

Businesses (including LLCs and LLPs) should retain the listed records for the time periods indicated:

Permanently	Seven (7) years after liquidation of entity	Six (6) years from the later of the tax return due date or filing date. All records related to a return should be kept for at least six years if there is any concern the IRS could show a significant understatement of gross income on the return.	Three (3) years from the later of the tax return due date or filing date. All records related to a return should be kept for at least six years if there is any concern the IRS could show a significant understatement of gross income on the return.	Three (3) years from the later of the tax return due date or filing date. All records related to a return should be kept for at least six years if there is any concern the IRS could show a significant understatement of gross income on the return. Longer if you use LIFO.
<p>Audit reports</p> <p>Copies of tax returns as filed</p> <p>Cash books</p> <p>Charts of accounts</p> <p>Contracts, mortgages, notes, and leases</p> <p>Correspondence (legal and important matters only)</p> <p>Deeds, depreciation schedules</p> <p>Financial statements (year-end)</p> <p>General/private ledgers, year-end trial balance</p> <p>Insurance records, current accident reports, claims</p> <p>Journals</p> <p>Minute books of directors, stockholders, charter, by-laws</p> <p>Patents and related papers</p> <p>Property appraisals by outside appraisers</p> <p>Property records</p> <p>Retirement and pension records</p> <p>Trademark registrations and copyrights</p> <p>Training manuals</p> <p>Union agreements</p> <p>Corporate stock records and minutes</p>	<p>Tax and legal correspondence</p> <p>Canceled Checks</p> <p>General ledger and journals</p> <p>Financial statements</p>	<p>Bank statements and deposit slips</p> <p>Sales records and journals</p> <p>Other records relating to revenue</p> <p>Employee expense reports and records relating to travel and entertainment expenses</p>	<p>Paid vendor invoices</p> <p>Employee payroll expense records</p> <p>Other records relating to expenses</p>	<p>Inventory records</p>