

Department of Science, Information Technology and Innovation

Appraisal log

Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Retention and Disposal Schedule

Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal

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1	CASE MANAGEMENT	The core business of resolving disputes and making decisions. QCAT makes decisions across a range of matters including anti-discrimination, guardianship and administration for adults, children and young people, civil, administrative and disciplinary.
		Includes those cases that are heard via the Alternative Dispute Resolution service, e.g. mediation or compulsory conferences.
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1.1	Administrative reviews	
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NOTE: Under s.253 of the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009, all records of a former tribunal are records of QCAT.

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1.1	ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS	
1.1.1	Administrative review case files Case management records relating to the review of administrative decisions including, but not limited to: • animal care and regulation • blue card applications • civil partnerships • racing • retirement villages • right to information requests. Disposal action – Retain for 12 years after business action completed and finalisation of all appeal processes.	Background/business process: QCAT may review a wide range of administrative decisions made under a number of different legislation. QCAT will ask the original decision maker to reconsider their decision, which in turn, they can either vary, substitute or confirm the original decision. If the original decision maker confirms the original decision or QCAT doesn't refer the matter back to them, QCAT can make its own decision about the review. QCAT can then either vary, substitute or confirm the original decision. It can also set aside the decision and return the matter with instructions to follow. QCAT can also make recommendations to the decision maker about their policies, practices and procedures to improve future decisions. Regulatory requirements: Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009 Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000See Appendix 1 for the full list of legislation Business requirements: Under s. 10(4) of the Limitations of Actions Act 1974, an action shall not be brought upon a judgment after the expiration of 12 years from the date on which the judgment becomes enforceable. Comparison with other schedules' retention period: Territory Records (Records Disposal Schedule – ACT Law Courts and Tribunals Records) NI2004-478 Reference 2.1.6 AAT case files – Destroy 7 years after last action National Archives of Australia Administrative Appeals Tribunal 2013/00144004 Reference 61350 Records documenting cases that are finalised by way of a decision on the merits following a hearing under the Tribunal's legislation and is not significant – Des

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		Supreme Court of Queensland QDAN581 v.1 (Superseded) – Commercial and Consumer Tribunal – Retain for 12 years after last action
		Office of Racing QDAN620 v.2 (Current) – Reference 2.4.3 Racing Appeals Tribunal – Retain for 7 years after last action
		District Court of Queensland QDAN589 v.1 (Superseded) – Fisheries Tribunal – Retain for 12 years after last action

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1.2	ANTI-DISCRIMINATION	
1.2.1	Anti-discrimination case files	Background/business process:
	Case management records relating to hearing complaints of alleged unlawful discrimination, sexual harassment, vilification and victimisation investigated and	QCAT hears complaints of alleged unlawful discrimination, sexual harassment, vilification and victimisation after they have been investigated and referred to QCAT by the Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland.
		QCAT can also grant an exemption to allow a person or business to do something that is otherwise unlawful under the <i>Anti-Discrimination Act 1991</i> and can provide opinions on anti-discrimination matters to the Commissioner.
	referred to QCAT.	Regulatory requirements:
	Disposal action –	Anti-Discrimination Act 1991
	Retain for 12 years after business action completed and	Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009
	finalisation of all appeal processes.	Business requirements:
		Under s.10(4) of the <i>Limitations of Actions Act 1974</i> , an action shall not be brought upon a judgment after the expiration of 12 years from the date on which the judgment becomes enforceable.
		Comparison with other schedules' retention period:
		National Archives of Australia Administrative Appeals Tribunal 2013/00144004 Reference 61350 Records documenting cases that are finalised by way of a decision on the merits following a hearing under the Tribunal's legislation and is not significant – Destroy 5 years after action completed
		<i>NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal FA361</i> Reference 1.8 Files and associated case management records relating to discrimination matters – Retain minimum of 7 years after action completed, then destroy
		PROV Retention & Disposal Authority for records of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal PROS05/03 Reference 2.2.0 Proceeding files – Destroy 5 years after final determination of proceedings
		Previous schedules (where applicable):
		Anti-Discrimination Commission Retention and Disposal Schedule (QDAN568 v.1) Superseded – Retain for 12 years after last action

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1.3	BUILDINGS	
1.3.1	Building case files Case management records relating to hearings to settle disputes of domestic and commercial building work and disciplinary proceedings against building certifiers and contractors. Includes the review of decisions made by the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) or an adjudicator registrar. Excludes claims for personal injuries. Disposal action – Retain for 12 years after business action completed and finalisation of all appeal processes.	 Background/business process: QCAT will settle disputes relating to domestic and commercial building work. A consumer, contractor, subcontractor or building industry professional can make a complaint relating to the performance of the work, the contract of the work or a claim of negligence, nuisance or trespass other than a claim for personal injuries. Regulatory requirements: Queensland Building and Construction Commission Act 1991 Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009 Business requirements: Under s. 10(4) of the Limitations of Actions Act 1974, an action shall not be brought upon a judgment after the expiration of 12 years from the date on which the judgment becomes enforceable. Comparison with other schedules' retention period: National Archives of Australia Administrative Appeals Tribunal 2013/00144004 Reference 61350 Records documenting cases that are finalised by way of a decision on the merits following a hearing under the Tribunal's legislation and is not significant – Destroy 5 years after action completed NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal FA361 Reference 1.9 Files and associated case management records relating to home building matters – Retain minimum of 3 years after action completed, then destroy PROV Retention & Disposal Authority for records of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal PROS05/03 Reference 2.0.0 Proceeding files – Destroy 5 years after final determination of proceedings Other comments/factors for consideration: Parties are required to participate in a dispute resolution process with the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) before making a commercial or domestic building dispute application to QCAT. Previous schedules (where applicable): Supreme Court of Queensland QDAN589 v.1 (Superseded) - Commercial and Consumer Tribunal – Retain for 12 years after last action

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1.4	CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOP	PLE
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	 people who have applied to adopt a child licensing a childcare centre prohibiting a person from entering a school or state instructional institution. Disposal action – Retain permanently 	Adoption Act 2009 Child Care Act 2002 Child Protection Act 1999 Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009 Business requirements: This retention period is consistent with the <i>Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages (QDAN634 v.3)</i> schedule where adoption registrations are kept permanently by the agency. Permanent retention criteria (where applicable): These records provide evidence of the following characteristics from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research: • 3 – enduring rights & entitlements

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		• 4 – significant impact on individuals.
		Community expectation:
		Australia adopted the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1990, which is a formal protection of human rights for children 18 years and younger.
		Comparison with other schedules' retention period:
		<i>NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal FA361</i> Reference 1.3 Files and associated case management records relating to applications for review of decisions prohibiting or disqualifying a person from working with children where a declaration or an enabling order is made – Required as State archives
		Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages QDAN634 v.3 Reference 1.8.1 Adoptions registrations – Retain permanently by the registry
		Children's Rights, Protection and Promotion Retention and Disposal Schedule QDAN636 v.2 Reference 2.2.1 Child/young person case files – Retain for 100 years after last action
		Other comments/factors for consideration:
		The Office of the Public Guardian can provide support and advice for children and young people in out-of- home care.
		Previous schedules (where applicable):
		Supreme Court of Queensland QDAN581 v.1 (Superseded) – Child Services Tribunal – Retain permanently

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1.5	CLINICAL RESEARCH	
1.5.1	Clinical research case files Case management records relating to approvals to undertake clinical research. Includes approving clinical research which seeks to include people with impaired decision making capacity. Disposal action – Retain for 15 years after completion of trial and finalisation of all appeal processes	 Background/business process: QCAT may approve clinical research once: the clinical research is approved by an ethics committee any drugs or techniques on trial in the clinical research are intended to diagnose, maintain or treat a condition affecting the participants in the research are intended to diagnose, maintain or treat a condition affecting the participants in the research will not involve any known substantial risk to the participants or, if there is existing health care for the particular condition, the research will not involve known material risk to the participants greater than the risk associated with the existing health care the development of any drugs or techniques on trial has reached a stage at which safety and ethical considerations make it appropriate for the drugs or techniques to be made available to the participants despite the participants being unable to consent to participation having regard to the potential benefits and risks of participation, on balance it is not adverse to the interests of the participants to participate. Once the proposed clinical research has been approved by QCAT, then it is considered a health matter and s.66 of the Act determines who may consent to the adult's participation in the approved clinical research. Regulatory requirements: Australian code for the responsible conduct of research <i>Guardianship and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009</i> Business requirements: According to the <i>Australian code for the responsible conduct of research</i>, the minimum recommended period for retention of research data is 5 years from the date of publication. However, for most clinical trials, it is recommended that research data for clinical trials be retained for 15 years or more. Comparison with other schedules' retention period: National Archives of Australia Administrative Appeals Tribunal 2013/00144004 Reference 61350 Records documenting ca

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		<i>NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal FA361</i> Reference 1.7 Files and associated case management records relating to guardianship (including clinical trial approvals) and protected estates matters – Retain minimum of 20 years after matter finalised or, if the matter involves a minor, until the client reaches 25 years of age, whichever is longer, then destroy

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1.6	GUARDIANSHIP	
1.6.1	Guardianship case files	Background/business process:
	Case management records relating to hearings to appoint,	QCAT can appoint a person as a guardian to help those adults with impaired decision-making capacity to make certain personal and health care decisions on their behalf.
	review or revoke individuals as	Guardians can be given the authority to make decisions on behalf of the adult such as:
	guardians, administrators or power of attorney for people	where they live
	with impaired capacity.	what support services they receive
	Disposal action –	 with whom they have contact or visits
	Retain permanently.	general health care matters
		 the approval of containment and seclusion in certain limited circumstances
		 the approval of chemical, physical or mechanical restraint
		restricting access to objects
		 other day-to-day issues.
		Guardians are not permitted to make decisions about:
		 financial or property matters unless they have also been appointed as the adult's administrator or as attorney for financial matters under an enduring power of attorney
		 special health care matters including sterilisation or tissue donation
		 special personal matters including making or revoking a will or consenting to marriage or relinquishing a child for adoption.
		The Public Trustee cannot be appointed guardian, they can only appoint the administrator. The only statutory body that can be appointed as a guardian is the Public Guardian.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Aged Care Act (Commonwealth) 1997
		Disability Discrimination Act (Commonwealth) 1992
		Disability Services Act 2006
		Guardianship and Administration Act 2000
		Mental Health Act 2000
		Powers of Attorney Act 1998

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		Public Trustee Act 1978
		Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009
		Residential Services (Accreditation) Act 2002
		Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008
		Business requirements:
		When a person is appointed as a guardian by QCAT (a legally appointed position), they are making decisions for certain personal and health care decisions which impacts the adult they are caring for the rest of their life and all actions and decisions made on behalf of the person is accountable to QCAT.
		Permanent retention criteria (where applicable):
		These records provide evidence of the following characteristics from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:
		• 3 – enduring rights & entitlements
		• 4 – significant impact on individuals.
		Community expectation:
		There is an expectation that this information concerning guardians will be accessible and that regular reviews of the appointment are undertaken by QCAT every 5 years (s.28 of the <i>Guardianship and Administration Act 2000)</i> .
		Comparison with other schedules' retention period:
		Territory Records (Records Disposal Schedule – ACT Law Courts and Tribunals Records) NI2004-478 Reference 2.1.10 Guardianship and management of property Tribunal case files – Retain for a period of 99 years
		<i>NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal FA361</i> Reference 1.7 Files and associated case management records relating to guardianship (including clinical trial approvals) and protected estates matters – Retain minimum of 20 years after matter finalised or, if the matter involves a minor, until the client reaches 25 years of age, whichever is longer, then destroy
		NT disposal schedule for Civil and Administrative Tribunal Services Records 2015/24 Reference 1.8.2 Records documenting tribunal proceedings involving adult guardianship – Destroy 30 years after final determination or 6 years after the person is deceased
		Other comments/factors for consideration:

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		The Office of the Public Guardian provides a Guardianship Information Service about the rights, responsibilities and legal requirements as an appointed guardian or information decision-maker and the role and authority of the guardian.

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1.7	MINOR CIVIL DISPUTES	
1.7.1	 Minor civil disputes case files Case management records relating to hearings of: property damage disputes, including damage to a house, car debt disputes consumer and trade disputes residential tenancy disputes. Disposal action – Retain for 12 years after business action completed and finalisation of all appeal processes. 	 Background/business process: Minor civil disputes are disputes between individuals, or individuals and a trader, business or company valued up to including \$25,000. These cases used to be heard by the Small Claims Tribunal. QCAT decides on: property damage disputes including damage to a house, or a car from a motor vehicle accident debt disputes related to a fixed or agreed sum of money consumer and trader disputes arising out of a contract for the supply of goods and services, or repair of a defect in a motor vehicle which is under a statutory warranty, if the previous owner refuses to carry out the repair residential tenancy disputes between tenants and landlords dividing fence disputes if an agreement cannot be reached about building or repairs after one month. Regulatory requirements: Agents Financial Administration Act 2014 Debt Collectors (Field Agents and Collection Agents) Act 2014 Dividing Fences Act 1953 Motor Dealers and Chattel Auctioneers Act 2014 Neighbourhood Disputes (Dividing Fences and Trees) Act 2011 Property Occupations Act 2014 Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009 Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008 Business requirements: Under s.10(4) of the Limitations of Actions Act 1974, an action shall not be brought upon a judgment after the expiration of 12 years from the date on which the judgment becomes enforceable. Comparison with other schedules' retention period: Territory Records (Records Disposal Schedule – ACT Law Courts and Tribunals Records) NI2004-478 Reference 2.1.16 Residential Tenancies Tribunal case files where the matter has been determined by the RTT – Destroy 7 years after last action

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		National Archives of Australia Administrative Appeals Tribunal 2013/00144004 Reference 61350 Records documenting cases that are finalised by way of a decision on the merits following a hearing under the Tribunal's legislation and is not significant – Destroy 5 years after action completed
		<i>NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal FA361</i> Reference 1.10 Files and associated case management records relating to consumer, commercial, tenancy and other residential property matters – Retain minimum of 2 years after action completed, then destroy
		<i>NT disposal schedule for Civil and Administrative Tribunal Services Records 2015/24</i> Reference 1.8.3 Records documenting tribunal proceedings where the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal have review jurisdiction, including civil disputes that are valued up to and including \$25,000 – Destroy 3 years after action completed
		PROV Retention & Disposal Authority for records of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal PROS05/03 Reference 2.2.0 Proceeding files – Destroy 5 years after final determination of proceedings
		Previous schedules (where applicable):
		Magistrates Court QDAN296 v.2 (Superseded) – Small Claims Tribunal – Retain for 12 years after date of order

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1.8	NEIGHBOURHOOD DISPUTES	
	retention period	 Background/business process: QCAT decides on: dividing fence disputes if an agreement cannot be reached about building or repairs after one month recovering a debt from a neighbour for overhanging branch removal or a tree affecting neighbouring land including damaging property or causing injury, or interfering with the use of land. Regulatory requirements: Dividing Fences Act 1953 Neighbourhood Disputes (Dividing Fences and Trees) Act 2011 Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009 Business requirements: Under s. 10(4) of the Limitations of Actions Act 1974, an action shall not be brought upon a judgment after the expiration of 12 years from the date on which the judgment becomes enforceable. Comparison with other schedules' retention period: Territory Records (Records Disposal Schedule – ACT Law Courts and Tribunals Records) NI2004-478 Reference 7.1.23 Small claims case files in the Magistrates Court – Destroy 10 years after completion National Archives of Australia Administrative Appeals Tribunal 2013/00144004 Reference 61350 Records documenting cases that are finalised by way of a decision on the merits following a hearing under the Tribunal's legislation and is not significant – Destroy 5 years after action completed NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal FA361 Reference 1.9 Files and associated case management records relating to home building matters – Retain minimum of 3 years after action completed, then destroy
		records relating to home building matters – Retain minimum of 3 years after action completed, then destroy <i>NT disposal schedule for Civil and Administrative Tribunal Services Records 2015/24</i> Reference 1.8.3 Records documenting tribunal proceedings where the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal have review jurisdiction, including civil disputes that are valued up to and including \$25,000 – Destroy 3 years after action completed
		PROV Retention & Disposal Authority for records of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
		PROS05/03 Reference 2.2.0 Proceeding files – Destroy 5 years after final determination of proceedings Previous schedules (where applicable):
		Magistrates Court QDAN296 v.2 (Superseded) – Small Claims Tribunal – Retain for 12 years after date of order

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1.9	OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION	N
1.9.1	Occupational regulation case files Case management records relating to the review of decisions made by appointed governing bodies for occupations that include, but are not limited to: • health practitioners • motor dealers • plumbers and drainers • police officers and other prescribed persons • property agents • teachers • veterinary surgeons. Disposal action – Retain for 12 years after business action completed and finalisation of all appeal processes.	Background/business process: There are a range of occupations that are governed by an authority, board, panel, committee or society. These appointed bodies protect the public by determining working guidelines, assessing registration applications, investigating complaints and initiating proceedings against members for unsatisfactory professional conduct. When a client is dissatisfied with the work, service or advice they receive from an individual, the client can contact the appointed body, e.g. Veterinary Surgeons Board of Queensland, to investigate complaints and resolve minor disciplinary proceedings. If the complaint is of a serious nature or the individual is not abiding by the appointed body's decision, an application can be made by the appointed body to QCAT to conduct further disciplinary proceedings or enforce their decision. If the individual who the complaint was made against does not agree with the disciplinary decision made by the appointed body, an application can be made to QCAT to review the decision. Regulatory requirements: Agents Financial Administration Act 2014 Architects Act 2002 Building Act 1975 Crime and Corruption Act 2001 Debt Collectors (Field Agents and Collection Agents) Act 2014 Dental Technicians Registration Act 2001 Education (Queensland College of Teachers) Act 2005 Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999 Introduction Agents Act 2007 Medical Radiation Technologists Registration Act 2001 Medical Radi

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		Pharmacy Business Ownership Act 2001
		Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002
		Physiotherapists Registration 2001
		Podiatrists Registration Act 2001
		Professional Engineers Act 2002
		Property Occupations Act 2014
		Psychologists Registration Act 2001
		Psychologists Registration Regulation 2001
		Queensland Building and Construction Commission Act 1991
		Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009
		Racing Act 2002
		Second Hand Dealers and Pawnbrokers Act 2003
		Security Providers Act 1993
		Speech Pathologists Registration Act 2001
		Surveyors Act 2003
		Tattoo Parlours Act 2013
		Tourism Services Act 2003
		Travel Agents Act 1988
		Valuers Registration Act 1992
		Veterinary Surgeons Act 1936
		Business requirements:
		Under s.10(4) of the <i>Limitations of Actions Act 1974</i> , an action shall not be brought upon a judgment after the expiration of 12 years from the date on which the judgment becomes enforceable.
		Comparison with other schedules' retention period:
		National Archives of Australia Administrative Appeals Tribunal 2013/00144004 Reference 61350 Records documenting cases that are finalised by way of a decision on the merits following a hearing under the Tribunal's legislation and is not significant – Destroy 5 years after action completed

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		<i>NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal FA361</i> Reference 1.8 Files and associated case management records relating to occupational regulation (e.g. licensing) matters – Retain minimum of 7 years after action completed, then destroy
		PROV Retention & Disposal Authority for records of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal PROS05/03 Reference 2.2.0 Proceeding files – Destroy 5 years after final determination of proceedings
		Other comments/factors for consideration:
		Individuals can also apply to QCAT to review other decisions made by an appointed body including decisions about licensing and registration.
		Previous schedules (where applicable):
		Supreme Court of Queensland QDAN581 v.1 (Superseded) – Commercial and Consumer Tribunal, Legal Practice Tribunal – Retain for 12 years after last action
		District Court of Queensland QDAN589 v.1 (Superseded) – Health Practitioners Tribunal, Nursing Tribunal – Retain for 12 years after last action

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1.10	OTHER CIVIL DISPUTES	
1.10.1	 Other civil disputes case files Case management records relating to hearings of: body corporate and community management scheme disputes financial loss caused by a motor dealer or property agent integrated resort development matters legal cost agreement claims manufactured home park disputes retirement village disputes Sanctuary Cove Resort matters. Disposal action – Retain for 12 years after business action completed and finalisation of all appeal processes. 	Background/business process: QCAT can decide and review decisions on the following civil disputes: body corporate and community management schemes financial losses caused by debt collectors, motor dealers or property agents integrated resort development matters legal cost agreement claims manufactured home park disputes retirement village disputes Sanctuary Cove Resort matters. Regulatory requirements: Agents Financial Administration Act 2014 Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997 Debt Collectors (Field Agents and Collection Agents) Act 2014 Integrated Resort Development Act 1987 Legal Profession Act 2007 Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Act 2003 Motor Dealers and Chattel Auctioneers Act 2014 Property Occupations Act 2014 Retirement Villages Act 1985 Business requirements: Under s.10(4) of the Limitations of Actions Act 1974, an action shall not be brought upon a judgment after the expiration of 12 years from the date on which the judgment becomes enforceable. Comparison with other schedules' retention period: National Archives of Australia Administrative Appeals Tribunal 2013/00144004 Reference 61350 Records documenting cases that are finalised by way of a decision on the merits following a hearing under the Tribunal's legislation

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	<i>NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal FA361</i> Reference 1.10 Files and associated case management records relating to consumer, commercial, tenancy and other residential property matters – Retain minimum of 2 years after action completed, then destroy
	<i>NT disposal schedule for Civil and Administrative Tribunal Services Records 2015/24</i> Reference 1.8.3 Records documenting tribunal proceedings where the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal have review jurisdiction, including civil disputes that are valued over \$25,000 – Destroy 10 years after action completed
	PROV Retention & Disposal Authority for records of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal PROS05/03 Reference 2.2.0 Proceeding files – Destroy 5 years after final determination of proceedings
	Previous schedules (where applicable):
	Supreme Court of Queensland QDAN581 v.1 (Superseded) – Commercial and Consumer Tribunal – Retain for 12 years after last action

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1.11	RETAIL SHOP LEASE	
1.11.1	Retail shop lease case files Case management records relating to hearings of disputes over retail shop leases. Disposal action – Retain for 12 years after business action completed and finalisation of all appeal processes.	 Background/business process: QCAT has jurisdiction to hear retail tenancy disputes about: the procedure for the determination of rent payable under a retail shop lease, but not the actual amount of the rent the basis on which the lessor's outgoings are payable by, and the procedures for charging the lessor's outgoings to, a lessee under a retail shop lease, but not the actual amount of the outgoings whether an item, or part of an item, of the lessor's outgoings for the retail shopping centre or leased building in which a leased shop is situated was reasonably incurred in, or directly attributable to, the operations, maintenance or repair of the centre or building arrears of rent payable under a retail shop lease if the dispute is also about the payment of compensation by the lessor to the lessee under the lease. Regulatory requirements: Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009 Retail Shop Leases Act 1994 Business requirements: Under s.10(4) of the Limitations of Actions Act 1974, an action shall not be brought upon a judgment after the expiration of 12 years from the date on which the judgment becomes enforceable. Comparison with other schedules' retention period: National Archives of Australia Administrative Appeals Tribunal 2013/00144004 Reference 61350 Records documenting cases that are finalised by way of a decision on the merits following a hearing under the Tribunal's legislation and is not significant – Destroy 5 years after action completed Previous schedules (where applicable): Supreme Court of Queensland QDAN581 v.1 (Superseded) – Retail Shop Leases Registry and Tribunal – Retain for 12 years after last action

Function No	Title	Scope Note
2	QCAT MANAGEMENT	The function of managing the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT).
Activities		
2.1 Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) management		

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2.1	QUEENSLAND CIVIL AND AD	MINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL (QCAT) MANAGEMENT
2.1.1	Practice directions	Background/business process:
	Records relating to Practice Directions issued by the President on how to conduct	Practice Directions are guidelines for QCAT proceedings. The directions provide more information on specific issues and complement existing QCAT legislation and rules. All Practice Directions are approved by the QCAT President.
	QCAT proceedings.	Regulatory requirements:
	Disposal action –	Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009
	Retain permanently.	Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Rules 2009
		Business requirements:
		The purpose of the Practice Directions ensure that matters before QCAT are dealt with in a way that is accessible, fair, just, economical, informal and quick. The Practice Directions also guide QCAT and other parties to proceedings to resolve disputes consistently while allowing the flexibility to cater for different needs of particular parties.
		Permanent retention criteria (where applicable):
		These records provide evidence of the following characteristics from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:
		 2 – primary functions & programs.
		Community expectation:
		The Practice Directions provide procedures that are used in the same way for all proceedings and do not involve unnecessary and burdensome requirements. They also encourage the early and economical resolutions of disputes, conduct proceedings in an informal way, recognise and respond to the diverse needs of people who use QCAT.

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		Comparison with other schedules' retention period:
		National Archives of Australia Administrative Appeals Tribunal 2013/00144004 Reference 61349 Records documenting the development and dissemination of case management practice directions and other major policies and guidelines, including requests for comment from external stakeholders and submissions received – Destroy 20 years after action completed
		<i>NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal FA361</i> Reference 2.1 Records relating to the formulation and establishment of rules and procedural or practice directions for the commencement and conduct of matters and proceedings – Required as State archives
		NT disposal schedule for Civil and Administrative Tribunal Services Records 2015/24 Reference 1.6.1 Final set of Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal rules and practice directions – Permanent
		General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records QDAN249 v.7 Reference 12.10.1 Policy final-core business – Retain permanently
		Courts Sector Retention and Disposal Schedule QDAN705 v.1 Reference 2.3.4 Practice directions – Retain permanently
2.1.2	Rules committee	Background/business process:
	Records relating to the functions undertaken by the Rules Committee of the	The Rules Committee is established under the <i>Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009</i> to develop and review the rules of the Act, approve forms for use under the Act and any other functions conferred on the Committee.
	Tribunal. Disposal action –	The Committee consists of the President, the Deputy President, a full time ordinary member, a full time member who is not an Australian lawyer, an adjudicator and other members nominated by the President.
	Retain permanently.	Regulatory requirements:
		Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009
		Business requirements:
		The Rules Committee are approving the forms that are used by QCAT and also support the development of new practices and procedures used in QCAT. This retention period is consistent with the Practice Directions record class (3.1.3).
		Permanent retention criteria (where applicable):
		These records provide evidence of the following characteristics from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:
		2 – primary functions & programs.

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2.1.2		Community expectation: QCAT are developing and abiding by the rules that are set out in legislation. Comparison with other schedules' retention period: <i>NT disposal schedule for Civil and Administrative Tribunal Services Records 2015/24</i> Reference 1.3.2 Records documenting the establishment of the Rules Committee as required under the Act, including agendas and minutes – Permanent <i>General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records QDAN249 v.7</i> Reference 12.2.1 Internal committees-major – Retain permanently
2.1.3	Case register Records relating to maintaining case management systems and other control records used to record details of tribunal proceedings, and related processes and/or events for future reference. Entries on the register include: • caseworks • claims – financial • Queensland Wide Interlinked Courts (QWIC) – financial. Disposal action – Retain permanently.	 Background/business process: The QCAT dispute resolution process is based on active case management to resolve disputes in a way that is fair, just, accessible, quick and inexpensive. These records relate to the registration of summary information and control records for QCAT proceedings. Regulatory requirements: Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009 Business requirements: These records contribute to the authenticity, integrity and ongoing management of business information and have been identified for permanent retention. Permanent retention criteria (where applicable): These records provide evidence of the following characteristics from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research: 2 – primary functions & programs 3 – enduring rights & entitlements 4 – significant impact on individuals. Community expectation: The registration system used for QCAT cases needs to be maintained so that cases can be easily accessible. Comparison with other schedules' retention period:

Ref. No	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		<i>Territory Records (Records Disposal Schedule – ACT Law Courts and Tribunals Records) NI2004-478</i> Reference 2.1.1 All Tribunal registers, indexes, card systems including electronic indexes and registers – Retain as Territory Archives
		National Archives of Australia Administrative Appeals Tribunal 2013/00144004 Reference 61347 The following significant records documenting case registers and other case control records maintained in all formats, including code records relating to confidential matters – Retain as national archives
		<i>NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal FA361</i> Reference 1.1 Published decisions and details of final orders or determinations made by the Tribunal – Required as State archives
		<i>NT disposal schedule for Civil and Administrative Tribunal Services Records 2015/24</i> Reference 1.5.1 Register of proceedings, including hearings and decisions under the Act – Permanent, retain in organisation
		PROV Retention & Disposal Authority for records of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal PROS05/03 Reference 1.5.1 Register of proceedings, including hearings and decisions under the Act – Permanent, retain in organisation
		General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records QDAN249 v.7 Reference 8.3.4 Master control records – Retain permanently
		<i>Courts Sector Retention and Disposal Schedule QDAN705 v.1</i> Reference 2.9.1 Case registration and control-electronic – Retain permanently
2.1.4	Permanent case	Background/business process:
	 <i>management files</i> Records relating to matters that have been brought to the tribunal which are selected by the President or Principal Registrar to be exceptional, set a precedent, are notable for their contribution in developing the law, their factual complexity or the level of public interest generated. Disposal action – Retain permanently. 	This record class has been included here in the QCAT Management function as these case files are decided upon by the President and the Principal Registrar.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009
		Business requirements:
		This retention period meets a number of criteria of the QSA Appraisal Statement.
		Permanent retention criteria (where applicable):
		These records provide evidence of the following characteristics from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:
		2 – primary functions & programs
		3 – enduring rights & entitlements
		4 – significant impact on individuals

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2.1.5	Memorandum of understandings (MOU)/relationship agreements Records relating to memorandum of understandings (MOU) and relationship agreements entered into by QCAT. Disposal action – Retain for 12 years after expiry or business action completed.	 5 – substantial contribution to community memory. Community expectation: These records will show those matters that have set a precedent, contributed to developing law, were complex or generated a lot of public interest. Comparison with other schedules' retention period:
2.1.6	Search and copy requests Records relating to requests to access, inspect and/or copy tribunal records, exhibits and subpoenaed material. Disposal action – Retain for 2 years after last action.	 Background/business process: Requests can be made to search or view: the QCAT register of proceedings the QCAT record of proceedings. If you are not directly involved in the case, a fee will apply. To view a record of proceedings, the requestor must view the file on the QCAT premises. Regulatory requirements: Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009 Business requirements:

Ref. No	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Under s.229 and .s230 of the <i>Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009</i> , the principal registrar must keep a register of proceedings and keep a record containing all documents filed in the registry that is available for inspection. The retention period is consistent with the Courts Sector schedule.
		Comparison with other schedules' retention period:
		National Archives of Australia Administrative Appeals Tribunal 2013/00144004 Reference 61352 Records documenting routine notifications and advice – Destroy 3 months after action completed
		<i>NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal FA361</i> Reference 1.13 Copies of documents produced under summons – Retain for minimum of 28 days after finalisation of matter, then destroy unless requested to return
		General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records QDAN249 v.7 Reference 1.5.2 Enquiries-other – Retain for 2 years after last action
		<i>Courts Sector Retention and Disposal Schedule QDAN705 v.1</i> Reference 2.4.3 Search and copy requests – Retain for 2 years after last action

Appendix 1: List of legislation that confers legislation on QCAT

Adoption Act 2009 Adult Proof of Age Card Act 2008 Agents Financial Administration Act 2014, section 45, 103, 122(1) Agricultural Chemicals Distribution Control Act 1966 Agricultural Chemicals Distribution Control Regulation 1998 Agricultural Standards Act 1994 Animal Care and Protection Act 2001 Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 **Apiaries Regulation 1998** Architects Act 2002 Associations Incorporation Act 1981 Biodiscovery Act 2004 Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2003 Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997 Building Act 1975 **Building Regulation 2006** Building and Construction Industry Payments Act 2004 Building Boost Grant Act 2011 **Building Regulation 2006** Casino Control Act 1982 Charitable and Non-Profit Gaming Act 1999 Chemical Usage (Agricultural and Veterinary) Control Act 1988 Child Protection Act 1999 Child Protection (International Measures) Act 2003 City of Brisbane Regulation 2012 Classification of Computer Games and Images Act 1995 Classification of Films Act 1991 Classification of Publications Act 1991 Community Ambulance Cover Levy Repeal Act 2011 Cooperatives Act 1997 Corrective Services Act 2006 Credit (Rural Finance) Act 1996 Crime and Corruption Act 2001 Debt Collectors (Field Agents and Collection Agents) Act 2014, section 117, 119(1)

Disability Services Act 2006 Disaster Management Act 2003 Drugs Misuse Act 1986 Duties Act 2001 Education and Care Services Act 2013 Education and Care Services National Law (Queensland) Act 2011 Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 Education (Queensland College of Teachers) Act 2005 Education (Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority) Act 2014 Electricity Act 1994 **Electricity Regulation 2006** Electronic Conveyancing National Law (Queensland) Act 2013 Exotic Diseases in Animals Act 1981 Explosives Act 1999 Fair Trading Act 1989 (incorporating the Australian Consumer Law) Financial Intermediaries Act 1996 Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990 First Home Owner Grant Act 2000 Fisheries Act 1994 Food Act 2006 Food Production (Safety) Act 2000 Funeral Benefit Business Act 1982 Further Education and Training Act 2014 Gaming Machine Act 1991 Gas Supply Act 2003 Gold Coast Waterways Authority Act 2012 Guardianship and Administration Act 2000 Guide, Hearing and Assistance Dogs Act 2009 Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulation 1996 Health Ombudsman Act 2013 Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009 Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012 Heavy Vehicle National Law (Queensland) Higher Education (General Provisions) Act 2008 Information Privacy Act 2009 Integrated Resort Development Act 1987

Interactive Gambling (Player Protection) Act 1998 Interactive Gambling (Player Protection) Regulation 1998 Introduction Agents Act 2001 Keno Act 1996 Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002 Land Valuation Act 2010 Legal Profession Act 2007 Liquid Fuel Supply Act 1984 Liquor Act 1992 Liquor Regulation 2002 Local Government Regulation 2012 Lotteries Act 1997 Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Act 2003 Marine Parks Act 2004 Marine Parks Regulation 2006 Mixed Use Development Act 1993 Motor Accident Insurance Act 1994 Motor Dealers and Chattel Auctioneers Act 2014, section 196, 198(1) Nature Conservation (Administration) Regulation 2006 Neighbourhood Disputes (Dividing Fences and Trees) Act 2011 Pest Management Act 2001 Petroleum and Gas (Production Safety) Act 2004 Pharmacy Business Ownership Act 2001 Plant Protection Act 1989 Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002 Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000 Powers of Attorney Act 1998 Private Health Facilities Act 1991 Professional Engineers Act 2002 Property Occupations Act 2014, section 176, 178(1) Prostitution Act 1999 Public Guardian Act 2014 Public Health (Infection Control for Personal Appearance Services) Act 2003 Public Health Act 2005 Queensland Building and Construction Commission Act 1991 Queensland Heritage Act 1992

Racing Act 2002 Radiation Safety Act 1999 Recreation Areas Management Act 2006 Relationships Act 2011 Residential Services (Accreditation) Act 2002 Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008 Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Regulation 2009 Retail Shop Leases Act 1994 Retirement Villages Act 1999 Right to Information Act 2009 Safety in Recreational Water Activities Act 2011 Sanctuary Cove Resort Act 1985 Second-hand Dealers and Pawnbrokers Act 2003 Security Providers Act 1993 South Bank Corporation Act 1989 South-East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) Act 2009 Stock Act 1915 Surat Basin Rail (Infrastructure Development and Management) Act 2012 Survevors Act 2003 Tattoo Parlours Act 2013 Taxation Administration Act 2001 Tourism Services Act 2003 Tow Truck Act 1973 Transport Infrastructure Act 1994 Transport Infrastructure (Dangerous Goods by Rail) Regulation 2008 Transport Infrastructure (Public Marine Facilities) Regulation 2011 Transport Infrastructure (Waterways Management) Regulation 2012 Transport Operations (Marine Pollution) Act 1995 Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994 Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995 Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Accreditation and Other Provisions) Regulation 2005 Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Dangerous Goods) **Regulation 2008**

Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Fatigue Management) Regulation 2008 *TransTransport Planning and Coordination Act 1994 Transport (Rail Safety) Act 2010 Travel Agents Act 1988 Valuers Registration Act 1992 Vegetation Management Act 1999 Veterinary Surgeons Act 1936 Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2009 Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act 2000* Wagering Act 1998 Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011 Water Act 2000 Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008 Weapons Act 1990 Wine Industry Act 1994 Work Health and Safety Act 2011 Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011 Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000 (previously the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000)