documenting classification and indexing schemes for records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Records Management	Records Storage & Handling	Records documenting storage locations of records.	Superseded		Institutional business requirements.
Records Management	Records Storage & Handling	Records documenting the movement of records to/from storage.	Return of records + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Records Management	Records Access Control	Records documenting the provision of access to records.	Date of access + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Records Management	Records Retention	Records documenting the determination of retention periods for records.	Completion of revised Records Retention Schedule + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Records Management	Records Retention	Final versions of Records Retention Schedules	Permanent		<i>Retaining a history of retention periods provides evidence of effective control of records and the basis for disposal of records.</i>
Records Management	Records Retention	Review of individual records to determine requirements for ongoing retention, where records are disposed of.	Life of records + 25 years		Institutional business requirements.
Records Management	Records Maintenance	Records documenting conservation work undertaken on records.	Disposal of records		Institutional business requirements.

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Records Management	Records Disposal	Records documenting authorisation for the disposal of redundant records.	Disposal of records + 25 years		Institutional business requirements.
Records Management	Records Survey/Audit	Records documenting the conduct and results of records surveys/audits.	Completion of subsequent survey/audit		<i>This retention period assumes that the purpose and scope of the subsequent audit is comparable. If it is not, a longer retention period may be appropriate.</i>
Archives and Collections	Archives Strategy and Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's archives strategy and policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Archives and Collections	Archives Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's archives strategy, policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Archives and Collections	Archives Management Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to archives management.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Archives and Collections	Archives Acquisition	Records documenting the development and establishment of the selection criteria for records to be preserved as archives.	Life of archives		Institutional business requirements.
Archives and Collections	Archives Acquisition	Records documenting the appraisal, selection and acquisition of records for preservation as institutional archives.	Life of records		Institutional business requirements.
Archives and Collections	Archives Acquisition	Records documenting the accessioning of records acquired for preservation as archives.	Life of archives		Institutional business requirements.
Archives and Collections	Archives Organisation & Description	Records documenting the institution's scheme of arrangement for its archives.	Life of records arranged according to the scheme		Institutional business requirements.
Archives and Collections	Archives Organisation & Description	Records documenting the development of the institution's standard descriptive model for its archives.	Life of records described using the model		Institutional business requirements.
Archives and Collections	Archives Organisation & Description	Records containing the descriptions of the records held as archives.	Life of records		Institutional business requirements.
Archives and Collections	Archives Storage & Handling	Records documenting the monitoring and control of the storage of archives.	Current year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Archives and Collections	Archives Storage & Handling	Records documenting the movement of archives from/to storage.	Return of items + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Archives and Collections	Archives Access Control	Requests for access to archives.	Last action on request + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Archives and Collections	Archives Conservation	Records documenting conservation work undertaken on items in the archives.	Life of records		Institutional business requirements.

Function	Activity	Record Group	Retention Period	Notes	Citations
Archives and Collections	Archives Disposal	Records documenting authorisation for the disposal of de-accessioned records.	Completion of disposal process + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Archives and Collections	Archives Promotion & Exploitation	Records documenting the development and maintenance of specialised finding aids to promote and facilitate access to (items in) the archives.	Superseded		Institutional business requirements.
Archives and Collections	Archives Promotion & Exploitation	Records documenting the design and distribution of promotional materials to raise awareness and encourage use of (items in) the archives.	Superseded		Institutional business requirements.
Archives and Collections	Archives Promotion & Exploitation	Records documenting enquiries about (items in) the archives, and the responses provided.  Note: key information from substantive enquiries may be extracted and indexed to avoid repetitive research.	Last action on enquiry + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Archives and Collections	Archives Promotion & Exploitation	Records documenting the selection and use of items from the archives by institutional staff (e.g. for teaching events, publications, exhibitions).	Current + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Archives and Collections	Archives Promotion & Exploitation	Records documenting the selection and use of items from the archives by third parties (e.g. for exhibitions, publications, television programmes).	Last action on project + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Archives and Collections	Archives Promotion & Exploitation	Records documenting loans of items from the archives to third parties.	Termination of loan + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c.58 s 5
Collections	Collections Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's collections strategy: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Collections	Collections Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's collections strategy: working papers.	Issue of strategy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Collections	Collections Management Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's collections management policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Collections	Collections Management Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's collections management policies: working papers.	Issue of policy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Collections	Collections Management Procedure Development	Records documenting the development of the institution's procedures relating to collections management.	Issue of procedures + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Collections	Collections Management Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to collections management.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Collections	Collections Promotion	Records documenting the design and development of promotional materials.	While materials are current		<i>Select significant materials for permanent retention.</i>
Collections	Collections Promotion	Records documenting the design and implementation of promotional events.	Last action on event + 5 years		<i>Select key records of significant events for permanent retention.</i>
Collections	Collections Promotion	Enquiries about collections and the responses given.	Last action on enquiry + 1 year		<i>Key information from substantive enquiries may be extracted and indexed to avoid repetitive research.</i>
Collections	Collections Use	Records documenting the receipt and evaluation of requests / proposals for use of collections or objects, where the requests / proposals are rejected.	Last action on request / proposal + 1 year.		Institutional business requirements.
Collections	Collections Use	Records documenting the receipt and evaluation of requests / proposals for use of collections or objects, where the requests / proposals are authorised.	Completion of use + 5 years.		Institutional business requirements.
Collections	Collections Use	Records documenting the authorised use of collections or objects, and actions taken to facilitate, monitor or control use (e.g. checking environmental conditions, handling / operating objects; taking samples from objects).	Completion of use + 5 years.		<i>Information about actions which have a direct impact on the condition of objects should be recorded in the object's catalogue record.</i>
Objects	Object Receipt	Records documenting the receipt of objects which are not currently part of the institution's collections.  SPECTRUM: Object Entry records	Current year + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Objects	Object Borrowing	Records documenting loans of objects to the institution by other organisations or by individuals.  SPECTRUM: Loan In records.	Permanent		<a href="https://collectionstrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Loans-in-spectrum-factsheet-2015.pdf">https://collectionstrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Loans-in-spectrum-factsheet-2015.pdf</a>  Spectrum Advice, Collections Trust, Version 4.0, Jan 2015, Section 6.
Objects	Object Acquisition	Records documenting the acquisition of objects for the institution's collections.  SPECTRUM: Accession records.	Permanent		<a href="https://collectionstrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Acquisition-spectrum-factsheet-2015.pdf">https://collectionstrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Acquisition-spectrum-factsheet-2015.pdf</a>  Spectrum Advice, Collections Trust, Version 4.0, Jan 2015, Section 4.

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Objects	Object Location & Movement Control	Records documenting the location and movement of objects within the institution's premises.  SPECTRUM: Location and Movement Records.	Permanent		<a href="https://collectionstrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Acquisition-spectrum-factsheet-2015.pdf">https://collectionstrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Acquisition-spectrum-factsheet-2015.pdf</a>  Spectrum Advice, Collections Trust, Version 4.0, Jan 2015, Section 4.
Objects	Object Cataloguing	Records documenting key information about objects in the institution's collections.  SPECTRUM: Catalogue records.	Permanent		<a href="https://collectionstrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Acquisition-spectrum-factsheet-2015.pdf">https://collectionstrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Acquisition-spectrum-factsheet-2015.pdf</a>  Spectrum Advice, Collections Trust, Version 4.0, Jan 2015, Section 4.
Objects	Object Dispatch	Records documenting objects which have left the institution's premises.  SPECTRUM: Object Exit Records.	Return of item + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Objects	Object Lending	Records documenting loans of objects to other organisations or to individuals.  SPECTRUM: Loan Out records.	Return of loaned item + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.

## Communications

Function	Activity	Record Group	Retention Period	Notes	Citations
Policy and Planning	Public Relations Strategy and Policies Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's public relations strategy and policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Policy and Planning	Public Relations Strategy, Policy, and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's public relations strategy, policies, and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Policy and Planning	Public Relations Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to public relations.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Policy and Planning	Public Communications Management	Enquiries from members of the public and the responses provided.	Last action on enquiry + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Policy and Planning	Public Communications Management	Unsolicited feedback from members of the public, the internal handling of this feedback and the responses provided.	Last action on feedback + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Policy and Planning	Public Communications Management	Records documenting the design and conduct of public surveys.	Completion of survey + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Policy and Planning	Public Communications Management	Results of public surveys: individual responses.	Completion of analysis of survey responses		<i>The retention period will depend on what was stated in the privacy notice when the data was collected. After this period, responses can be anonymised for the purposes of analysis to ensure compliance with GDPR.</i>

Function	Activity	Record Group	Retention Period	Notes	Citations
Policy and Planning	Public Communications Management	Results of public surveys: summaries and analyses of responses	Completion of survey + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Policy and Planning	Public Communications Management	Complaints from members of the public, the internal handling of these complaints and the responses provided.	Last action on complaint + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Policy and Planning	Public Events Management	Records documenting the planning and impact/results of public events.	Completion of event + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Policy and Planning	Public Events Management	Records documenting the organisation and administration of public events.	Completion of event + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Policy and Planning	Official Visits Management	Records documenting the organisation and administration of official visits.	Completion of visit + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Policy and Planning	Sponsorship Management	Records documenting the arrangements for corporate sponsorship of public events by the institution.	Termination of sponsorship + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Policy and Planning	Welsh and Gaelic Language	Records documenting the development of the institution's language policy for example Welsh Language Schemes.	Permanent (review for archival value)		Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 Welsh Language Act 1993 Northern Ireland Act 1998.
Policy and Planning	Welsh and Gaelic Language	Records documenting the implementation of the institution's language policy.	Current year + 6 years		Limitation Act, 1980
Policy and Planning	Welsh and Gaelic Language	Records monitoring and auditing the implementation of the language policy.	Completion of next audit + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Media Relations	Media Relations Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's media relations strategy: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Media Relations	Media Relations Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's media relations strategy: working papers.	Issue of strategy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Media Relations	Media Relations Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's media relations policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Media Relations	Media Relations Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's media relations policies: working papers.	Issue of policy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Media Relations	Media Relations Procedure Development	Records documenting the development of the institution's procedures relating to media relations.	Issue of procedures + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.



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Media Relations	Media Relations Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to media relations.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Media Relations	Media Communications Management	Records documenting the institution's media contacts.	Superseded		Institutional business requirements.
Media Relations	Media Communications Management	Records documenting the planning and organisation of media briefings.	Date of briefing + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Media Relations	Media Communications Management	Transcripts of media briefings	Date of briefing + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Media Relations	Media Communications Management	Records documenting the planning and organisation of media interviews.	Date of interview + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Media Relations	Media Communications Management	Transcripts of media interviews.	Date of interview + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Media Relations	Media Communications Management	Press releases.	Current year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Media Relations	Media Communications Management	Records documenting media enquiries, the internal handling of these enquiries and responses provided.	Last action on enquiry + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Media Relations	Media Monitoring	Records documenting the monitoring and analysis of media coverage of the institution.	Current year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Media Relations	Media Monitoring	Press cuttings.	Creation + 1 year		Creation + 1 year
Sector Relations	HE/FE Sector Relations Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's HE/FE sector relations strategy: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Sector Relations	HE/FE Sector Relations Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's HE/FE sector relations strategy: working papers.	Issue of strategy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Sector Relations	HE/FE Sector Relations Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's HE/FE sector relations policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Sector Relations	HE/FE Sector Relations Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's HE/FE sector relations policies: working papers.	Issue of policy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Sector Relations	HE/FE Sector Relations Procedure Development	Records documenting the development of the institution's procedures relating to HE/FE sector relations.	Issue of procedures + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Sector Relations	HE/FE Sector Relations Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to HE/FE sector relations.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Sector Relations	HE/FE Sector Communications Development	General communications with other HE/FE institutions, other educational institutions, professional associations and learned bodies.	Current year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Sector Relations	HE/FE Sector Communications Development	Records documenting the production of publications specifically intended for the HE and/or FE sector(s).	Publication + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Sector Relations	HE/FE Sector Communications Development	Publications	While current + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Sector Relations	HE/FE Sector Communications Development	General enquiries from institutions and other bodies in the sector, the internal handling of these enquiries and the responses given.	Last action of enquiry + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Sector Relations	HE/FE Sector Consultations Management	Records documenting the preparation of the institution's formal responses to consultations conducted by HE/FE sector organisations (including records of internal consultation processes).	Last action on consultation + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Sector Relations	HE/FE Sector Consultations Management	Records documenting the institution's formal responses to consultations conducted by HE/FE sector organisations.	Last action on consultation + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Sector Relations	HE/FE Sector Reporting	Records documenting the preparation and submission of reports to HE/FE regulatory bodies.	Submission of report + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Sector Relations	HE/FE Sector Events Management	Records documenting the planning and impact/results of events for the HE sector.	Completion of event + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Sector Relations	HE/FE Sector Events Management	Records documenting the organisation and administration of events for the HE sector.	Completion of event + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Sector Relations	HE/FE Sector Representation	Records documenting the institution's membership of organisations.	Termination of membership + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Sector Relations	HE/FE Sector Representation	Records documenting the institution's participation in the activities of external organisations (including committees).	Termination of involvement + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Sector Relations	HE/FE Sector Collaboration	Records documenting the establishment of formal contractual relationships between the institution and other HE/FE institutions.	Termination of contractual relationship + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Government and Parliamentary Relations	Government Relations Strategy and Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's government relations strategy: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Government and Parliamentary Relations	Government Relations Strategy, Policy and Procedures Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's government relations strategy, policies and procedures: working papers.	Issue of document + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Government and Parliamentary Relations	Government Relations Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to government relations.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Government and Parliamentary Relations	Government Communications Management	General correspondence with government bodies.	Current year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Government and Parliamentary Relations	Government Communications Management	Requests for information from government bodies, the consideration of the requests, preparation of responses and the responses provided.	Last action on request + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Government and Parliamentary Relations	Government Consultations Management	Records documenting the consideration and preparation of the institution's formal responses to consultations conducted by government bodies (including records of internal consultation processes).	Last action on consultation + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Government and Parliamentary Relations	Government Consultations and Management	Records documenting the institution's formal responses to consultations conducted by government bodies.	Last action on consultation + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Government and Parliamentary Relations	Government Reporting	Records documenting the preparation and submission of reports to government bodies.	Submission of report + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Government and Parliamentary Relations	Government Inquiries/Investigations Management	Records documenting the institution's participation in formal government or public inquiries.	Last action on inquiry + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Government and Parliamentary Relations	Parliamentary Relations Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's parliamentary relations strategy: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Government and Parliamentary Relations	Parliamentary Relations Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's parliamentary relations strategy: working papers.	Issue of strategy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Government and Parliamentary Relations	Parliamentary Relations Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's parliamentary relations policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.

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Government and Parliamentary Relations	Parliamentary Relations Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's parliamentary relations policies: working papers.	Issue of policy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Government and Parliamentary Relations	Parliamentary Relations Procedure Development	Records documenting the development of the institution's procedures relating to parliamentary relations.	Issue of procedures + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Government and Parliamentary Relations	Parliamentary Relations Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to parliamentary relations.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Government and Parliamentary Relations	Parliamentary Communications Management	General correspondence with parliamentary bodies.	Current year + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Government and Parliamentary Relations	Parliamentary Communications Management	Requests for information from parliamentary bodies, the consideration of the requests, preparation of responses and the responses provided.	Last action on request + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Government and Parliamentary Relations	Parliamentary Consultations Management	Records documenting the preparation of the institution's formal responses to consultations conducted by parliamentary bodies (including records of internal consultation processes).	Last action on consultation + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Government and Parliamentary Relations	Parliamentary Consultations and Management	Records documenting the institution's formal responses to consultations conducted by parliamentary bodies.	Last action on consultation + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Government and Parliamentary Relations	Parliamentary Inquiries & Investigations Management	Records documenting the institution's participation in formal parliamentary inquiries.	Last action on inquiry + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Community Relations	Community Relations Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's community relations strategy: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Community Relations	Community Relations Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's community relations strategy: working papers.	Issue of strategy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Community Relations	Community Relations Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's community relations policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Community Relations	Community Relations Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's community relations policies: working papers.	Issue of policy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Community Relations	Community Relations Procedure Development	Records documenting the development of the institution's procedures relating to community relations.	Issue of procedures + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Community Relations	Community Relations Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to community relations.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Community Relations	Community Communications Management	Enquiries from members of the local community and the responses provided.	Last action of enquiry + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Community Relations	Community Communications Management	Unsolicited feedback from members of the local community, the internal handling of this feedback and the responses provided.	Last action on feedback + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Community Relations	Community Communications Management	Records documenting the design and conduct of community surveys.	Completion of survey + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Community Relations	Community Communications Management	Results of community surveys: individual responses.	Completion of analysis of survey responses		<i>The retention period will depend on what was stated in the privacy notice when the data was collected. After this period, responses can be anonymised for the purposes of analysis to ensure compliance with GDPR.</i>
Community Relations	Community Communications Management	Results of community surveys: summaries and analyses of responses.	Completion of survey + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Community Relations	Community Communications Management	Complaints from members of the local community, the internal handling of these complaints and the responses provided.	Last action on complaint + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Community Relations	Community Events Management	Records documenting the planning and impact/results of local community events.	Completion of event + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Community Relations	Community Events Management	Records documenting the organisation and administration of local community events.	Completion of event + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Community Relations	Community Representation	Records documenting the institution's membership of local community organisations.	Termination of membership + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Community Relations	Community Representation	Records documenting the institution's participation in the activities of local community organisations (including committees).	Termination of involvement + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Students Union	Students' Union Relations Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's students' union relations strategy: key records.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Students Union	Students' Union Relations Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's students' union relations strategy: working papers.	Issue of strategy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Students Union	Students' Union Relations Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's policies on students' union relations: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Students Union	Students' Union Relations Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's policies on students' union relations: working papers.	Issue of policy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Students Union	Students' Union Relations Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's code of practice on the oversight of the operations and finances of its students' union, as required by Section 22(3) of the Education Act 1994.	Issue of revised Code of Practice + 1 year		<i>1994 c. 30 does not prescribe a retention period.</i>
Students Union	Students' Union Relations Policy Development	Code of Practice required by Section 22(3) of the Education Act 1994.	Superseded + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Students Union	Students' Union Relations Procedure Development	Records documenting the development of the institution's procedures relating to students' union relations.	Issue of procedures + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Students Union	Students' Union Relations Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to students' union relations.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Students Union	Students' Union Constitution Review & Approval	Records documenting the process of reviewing the students' union's constitution, as required by s. 22(2) of the Education Act 1994.	NA		<i>The governing body's formal review and approval of the students' union's constitution will be recorded in the minutes of the appropriate meetings of the governing body. These records will be retained with the records of the governing body.</i>
Students Union	Students' Union Funding	Records documenting the process of negotiating and agreeing funding to be provided by the institution to its students' union.	Current financial year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.



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Students Union	Students' Union Financial Monitoring	Records documenting the process of reviewing the students' union's budgets, as required by s. 22(2) of the Education Act 1994.	NA		<i>The governing body's formal review and approval of the students' union's budgets will be recorded in the minutes of the appropriate meetings of the governing body. These records will be retained with the records of the governing body.</i>
Students Union	Students' Union Financial Monitoring	Records documenting the monitoring of the students' union's financial affairs, as required by s. 22(2) of the Education Act 1994.	NA		<i>The governing body's formal review and approval of the students union's financial reports will be recorded in the minutes of the appropriate meetings of the governing body. These records will be retained with the records of the governing body.</i>
Students Union	Students' Union Operations Monitoring	Records documenting the monitoring of elections to major offices in the institution's students' union, as required by s. 22(2) of the Education Act 1994 (1994 c. 30).	NA		<i>The governing body's formal review of the students union's elections will be recorded in the minutes of the appropriate meetings of the governing body. These records will be retained with the records of the governing body.</i>
Students Union	Students' Union Operations Monitoring	Records documenting the monitoring of students' union affiliations, as required by s. 22(2) of the Education Act 1994 (1994 c. 30).	NA		<i>The governing body's formal review of the students union's affiliations will be recorded in the minutes of the appropriate meetings of the governing body. These records will be retained with the records of the governing body.</i>

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Students Union	Students' Union Operations Monitoring	Records documenting the investigation and reporting on complaints against the students' union by independent investigators appointed by the institution's governing body.	Settlement of complaint + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c.58 s. 5
Alumni Relations	Alumni Relations Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's alumni relations strategy: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Alumni Relations	Alumni Relations Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's alumni relations strategy: working papers.	Issue of strategy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Alumni Relations	Alumni Relations Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's alumni relations policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Alumni Relations	Alumni Relations Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's alumni relations policies: working papers.	Issue of policy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Alumni Relations	Alumni Relations Procedure Development	Records documenting the development of the institution's procedures relating to alumni relations.	Issue of procedures + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Alumni Relations	Alumni Relations Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to alumni relations.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Alumni Relations	Alumni Records Administration	Records containing personal data on individual alumni.	While current (or likely to be current)		Institutional business requirements.
Alumni Relations	Alumni Records Administration	Summary (anonymised) statistical records of alumni	Current year + 10 years		Institutional business requirements.
Alumni Relations	Alumni Communications Management	Records documenting the design, planning and production of official alumni communications.	Issue of communication + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Alumni Relations	Alumni Communications Management	Alumni communications	Issue + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Alumni Relations	Alumni Communications Management	Records documenting enquiries from alumni and the responses provided.	Last action on enquiry + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Alumni Relations	Alumni Communications Management	Unsolicited feedback from alumni, the internal handling of this feedback and the responses provided.	Last action on feedback + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Alumni Relations	Alumni Communications Management	Records documenting the design and conduct of alumni surveys.	Completion of survey + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.

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Alumni Relations	Alumni Communications Management	Results of alumni surveys: individual responses	Completion of analysis of survey responses		<i>The retention period will depend on what was stated in the privacy notice when the data was collected. After this period, responses can be anonymised for the purposes of analysis to ensure compliance with GDPR.</i>
Alumni Relations	Alumni Communications Management	Results of alumni surveys: summaries and analyses of responses	Completion of survey + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Alumni Relations	Alumni Communications Management	Records documenting the handling of complaints from alumni.	Last action on complaint + 6 years		<i>Retention for a longer period may be appropriate if the complaint, or the handling of the complaint, could be a basis for legal action against the institution.</i>
Alumni Relations	Alumni Events Management	Records documenting the planning and impact/results of institutional events for alumni.	Completion of event + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Alumni Relations	Alumni Events Management	Records documenting the organisation and administration of institutional events for alumni.	Completion of event + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Alumni Relations	Alumni Events Management	Records documenting the administration of financial and other support given to individual alumni organisations.	Current financial year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Alumni Relations	Alumni Support	Requests from alumni associations for financial or other support, the internal handling of these requests and the responses provided.	Last action on request + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Alumni Relations	Alumni Support	Records documenting the administration of financial and other support to alumni organisations.	Current financial year + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Alumni Relations	Alumni Support	Requests for contact details for alumni, action taken, and the responses provided.	Last action on request + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Fundraising and Donations	Fundraising Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's fundraising strategy: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Fundraising and Donations	Fundraising Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's fundraising strategy: working papers.	Issue of strategy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.

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Fundraising and Donations	Fundraising Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's fundraising policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Fundraising and Donations	Fundraising Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's fundraising policies: working papers.	Issue of policy + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Fundraising and Donations	Fundraising Procedure Development	Records documenting the development of the institution's procedures relating to fundraising.	Issue of procedures + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Fundraising and Donations	Fundraising Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to fundraising.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.
Fundraising and Donations	Fundraising Campaign Management	Records documenting the design, conduct and summary results of fundraising campaigns.	Last action on campaign + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.
Fundraising and Donations	Fundraising Campaign Management	Individual responses to fundraising campaigns.	Completion of analysis of data		Institutional business requirements.
Fundraising and Donations	Donations Management	Records documenting the management of the institution's relationship with donors to the institution (other than in response to fundraising campaigns).	Duration of relationship + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Fundraising and Donations	Donations Management	Records documenting the process of making donations to third parties.	Last action on donation + 6 years		Limitation Act 1980 c. 58 s 5
Fundraising and Donations	Donations Management	Records documenting the handling of enquiries about making donations to the institution.	Last action on enquiry + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.
Fundraising and Donations	Donations Management	Records documenting donations to the institution.	Current year + 5 years		<i>A shorter/longer period may be appropriate for small/substantial donations.</i>

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Marketing and Communications	Marketing Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's marketing strategy: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		<p>Institutional business requirements.</p> <p><i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i></p>
Marketing and Communications	Marketing Strategy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's marketing strategy: working papers.	Issue of strategy + 1 year		<p>Institutional business requirements.</p> <p><i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i></p>
Marketing and Communications	Marketing Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's marketing policies: key records.	Superseded + 5 years		<p>Institutional business requirements.</p> <p><i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i></p>
Marketing and Communications	Marketing Policy Development	Records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's marketing policies: working papers.	Issue of policy + 1 year		<p>Institutional business requirements.</p> <p><i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i></p>

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Marketing and Communications	Marketing Procedure Development	Records documenting the development of the institution's procedures relating to marketing.	Issue of procedures + 1 year		Institutional business requirements.  <i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i>
Marketing and Communications	Marketing Procedure Development	Master copies of procedures relating to marketing.	Superseded + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.  <i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i>
Marketing and Communications	Market Research	Records documenting the design and development of market research tools.	Completion of research + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.  <i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i>
Marketing and Communications	Market Research	Market research data: data relating to identifiable individuals.	Completion of analysis of data		Institutional business requirements.  <i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i>

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Marketing and Communications	Market Research	Market research data: aggregated data and analyses.	Completion of research + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.  <i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i>
Marketing and Communications	Marketing Campaign Management	Records documenting the design, implementation and review of marketing campaigns.	Completion of campaign + 3 years		Institutional business requirements.  <i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i>
Marketing and Communications	Corporate Identity & Brand Management	Records documenting the design of the institution's corporate identity marks (logos etc.) and the development of style guides for use of these.	Superseded		Institutional business requirements.  <i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i>
Marketing and Communications	Advertising Management	Records documenting the development, placement and impact of advertisements.	Current + 5 years		Institutional business requirements.  <i>The institution may wish to transfer these records to the archive once they are no longer in active use.</i>



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