# APPRAISAL LOG

# General retention and disposal schedule

**Common Activities** 

**Asset Management** 

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Financial Management

**Governing Bodies** 

**Industrial Relations** 

**Information Management** 

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**Property Management** 

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Work Health and Safety

Workforce Management

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<sup>\*</sup> Where the background information refers to existing record classes, please see the *General retention and disposal schedule: summary of changes* for further details.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Where the business requirements refers to comparisons with other jurisdictions or existing Queensland record classes, please see the *General retention and disposal schedule: Appraisal log extracts of comparisons with other schedules.* 

Title	Scope Note
COMMON ACTIVITIES	Records of activities common to many government agencies. Each common record class from this section can be combined with any function undertaken by an agency, except where an exemption is indicated.  NOTE: If an agency is unsure as to whether any classes can be used to sentence core business records, please
	contact QSA for further assistance.

# **ADVICE**

Offering of opinions or recommendations as to an action or judgement. Excludes advice or briefings provided to a Minister.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1000	Advice – significant	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
1000	Advice – significant Records relating to significant high-level advice provided or received by the agency on substantive aspects of agency functions, responsibilities, obligations and liabilities. Significant advice may include, but is not limited to:  having far-reaching social, economic and/or national implications	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a new record class for this activity.  These records provide evidence of advice given by or received by the agency on issues that have resulted in far-reaching social, economic and/or national implications; a reversal of a government decision and/or changes to government/agency policy; substantial public interest and debate.  Business requirements:  Agencies provide advice on a number of wide-ranging issues and topics that could:  • help formulate and determine policy across whole-of-government  • set legal precedence
	<ul> <li>result in a reversal of a government decision and/or changes to government/agency policy</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>help deliver major infrastructure or planning schemes</li> <li>have impact on major social, economic or cultural issues in Queensland.</li> <li>The retention period is consistent with all other jurisdictions with similar record classes.</li> <li>Permanent retention criteria:</li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>generates substantial public interest and debate.</li> <li>Includes formal briefings provided to Mayors,</li> <li>Councillors and senior agency officials, e.g. Director-General.</li> <li>Disposal action –</li> <li>Permanent.</li> <li>Transfer to QSA after business action completed.</li> </ul>	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 and Programs of Government  • 5 – Substantial Contribution to Community Memory.
1001	Advice – other  Records relating to other advice provided or received by the agency that relates to the functions of the agency that is not considered to be significant.  Includes provision of advice on legislation formulated by other agencies.  Disposal action –  7 years after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a merger of existing record classes relating to advice.  These records provide evidence of advice given by the agency on issues that relate to the core functions of the agency but where the advice is not regarded as significant.  Business requirements:  The retention period for this record class has not changed. Although a majority of other jurisdictions have a 5 year retention period for similar records, the retention period is based on existing Queensland precedent in both the GRDS and core schedules.

#### **AGREEMENTS**

Establishing and managing binding arrangements, established for any purpose. Includes agreements, contracts, leases, mandates, tenders, memoranda of understanding and/or memoranda of agreement. Agreements include the provision of services by an external contractor or consultant, as well as by using external services (outsourcing). Also includes managing joint venture operations between the agency and other agencies, both government and private, where there is a contract, joint contribution of funds and/or time, and co-research or collaboration between inter-departmental units, departments or agencies.

Excludes agreements which have additional evidential requirements beyond the statute of limitations (e.g. where an external contractor is engaged to remove asbestos from agency buildings and has not provided a final report/clearance certificate).

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1002	Agreements and contracts – significant  Records relating to agreements and contracts, including joint ventures and public-private partnerships, which are of major significance to the agency and the State or which have created major public interest or controversy. Includes significant agreements that do not proceed.  Significant agreements and contracts may include, but are not limited to:  • all agreements and contracts with the	Date authorised: 1 September 2016 Background/business process:  Although this class merges 3 existing record classes, due to its expansion it is effectively a new class. An identified gap, significant contracts have previously been included in a number of Queensland core schedules due to its absence in the GRDS.  As a signatory to a highly significant (landmark) agreement or contract, the agency must commit to developing and maintaining a process of negotiation and engagement based on:  • a set of principles, including mutual respect and cooperation, which underpins the relationship between the agency and the other party  • open and timely communication and consultation  • an understanding of each other's roles and responsibilities in situations where they may overlap.  Regulatory requirements:  Queensland Procurement Policy Business requirements:  Queenslanders demand a range and quality of services provided at all levels of government. Agencies will at times enter into agreements and contracts that will have significance to the

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	Commonwealth or other States (e.g. National partnership agreements)  Iarge scale projects or programs requiring Ministerial approval  transfer of Government or agency responsibilities, functions, obligations or liabilities (e.g. machinery-of-government changes)  major liabilities or obligations for the agency  ale, outsourcing or long-term leasing of government functions  Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights (e.g. Indigenous land use agreements)  claims or matters that are precedent setting  significant industrial and workplace agreements, awards	agency and/or the State and these records should remain available for ongoing accountability, precedent and social history purposes. Such agreements would include machinery-of-government changes, major infrastructure, with other States and Territories and Aboriginal land rights.  The retention period is consistent with all other jurisdictions with similar record classes. It is also consistent with the retention of similar records in 5 existing Queensland schedules.  Permanent retention criteria:  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 and Programs of Government  • 5 – Substantial Contribution to Community Memory.

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	and enterprise bargaining.  Disposal action – Permanent. Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	
1003	Agreements and contracts – under seal Records relating to agreements and contracts, which have been approved under seal (speciality contracts). Excludes significant agreements. Disposal action – 12 years after the expiry or termination of the agreement or contract.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a revised record class.  A contract under seal is also termed as a sealed contract, special contract, deed, covenant, speciality, speciality contract or common-law speciality. It is a formal contract, which does not require any consideration and has the seal of the signatory attached. A contract under seal must be in writing or printed on paper. It is conclusive between the parties when signed, sealed and delivered.  Contracts under seal also bear little resemblance to ordinary contracts. A contract under seal is a written promise or set of promises which derives its validity from the form, and the form alone, of the executing instrument. The only requirements are that the deed should be intended and should be signed, sealed and delivered.  Regulatory requirements:  Limitation of Actions Act 1974  Business requirements:  There has been no change to the retention period from GRDS v.7.  The retention period ensures that these records are available in the event of legal action arising from a breach of contract under seal under s.10 (3) of the Limitation of Actions Act 1974 which allows an action to be brought up to 12 years from the date of the cause of action.
1004	Agreements and contracts – not under seal	Date authorised: 1 September 2016 Background/business process:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Records relating to agreements and contracts, which are approved and are not under seal.  Includes joint venture projects, superannuation trustee agreements, insurance policies, service level agreements and lease agreements.  Excludes significant agreements.  Disposal action –  7 years after the expiry or termination of the agreement or contract.	This record class has been created by combining multiple existing record classes from GRDS v.7.  Under the State Government Conditions of Contract for the provision of goods and/or services, the following documents constitute the entire contract between the customer and contractor:  • the order (including additional provisions)  • conditions of contract  • specifications  • offer (to extent accepted under the order)  • any other document, in whole or in part, forming part of the contract, as agreed in writing between the customer and contractor.  Regulatory requirements:  Limitation of Actions Act 1974  Business requirements:  There has been no change to the retention period from GRDS v.7.  The retention period ensures that these records are available in the event of legal action arising from a breach of contract under s.10 (1)(a) of the Limitation of Actions Act 1974 which allows an action to be brought up to 6 years from the date of the cause of action.
1005	Agreements and contracts not proceeded with  Records relating to agreements and contracts that have not been successfully negotiated and approved.  Excludes significant agreements that do not proceed.  Disposal action –	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a revision of an existing record class.  Agreements will regularly not be proceeded with due to a number of factors. These can include a breakdown in negotiations, funding has been withdrawn or agreements and contracts that are not renewed as the service or product is no longer required.  Business requirements:  The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.

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	2 years after business action completed.	The retention period provides evidence of the decision of the agency or another body not to enter into or renew an agreement. There is existing precedence in several Queensland core schedules.
1006	Agreements and contracts	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	register	Background/business process:
	Entries in the agreements and/or contracts register.	This record class has been created by combining existing record classes relating to tender and contract registers from GRDS v.7. These record classes have been moved to Common Activities
	Disposal action –	due to the nature of agreements/contracts.
	12 years after the expiry or termination of the agreement	A contract register is a list detailing contracts that are let by an organisation. The list is dynamic and details contract value, contract manager, supplier and expiry date of the contract.
	or contract.	Regulatory requirements:
		Limitation of Actions Act 1974
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		The retention period ensures that these records are available in the event of legal action arising from a breach of contract under seal under s.10 (3) of the <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> which allows an action to be brought up to 12 years from the date of the cause of action.

#### **AUDIT**

Officially checking financial, quality assurance and operational records to ensure they have been kept and maintained in accordance with agreed or legislated standards and correctly record the events, processes and business of an agency for a specified period.

Audits may include, but are not limited to: compliance, financial, operational, recordkeeping, skills, systems and quality assurance.

Excludes the core business records of the Queensland Audit Office.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1007	Audits – significant	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to significant audits which cross functions, examine core functions or measure agency performance or compliance at a strategic level, and which:  • involve contentious or litigious matters and/or set a precedent  • lead to a major change in policies  • involve major public interest or controversy  • are presented to Parliament.  Disposal action —  Permanent.  Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	Background/business process:  This is a new record class.  The Auditor-General, an independent Officer of Parliament, is the external auditor of both the state and local government public sectors in Queensland. The Queensland Audit Office (QAO) supports the role of the Auditor-General of Queensland in providing Parliament with an independent assessment of the financial management-related activities of public sector entities. Significant audit records sentenced under the QAO retention and disposal schedule are those audits which are deemed of historical significance by the Auditor-General.  However, not all audits will be conducted by the QAO. Agencies may conduct audits either themselves or engage a third party. Some agencies may have their own internal audit team who will conduct periodical audits on various business processes.  Regulatory requirements:  Auditor-General of Queensland Auditing Standards  Business requirements:  As the Auditor-General is responsible for identifying what QAO audits are regarded as significant, audits which are conducted by the QAO and are very significant to a particular agency may not be retained. Given this, any audit records held by an agency which meet the criteria for significance have been recommended for permanent retention. There may be some duplication with QAO but having a complete agency record of both the audit and is impacts is important for providing context for future researchers. It may also be possible for a private or internal audit to be significant (for example, the audit may reveal flaws which result in major changes to policy but are never made public).  The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by NSW, SA and WA. It is also consistent with the retention of similar records in 7 existing Queensland schedules.  Permanent retention criteria:  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:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		2 – Primary Functions and Programs of Government
		• 5 – Substantial Contribution to Community Memory.
1008	Audits – other	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to other	Background/business process:
	audits which are not	This record class merges multiple existing audit record classes from GRDS v.7.
	significant.	The Queensland Audit Office developed the 'Better Practice Guide Performance Reviews' to
	Disposal action –	assist organisations to adopt a performance review system that enables analysis and
	7 years after business action completed.	interpretation of performance information, facilitates discussions on how performance can be improved and translates these discussions into action.
		Performance review systems that use data to review performance and inform decision making are used by government agencies nationally and internationally. A good performance review system provides a greater level of accountability and responsibility, with a focus on continuous improvement.
		This record class also covers administrative audits that an agency conducts either internally or by an external provider.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Financial Accountability Act 2009
		Financial and Performance Management Standard 2009
		Queensland Audit Office – Better practice guide performance reviews
		Business requirements:
		Section A23.1 of the <i>Australian Auditing Standard ASA 230 Audit Documentation</i> endorses s.307B of the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> which requires audit working papers for company audits to be retained until:
		<ul> <li>the end of 7 years after the date of the audit report prepared in relation to the audit or review to which the audit working papers relate or</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>an earlier date determined by the Australian Securities and Investment Commission for the audit working papers.</li> </ul>

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		Section A23.2 states that relevant legislation or regulation, other than the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> , may require the retention of audit working papers for specified periods.
		The Queensland Auditing Standards, issued by the Auditor-General of Queensland, adopts the Australian Auditing Standards for audits in the Queensland public sector including Government Owned Corporations and local governments.

#### **AUTHORISATIONS**

Authorisation or permission to perform certain actions.

Excludes the delegations records held by a Minister or Assistant Minister's Office.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1010	Delegations – Chief Executive Officers and statutory office holders Records relating to delegations of authority issued:  • by a Minister as described in the Queensland Ministerial Handbook-Governing Queensland where the records of delegation are managed by the department • to a Chief Executive Officer (or equivalent)	Background/business process:  This was an existing record class from GRDS v.7 with the addition of international travel authorisations to the record class.  Under the Financial Accountability Act 2009 (the Act), the accountable officer or statutory body may need to delegate certain functions or responsibilities to other agency staff. While the provisions of the Act do not apply to statutory bodies, a statutory body's enabling legislation may contain similar provisions relating to the delegation of functions.  An accountable officer may place restrictions or conditions on any delegation given (for example, approval of certain types of transactions up to specific amounts or for specific cost centres).  Delegation of powers by Ministers, Chief Executives, Mayors and local governments is also covered by s.255-260 of the Local Government Act 2009.  Regulatory requirements:  Acts Interpretation Act 1954  Local Government Act 2009

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	<ul> <li>to a statutory office</li> </ul>	Public Service Act 2008
	holder.	Business requirements:
	Includes financial delegations and international travel	The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7 and is consistent with the retention of similar records by other jurisdictions.
	authorisations.  Excludes the delegation	Under s.103(1) of the <i>Public Service Act 2008</i> , a chief executive may delegate the chief executive's functions under an Act to any appropriately qualified person.
	records held by a Minister or	Permanent retention criteria:
	Assistant Minister's Office.  Disposal action –	These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:
	Permanent. Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	2 – Primary Functions and Programs of Government.
1011	Delegations – other staff	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to delegations of authority issued to all other agency staff.  Includes financial delegations.	Background/business process:
		There has been a minor amendment to the record class description to increase the scope of the class to cover financial delegations. This is because one of the common delegations in agencies relates to financial management (procurement, expenditure and payment delegations).
	Disposal action – 7 years after authorisation ceases.	There are no specific types of delegations which an agency must establish. These will be determined based upon the 'business' of each agency. Types of delegations that are traditionally assigned by accountable officers and statutory bodies include:
		<ul> <li>procurement (authority to sign requisitions, purchase orders)</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>expenditure (authority for operational expenditure, write-off losses or assets)</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>payment (sign cheques, authorise electronic funds transfers)</li> </ul>
		administrative (correspondence, approve records disposals)
		<ul> <li>human resources (approve role descriptions, advertising vacancies, appointments).</li> </ul>
		Regulatory requirements:
		Acts Interpretation Act 1954

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Public Service Act 2008
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7. The retention period is consistent with other financial records in the GRDS.
1012	Vehicle authorisations	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to	Background/business process:
	authorisation requests to use agency vehicles.	This record class is a merger of existing GRDS v.7 record classes. The record class description has been expanded to include examples of the authorisations covered.
	Includes authorisations for private use, to carry	References to allowances have now been removed as these are covered by the Financial Management function.
	passengers that are not	Business requirements:
	agency employees or home garage agency vehicles. Also includes the use of private vehicles for official business.  Disposal action –  7 years after business action completed.	The retention period has been increased from 5 years to 7 years after last action for consistency with other financial records in this version of the GRDS.
		Although some of these records may be required under the Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT)
		Assessment Act 1986, the retention period is longer than the FBT minimum retention of 5 years. It also allows sufficient time for any personal injury proceedings to be brought that relate to an individual's use of the vehicle.
		The 7 year retention period is also consistent with similar authorisation records classes in the GRDS:
		1011 Delegations-other staff – Retain for 7 years after authorisation is cancelled or superseded
		<ul> <li>1263 Travel authorisations/approvals – Retain for 7 years after business action completed.</li> </ul>
1263	Travel authorisations/	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	approvals	Background/business process:
	Records relating to applications, approvals and authorisations for employees	This revised record class consolidates record classes relating to employee travel. <b>Business requirements:</b>

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	travelling for work related proposes. Includes interstate and overseas travel.  Disposal action – 7 years after business action completed.	The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.  The 7 years retention period is also consistent with similar authorisation records classes in the GRDS, references:  • 1011 Delegations – other staff – 7 years after authorisation is cancelled or superseded  • 1012 Vehicle authorisations – 7 years after business action completed.  These records may be required to validate that financial transactions are correct and therefore should be retained for the same period as other financial records. They may also be needed for audit purposes.

### **BUILDING INFORMATION MODELLING (BIM) REQUIREMENTS**

The digital representation of physical and functional characteristics of a building, piece of physical infrastructure or environment, which serves as a shared knowledge resource for information about an asset throughout its lifecycle - supporting decision making - from strategic appraisal and planning, design and construction to operation, maintenance and renewal.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
2421	Building Information	Date authorised: 15 May 2019
2422	Modelling (BIM) Records	Background/business process:
	Graphical and non-graphical information (BIM records) created through the application of Building Information Modelling (BIM). Including BIM records with enduring value and long-term temporary value  Disposal action –	BIM is the digital representation of physical and functional characteristics of a building, piece of physical infrastructure or environment. BIM serves as a shared knowledge resource for information about an asset throughout its lifecycle—supporting decision making—from strategic appraisal and planning, design and construction to operation, maintenance and renewal. BIM enables a collaborative way of working using digital processes to enable more productive methods of planning, designing, constructing, operating and maintaining assets through their lifecycle. Qld Infrastructure projects will be required to use BIM to manage their records when:

Disposal Description of record and Authorisation retention period	Justification for retention period
Permanent. Transfer to QSA after business action completed. and Retain for 12 years after the transfer, disposal or demolition of the infrastructure asset.	<ul> <li>the design, delivery and asset management of all new major construction projects including those with an estimated capital cost of \$50 million or more which commence a detailed business case from 1 July 2019, and those involving significant alterations, extensions, renovations and repurposing of existing assets</li> <li>projects where government departments, agencies and statutory authorities see the value in BIM to manage existing assets or projects with an estimated capital value below \$50 million.</li> <li>The Digital Enablement for Queensland Infrastructure – Principles for BIM Implementation are to be used by officers of the Queensland Government – including departments, agencies and statutory authorities – and apply to officers who are involved in any part of the lifecycle of new major construction assets, including the planning, procurement, design, contract management, construction, operation or maintenance of the assets.</li> <li>Infrastructure is one of the cornerstone deliverables of government and provides many benefits to the community including economic growth, population growth, community development and increased productivity for a range of industries. Infrastructure in Queensland is valued at more than \$300 billion and it is vital that these assets are managed in the most efficient and resourceful manner for the benefit of all Queenslanders.</li> <li>The State Infrastructure Plan (SIP) released in March 2016 outlined a new State Government strategic direction for the planning, investment and delivery of infrastructure in Queensland. One of the five infrastructure directions outlined in the 2016 SIP was to promote the most efficient procurement and the better use of existing assets. One of the SIP implementation actions to meet this direction is to implement Building Information Modelling (BIM) into all major state infrastructure projects by 2023.</li> <li>Business requirements:</li> <li>A key objective of QId agencies using BIM is to maintain the BIM records</li></ul>

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		for further development and reuse. This means that project phases become more efficient and there is less duplication of records created during the project.
		BIM supports the management and production of information during the lifecycle of infrastructure assets and can deliver beneficial business outcomes including reduction of risk and reduction of cost through the production and use of asset and project information models.
		BIM allows agencies to work on infrastructure projects in new collaborative environments to achieve higher levels of quality and greater reuse of existing knowledge and experience. An added benefit of this collaboration through the use of BIM is that information is more likely to be communicated, reused and shared more efficiently whilst reducing the risks of loss, contradiction or misinterpretation of information.
		The implementation of BIM enables agencies to manage their permanent, temporary, and short term or transitory value records for infrastructure assets in a more efficient and collaborative way.
		Regulatory requirements:
		<u>Digital Enablement for Queensland Infrastructure – Principles for BIM Implementation</u>
		BS EN ISO 19650-2:2018: Organization and digitization of information about buildings and civil engineering works, including building information modelling (BIM) – Information management using building information modelling
		Permanent retention criteria:
		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 of government
		5 – substantial contribution to community memory
		6 – environmental management & change
		Comparison with other schedules' retention period:
		Nil
		Other comments/factors for consideration:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Guideline on management and disposal of business information modelling records outlines the requirements of managing and disposing of BIM Records.
		Previous schedule references:
		Nil

#### **COMMITTEES**

Managing formally established committees and task forces. Includes the committee's establishment, appointment of members, terms of reference, proceedings, minutes of meetings, agendas, reports, etc.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1013	Advisory bodies	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to external	Background/business process:
	advisory bodies that have a direct impact on the agency's	This record class has been expanded to include the nomination and appointment of advisory body members.
	operations.	Business requirements:
	Includes the nomination and appointment of advisory board	The retention period has increased from 25 years to permanent which is consistent with all other jurisdictions with similar record classes.
	members.  Disposal action –  Permanent.	Advisory bodies provide advice to the government on many different issues and their recommendations may directly influence the actions of the government. For example, the Radiation Advisory Council advises the Minister on the administration of the <i>Radiation Safety Act</i>
	Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	1999 and makes recommendations for the prevention or minimisation of dangers arising from radioactive substances and associated machinery. As a result, the deliberations of these advisory bodies will be of ongoing interest and value to the people of Queensland.  Permanent retention criteria:

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		These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:
		<ul> <li>2 – Primary Functions and Programs of Government.</li> </ul>
1014	High-level committees	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to high-level	Background/business process:
	committees with overall responsibility for making major policy and planning decisions. Includes the nomination and	This record class combines existing GRDS v.7 record classes relating to major internal and external committees. It has also been expanded to include the nomination and appointment of committee members which is consistent with the approach taken by NSW and Victoria.
	appointment of committee members.	High-level committees are responsible for the agency's long-term performance and business success as well as the timely delivery of key priorities for the agency.
	High-level committees include, but are not limited to:	The high-level committee's leadership and decision-making sets the strategic direction for the agency so that it can meet its goals and objectives. In particular, the high-level committee functions are to:
	<ul> <li>internal committees         established to         implement major         agency programs</li> <li>external and interagency committees         where the agency         provides the         secretariat.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>establish and communicate the agency's policy direction and accompanying strategic priorities through the strategic plan. This includes ongoing review of performance against goals</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>champion corporate governance and risk management – including strategic investment, structures, internal controls and culture-across the agency</li> </ul>
		provide leadership that will further the agency's purpose, policies and strategic direction
		<ul> <li>monitor the ways in which the agency delivers its services to ensure they are effective, efficient and ethical</li> </ul>
	Disposal action – Permanent.	<ul> <li>coordinate the overall efforts of the entire agency by engendering a system of cooperation and empowerment</li> </ul>
	Transfer to QSA after business	<ul> <li>provide a role model of the values and behaviours expected of all employees.</li> </ul>
	action completed.	Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7 and is consistent with the retention of similar records by other jurisdictions.

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		High-level committees set an agency's policy direction and can directly impact on how an agency's services are administered and delivered to the people of Queensland. Additionally, the decisions of significant external committees can have far-reaching implications not only for the agency, but also for the wider Queensland community.
		There is also precedent for the permanent retention of these records in existing Queensland core business schedules.
		Permanent retention criteria:
		These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:
		2 – Primary Functions and Programs of Government.
1015	Committees - other	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to all other	Background/business process:
	internal committees     formed to consider     specific matters, e.g.     audit committee,     steering committees,     operational finance     committees and ad hoc     committees	This record class combines existing GRDS v.7 record classes relating to other internal and external committees. It has also been expanded to include the nomination and appointment of committee members which is consistent with the approach taken by NSW and Victoria.
		An agency will be a member of various committees that relate to the functions and activities of the agency.
		Business requirements:
		While the retention period for internal committee records has remained the same at 5 years, the retention for external committee records has now increased from 2 to 5 years. The disposal
	<ul> <li>external and inter- agency committees where the agency is a member and does not provide the secretariat.</li> </ul>	trigger has also been simplified from "after committee has ceased" to "after business action completed".
		The 5 year retention period provides consistency within the GRDS and allows sufficient time for the records to be referred back to if any issues arise. It is also consistent with a majority of other jurisdictions with similar record classes and with existing precedent in the Queensland Audit Office schedule.
	Disposal action -	Office Schedule.
	5 years after business action completed.	

#### **COMPENSATION**

Providing compensation for:

- employees injured while proceeding to or from work, injured during the working hours of the agency and the rehabilitation of these employees
- visitors in which the agency is found liable and damage to property in which the agency has claimed responsibility
- claims for professional indemnity and public liability
- compulsory acquisition of private property.

This section includes the requirements of the Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003.

Excludes the core business records of WorkCover Queensland.

NOTE: Compensation is now an activity under Common Activities. Insurance has been moved to Financial Management.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1156	Claims – significant	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to compensation claims which are of significance to the agency and/or to the wider community.  Includes claims which go to appeal.  Significant compensation claims may include, but are not limited to those that:  • have whole-of-government implications	Background/business process: This is a new record class for this activity.  Business requirements: The management of significant compensation claims directly impacts on individuals. Depending on the claim, significant compensation claims could also impact on the wider Queensland community. Given the criteria for determining significant claims, there will be substantial and ongoing community interest in these records.  The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records in ACT and WA.  Permanent retention criteria: 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 and Entitlements  • 4 – Significant Impact on Individuals

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	<ul> <li>set precedents or have potential significance for decision-making</li> </ul>	5 – Substantial Contribution to Community Memory.
	<ul> <li>require significant changes to an agency's policies or operations</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>require a significant level of coordination or cooperation between different agencies</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>the size of the claim made by or against the State</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>are heard in the High Court</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>involve matters or identify parties that raise legal, political or policy issues which are sensitive for the State</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>attract or is likely to attract major public interest or controversy.</li> </ul>	
	Disposal action –	
	Permanent.	
	Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	
1264	Claims – hazardous substances conditions	Date authorised: 1 September 2016

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	Records relating to	Background/business process:
	compensation claims	This is a new record class for this activity.
	submitted on behalf of a claimant who has been exposed or potentially exposed	In Queensland there is a large industry of mining and building developments. In 2016 there has been a resurgence of coal workers' pneumoconiosis (black lung) in miners who worked in the coal mines in Queensland.
	to a hazardous substance, e.g. asbestos.	Also, in Queensland there are many buildings, including houses that were built with asbestos
	Disposal action –	because of its durability. There has been precedence in Australia with compensation claims for asbestosis against James Hardy.
	100 years after business action	Regulatory requirements:
	completed.	Limitation of Actions Act 1974
		Business requirements:
		The retention period is based on the retention of similar records relating to the identification, removal and disposal of asbestos (1203) which has a retention period of "Retain for 100 years after removal or disposal of hazardous substance".
		While the GRDS includes health monitoring records for employees exposed to asbestos (1221) with a 40 year retention period, the retention of claim records has been benchmarked against the longer period for the following reasons:
		<ul> <li>under section 11(2) of the Limitation of Actions Act 1974, a right of action relating to personal injury resulting from a dust-related condition is not subject to a limitation period under an Act or law or rule of law</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>a claim relating to potential asbestos exposure could be lodged well before the manifestation of the disease occurs.</li> </ul>
		While the retention of these records is important for the protection of an individual's rights, where they have been exposed to a hazardous substance by a Queensland government agency, a 100 years provides a sufficient time period to do this. These records are not seen as being of ongoing State significance because many individuals in the community may be exposed for a variety of reasons and none of these records will be retained permanently. There is no additional value in retaining potential claim records from public servants as compared to other members of

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		the community. Additionally, the potential volume of these records across all levels of Queensland government is very high.
		High level policy and guidance around the management of asbestos in the community would be captured permanent by Workplace Health and Safety Queensland.
1157	Claims – self-insurance	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	scheme	Background/business process:
	Records relating to worker's compensation claims processed by an agency that is licensed as a self-insurer and	Some agencies prefer to establish their own worker's compensation schemes as self-insurers in accordance with the <i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003</i> . Workers compensation claims are processed by the participating self-insurer, e.g. Brisbane City Council and Gold Coast City Council, and not WorkCover Queensland.
	not sent to WorkCover	Regulatory requirements:
	Queensland.	Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003
	Disposal action –  55 years after settlement of claim.	Business requirements:
		The retention period has been increased by 5 years to align with WorkCover Queensland records (QDAN484 v.5).
		This retention period ensures that records relating to workers' compensation claims are retained while a person is working so that the insuring agency can make rational and substantiated decisions about workers' compensation claims during their working life.
1158	Claims – involving minors	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to compensation claims submitted on behalf of a claimant who was a minor at the time of the incident. Includes claims made by	Background/business process:
		This is an existing record class which has had an increase in retention period.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Limitation of Actions Act 1974
		Business requirements:
	members of the public, work experience students and volunteers.	The retention period has changed to "When child reaches 27 years of age" from "25 years of age or 7 years after settlement of claim" to ease the burden for agencies.

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	Claims may include, but are not limited to:  • personal injury  • property damage  • compulsory acquisition of private property  • motor vehicle damage  • other insurance claims.  Disposal action —  When child reaches 27 years of age.	Under s.29 of the <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> , the statute of limitations does not come into effect until a minor turns 18 years of age. Additionally, Crown Law has advised that claims presented by minors are most likely to occur within three to six years of an incident.  Therefore the retention period of "When child reaches 27 years of age" ensures that the records will be retained for the six years (allowed for under existing claim periods) and an additional 3 years in line with Queensland's approach to being a model litigant.
1159	Claims – other	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to all other compensation and/or insurance claims submitted, or received, by the agency. Claims include, but are not limited to:  • personal injury  • property damage  • compulsory acquisition of private property  • motor vehicle damage  • worker's compensation  – submitted to the agency responsible for implementing the statutory worker's	Background/business process:  This record class is a merger of existing record classes relating to workers compensation claims and other compensation claims made by adults.  This record class has been expanded to include general insurance claims that are lodged with an insurer for damage to agency property.  Regulatory requirements:  Limitation of Actions Act 1974  Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003  Business requirements:  There has been no change to the retention period and this is consistent with the retention of similar records by all other jurisdictions.  Under s.11(1) of the Limitation of Actions Act 1974, claims for personal injury can be brought up to a maximum of 3 years after the incident while other claims can be brought up to 6 years after the incident under the same legislation.

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	compensation scheme (e.g. WorkCover Queensland)  all other insurance claims.	Note: This record class also includes copies of records of individual claims submitted to WorkCover Queensland for processing. WorkCover Queensland retains their copies of the claim records for 55 years after lodgement of claim (QDAN484 reference 1.1.1).
	Disposal action -	
	7 years after settlement of claim.	

#### **COMPLIANCE**

Compliance with mandatory or optional accountability, fiscal, legal, regulatory or quality standards or requirements to which the agency is subject. Includes the handling of breaches of standards, requirements or legislation; lodgements of agency publications under s.201 of the Copyright Act 1968; allocation of ISBN, ISSN, barcodes and URL addresses; the attachment of privacy statements to websites and the use of official symbols and internet domain names.

Excludes compliance enforcement activities undertaken by an agency as part of its statutory responsibilities; compliance records captured as part of another business activity, e.g. compliance with court instructions is captured as part of Litigation and Prosecutions.

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1016	Compliance breaches – significant Records relating to significant breaches of legislative requirements by the agency. Significant breaches may include, but are not limited to:	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process: This is a new record class. The majority of government functions and activities, at all levels, are governed by legislation. Agencies need to ensure that their legislative requirements are complied with or there can be severe penalties for any breaches.  Regulatory requirements: Various

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	<ul> <li>contentious or litigious</li> </ul>	Business requirements:
	matters and/or set a precedent	The Queensland public expects government agencies to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of integrity, honesty and accountability. This includes ensuring that
	<ul> <li>lead to a major change in policies</li> </ul>	agencies operate within the law. Given the criteria for determining significant compliance breaches, there will be substantial and ongoing community interest in these records.
	<ul> <li>matters of major public interest or controversy</li> </ul>	The retention period is consistent with all other jurisdictions with similar record classes.  Additionally, due to the often close connection between significant audits and compliance
	<ul> <li>matters presented to Parliament.</li> </ul>	breaches, this record class is consistent in the retention criteria for significant audit records (1007).
	Disposal action -	Permanent retention criteria:
	Permanent.	These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State
	Transfer to QSA after business	Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:
	action completed.	2 – Primary Functions and Programs of Government.
1017	Compliance breaches –	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	other	Background/business process:
	Records relating to other breaches of legislative	This record class merges existing record classes relating to industrial relations infringements, privacy investigations and work health & safety breaches.
	requirements by the agency that are not considered	Regulatory requirements:
	significant.	Industrial Relations Act 1999
	Compliance breaches may	Information Privacy Act 2009
	include, but are not limited to:	Right to Information Act 2009
	<ul> <li>industrial relations</li> </ul>	Work Health and Safety Act 2011
	infringements incurred	Business requirements:
	by the agency	The retention period is consistent with the previous retention period for industrial relations and
	<ul> <li>privacy breaches</li> </ul>	work health and safety infringements. However, the retention of records relating to privacy breaches has increased from 5 to 7 years.
	<ul> <li>work health and safety breaches.</li> </ul>	breaches has increased from 5 to 7 years.

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	Disposal action –	For consistency within the GRDS, the retention period is based on the record class for matters-
	7 years after business action completed.	other (1171). It provides a sufficient period of time for these records to be referred back to if required and it is also consistent with the retention of similar records by WA.
1018	Compliance exemptions	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to agency	Background/business process:
	exemptions from compliance with specific legislative provisions.	This record class merges existing record classes covering exemptions under the Financial and Performance Management Standard 2009 and <i>Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing Act 2006</i> .
	Exemptions include, but are	Regulatory requirements:
	not limited to:	Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing Act 2006
	Anti-Money Laundering     Anti-Money Laundering	Financial and Performance Management Standard 2009
	and Counter Terrorism Financing Act 2006	Business requirements:
	Financial and     Performance	The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7 and is consistent with the retention of general compliance records (1017).
	Management Standard 2009.	The retention period for this class is consistent with the retention period for records described in the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre's (AUSTRAC) Guidance Note 08/04 –
	Disposal action –	which is generally 7 years after last client service.
	7 years after expiry or refusal of exemption.	
1019	Compliance with legislation	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	and/or standards	Background/business process:
	Records relating to initiatives	This is a new record class for this activity.
	at an agency-wide or program- specific level to measure and	Some agencies must be accredited by a regulator to perform some of their functions.
	improve the agency's operations in order to be compliant with mandatory or	For example, 2 modules of the QGCPO (Queensland Government Chief Procurement Office) training and certification program are accredited by CIPSA (Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply Australasia) and students are eligible for professional membership.
	optional standards.	Business requirements:

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	<b>Disposal action –</b> 7 years after business action completed.	Queensland Audit Office has previously identified that these records may be required for an internal audit and auditable records are generally retained for a period of 7 years (1008). The retention period is in line with a majority of other jurisdictions with similar record classes and with existing Queensland precedence.
1020	Compliance inspections and quality assurance Records relating to compliance inspections, and quality assurance initiatives, designed to measure the agency's compliance with mandatory or optional standards. Compliance includes, but is not limited to:  • inspections of agency records by an external regulator  • assessment and certification of the agency's systems by an external organisation.  Disposal action —  7 years after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a new record class for this activity. However, it does include the former GRDS v.7 inspections record class.  Quality assurance refers to administrative and procedural activities implemented in a quality system so that requirements and goals for a product, service or activity will be fulfilled. It is the systematic measurement, comparison with a standard, monitoring of processes and an associated feedback loop focused on preventing errors. This can be contrasted with quality control, which is focused on process output.  Under section 46 (1) of the Public Records Act 2002, for the administration and enforcement of the Act an authorised officer is entitled to full and free access at all reasonable times, after giving the agency reasonable notice of the intended access, to all public records in an agency's possession.  Under the Copyright Act 1968, the Commonwealth Attorney-General has the power to inspect records in relation to copyright breaches relating to broadcasts, retransmission of free-to-air broadcasts and declarations retained by libraries, archives or institutions.  Regulatory requirements:  Auditor-General Act 2009  Copyright Act 1968 (Cwlth)  Financial Accountability Act 2009  ISO 9000 — Quality management  Public Records Act 2002  Business requirements:  The retention period has increased from 3 years to "7 years after business action completed".

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Based on whole-of-government consultation, the trigger was simplified to "after business action completed". There has been a corresponding increase in the retention period to 7 years – this is to allow sufficient time for any certification to lapse before the relevant records are destroyed. The retention is consistent with similar records in SA.

#### **CORRUPTION PREVENTION AND DETECTION**

The disclosure of corruption and strategies for the prevention of corruption. Includes involvement in corruption prevention projects undertaken by the Crime and Corruption Commission and the education of employees about corruption prevention disclosures.

Excludes core business records of the Crime and Corruption Commission.

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1021	Corruption cases – significant Records relating to significant cases of misappropriation, fraud, theft or negligence. Significant corruption cases may include, but are not limited to:  • have significant public interest • identify significant systemic issues resulting in major changes to the structure, policies	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This existing record class has been reworded and updated.  If the material loss is an offence under the <i>Criminal Code Act 1899</i> or another Act, written notice of the loss must be given to the police, the Crime and Corruption Commission and the Auditor-General.  Regulatory requirements:  Crime and Corruption Act 2001  Financial Management and Performance Standard 2009  Business requirements:  The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.  The Queensland public expects government agencies to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of integrity, honesty and accountability. This includes ensuring that

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	and/or procedures of the agency	agencies operate within the law. Given the criteria for determining significant corruption cases, there will be substantial and ongoing community interest in these records.
	<ul> <li>proceed to a Royal Commission or Parliamentary Inquiry</li> <li>result in changes to legislation or the implementation of new corruption prevention systems within the agency</li> <li>result in the dismissal of an employee.</li> <li>Disposal action –</li> <li>Permanent.</li> <li>Transfer to QSA after business action completed.</li> </ul>	Permanent retention criteria:  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 and Programs of Government  • 5 – Substantial Contribution to Community Memory.
1022	Corruption cases – other	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
1022	Records relating to other	Background/business process:
	identification of misappropriation, fraud, theft or negligence that are not considered significant.	There has been no change to this existing record class.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Crime and Corruption Act 2001
	Disposal action –	Financial Management and Performance Standard 2009
	7 years after business action	Limitation of Actions Act 1974
	competed.	Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.

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		Under s.10 (2) of the <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> an action for an account shall not be brought more than 6 years after the commencement of the action. The retention period is consistent with other jurisdictions with similar record classes.

### **EMPLOYMENT SCREENING**

Screening persons to ensure the safety and security of the Queensland community, particularly children, and to maintain public confidence in the integrity of the Queensland public service.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1240	Criminal history checks	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014
	Records relating to criminal history checks undertaken on an employee who is performing relevant or prescribed duties to assess their ongoing risk and suitability for a role.  Includes criminal history checks of persons an agency proposes to engage or employ to perform relevant or prescribed duties as well as contractors, students and volunteers.  Disposal action —  Until assessment of individual is complete.	Background/business process:  Chapter 5, Part 6 of the <i>Public Service Act 2008</i> covers criminal history screening for assessing the suitability of current and prospective employees. No differences are highlighted in the criminal history process for prospective and current employees.  The <i>Public Service Act 2008</i> also specifically refers to the management of information received in relation to criminal history screening regardless of its purpose, such as pre and ongoing employment checks.  This class covers criminal history checks undertaken in accordance with the <i>Public Service Act 2008</i> , the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> , and any other act requiring a criminal history check on current and prospective employees such as service employees employed under the <i>Police Service Administration Act 1990</i> .  Regulatory requirements: <i>Public Service Act 2008 Local Government Act 2009 Police Service Administration Act 1990</i> Business requirements:

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		Under s169 of the <i>Public Service Act 2008</i> , a criminal history report is no longer required to be kept after an assessment about the person has been made. The report, notice and any other document required must be destroyed. Information received during the criminal history checking process cannot be used for any purpose other than that for which it was originally created. Under s172 of the <i>Public Service Act 2008</i> , a criminal history report or police information report cannot be disclosed or access to the document given to anyone else. This section would be breached if these records were kept longer than for original purpose for which they were obtained or if made available on a file that included other types of employment screening and/or service history records.  The retention period ensures that records are kept for the assessment of the individual only.
1241	Employment screening	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014
	assessments	Background/business process:
	Records relating to employment screening undertaken on an employee who is performing relevant or prescribed duties to assess their ongoing risk and suitability for a role.  Includes screening of persons an agency proposes to engage or employ to perform relevant or prescribed duties as well as contractors, students and volunteers.  Excludes criminal history checks and any records providing details of criminal history checks.	Employment screening is covered under various pieces of legislation at both the state and commonwealth level depending on the position and/or field the person is employed in.  This class also includes recent changes to the <i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act</i> 2003 (sections 571B-571C) where a prospective employee's worker's compensation claims history and pre-existing medical conditions can be used when considering and selecting a prospective worker for employment.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003
		Business requirements:
		These records provide evidence of the checks, assessments and determinations made on an employee to determine the ongoing risk and suitability of their role. The employment screening aims to ensure safety and security for the Queensland community, particularly children, and maintain public confidence in the integrity of the Queensland public service.
		These records are required for the duration of a person's employment to provide a history of their continued screening to determine suitability of role such as changed employment circumstances. The records are required seven years after separation to cover any legal issues that may arise following an employee's separation from an agency.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Includes the following types of employment screening:  • child-related duties (working for children) requests made by an agency  • past adverse disciplinary action  • security screening and background checks.  Disposal action —  7 years after separation.	Under s.572A of the <i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003</i> , a worker's compensation claims history summary cannot be used for any purpose other than for the purposes of the employment process and be disclosed or given to anyone else. Penalty units apply to this section. However, these records are required by an agency to support their decision if a false or misleading disclosure is identified as the prospective worker or any other claimant will not be entitled to compensation or to seek damages for any event that aggravates the pre-existing injury or medical condition.  The retention period allows sufficient time for the records to be referred back to by the agency if a claim or other legal action occurs.
1242	Criminal history check registers Entries made in a criminal history screening register.  Disposal action – 7 years after separation.	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014  Background/business process:  This record class covers the register of criminal history checks that is often retained by agencies as part of standard policies and procedures surrounding employment screening and criminal history checks.  Regulatory requirements:  Public Service Act 2008  Business requirements:  The purpose of the register is to retain a record that a check was carried out and a history of all checks undertaken on an employee. Even though s169 of the Public Service Act 2008 refers to the disposal of criminal history information after an assessment about the person has been made, it covers only the criminal history disclosures and criminal history report. A history of criminal checks is needed to support employment screening activities (1241) and therefore the same retention period of 7 years after separation is required.

#### **EVALUATING AND REVIEWING**

Assessing the suitability, success or effectiveness of potential or existing facilities, programs, services, systems or equipment. Includes recommendations and advice resulting from these activities.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1023	Evaluations and reviews – significant Records relating to significant evaluations or reviews of potential or existing agency functions, programs, services and systems. Significant evaluations and reviews may include, but are not limited to:  • strategic-level evaluations of agency programs and services and systems  • involve contentious or litigious matters and/or set a precedent  • result in major changes to policy and standards  • involve major public interest or controversy  • matters presented to Parliament.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016 Background/business process: This is a revision of an existing record class. Evaluation can:  • be used to understand, verify or increase the impact of programs or services on customers or clients  • be used to improve delivery mechanisms to be more efficient and cost effective  • identify strengths and weaknesses to improve the program or service  • verify that the program or service is really running as originally planned  • facilitate management's thinking that the program or service is meeting its goals  • produce data or verify results that can be used for public relations and promotion  • produce valid comparisons between programs and services to decide which should be retained  • fully examine and describe effective programs and services for duplication elsewhere. Business requirements:  Major evaluations/reviews are undertaken to ensure that an agency is operating efficiently and effectively. Given significant evaluations/reviews may include contentious or litigious matters, set precedents, lead to a major change in policies/standards, involve major public interest or controversy or are presented to Parliament, these records will have an ongoing value and interest to the people of Queensland.  It is consistent with the retention of similar records by Tasmania and WA and there is existing precedence in 6 Queensland core schedules.

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	Disposal action -	Permanent retention criteria:
	Permanent. Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:  • 2 – Primary Functions and Programs of Government
1024	Evaluations and reviews – other  Records relating to other evaluations or reviews of potential or existing agency functions, programs, services and systems.  Includes operational-level evaluations and reviews.  Disposal action –  5 years after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This record class merges existing record classes covering evaluations and reviews.  An agency will periodically review their processes and systems to ensure they have the correct plans, policies and procedures in place.  An example of this would be that an agency would need to review these functions and activities to implement the Queensland Government red tape reduction reforms.  Business requirements:  While the retention period for financial reviews has remained the same at 5 years, the retention for other reviews has now been reduced from 10 years. The retention period ensures that these records are available for business reference when implementing improvements and changes identified during the review.  It is also consistent with the retention of similar records by NSW and Tasmania.

#### **IDENTITY DOCUMENTS**

Identity documents may be received in the course of performing a business transaction or business process by the agency or by a third-party service provider acting on behalf of an agency.

This activity covers:

- receiving, checking, verifying, and managing identity documents that may be provided to an agency by request, by legal requirement or by customer action
- legacy identity verification processes where an agency has collected and retained identity documents as evidence of business transactions or business processes where there is no requirement to retain the identity documents to meet a legal need

• the management of records, data and information which provides evidence of the secure disposal of legacy identity documents where there is no legal requirement for the agency to retain the identity documents.

Identity verification may require the collection of identity information or identity documents through either digital or non-digital channels. The Information Privacy Act 2009 creates privacy and security protections drafted on the principle of not recording more customer information than is necessary.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
2643	Identity verification – no legal requirement to retain	Date authorised: 22 December 2023  Background/business process:
	documents  Identity documents collected or received by the agency, or by a third-party service provider	Agencies may collect or receive identity documents in the course of undertaking an identity verification transaction or process. Where there is no legal requirement to retain the identity documents, agencies may create and manage evidence of successful identity verification after sighting or receiving an identity document. If this approach is taken:
	acting on behalf of an agency, in the course of performing a business transaction or business process for the purpose of identity verification where there is no legal requirement to retain the	<ul> <li>agencies may dispose of any received identity documents once the identity of the individual is verified and evidence of the identity verification is created and retained</li> <li>the creation and retention of evidence of identity verification meets the agency's business need to ensure that the identity of an individual is successfully verified as part of the agency's business transaction</li> <li>disposing of any identity documents received by agencies once identity verification is complete can reduce the information security risk to agencies who are retaining and managing sensitive, personal information of individuals.</li> </ul>
	identity documents.  Disposal action –  Until identity is verified  AND	Both the <i>Information Privacy Act 2009</i> and the <i>Right to Information Act 2009</i> require individually who are making an application to provide evidence of identity for the applicant or for the applicant's agent as part of the application process. Evidence of identity is prescribed under of the <i>Right to Information Regulation 2009</i> and s.3 of the <i>Information Privacy Regulation 2009</i> .
	Until evidence is recorded by the agency to demonstrate that identity verification has occurred.	Although acceptable evidence of identity documents is prescribed under regulation, and both the <i>Information Privacy Act 2009</i> and the <i>Right to Information Act 2009</i> require applicants to provide evidence of identity as part of an application, there is no direction under legislation that the evidence of identity must be retained for a minimum length of time. The Office of the Information Commissioner (OIC) provides further guidance, available online from the OIC website, on the requirements for evidence of identity and authority under the <i>Right to Information Act 2009</i> and the <i>Information Privacy Act 2009</i> .

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		The <i>Information Privacy Act 2009</i> requires agencies to act in accordance with the Information Privacy Principles regarding the collection, storage and security, access and amendment, use and disclosure of personal information, including information contained within identity documents.
		Specifically, agencies should not record and retain more customer information than is necessary to fulfil the particular agency purpose for collecting the information as part of an agency business transaction. Where there is no legal requirement for an agency to retain identity documents for identity verification purposes, it is essential that agencies balance the Information Privacy Principles with the agency's business needs to ensure identity verification can successfully occur and any information privacy or information security risks are reduced.
		The OIC strongly encourages agencies to notify them when a privacy breach occurs, regardless of whether mandatory data breach notification obligations apply. Agencies may be subject to mandatory data breach notification obligations through other legislative requirements, such as the information security incident reporting requirements under the Queensland Government Enterprise Architecture (QGEA), the Commonwealth Notifiable Data Breaches (NDB) scheme and the <i>My Health Records Act 2012</i> (Cth). The OIC provides further guidance, available online from the OIC website, on the management of privacy breaches.
		Business requirements: The proposed minimum retention period will ensure that agencies may dispose of identity documents once an individual's identity has been verified and evidence of the identity verification is created and retained by the agency.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Information Privacy Act 2009
		Comparison with other schedules' retention period:
		Public Record Office Victoria, Retention and Disposal Authority for Records of the Identity Verification Function (PROS 22/07) Reference 1.1 Identity verification input records – Destroy after verification and validation process concluded.
2644	Identity verification –	Date authorised: 22 December 2023
	evidence	Background/business process:
	Records, data, and information retained by the agency, or by a	Identity documents, or other card-based credentials like driver licences, contain key attributes (such as name, date of birth, unique identifier) that are the core elements of a person's

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third-party service provider acting on behalf of an agency, as evidence that identity verification has occurred in the course of performing a business transaction or business process.

**Excludes:** instances where identity documents must be retained by the agency, or by a third-party service provider acting on behalf of an agency, to meet a legal requirement.

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Until disposal of the related records for the business transaction or business process.

### Justification for retention period

documented identity and can be used as evidence of the identity of the individual. Identity documents are incredibly important to the individual to verify their identity, to enable access to goods and services, to claim benefits and to protect the rights and entitlements of the individual throughout their lifetime.

Where there is no legal requirement to retain identity documents, agencies can create and retain evidence of identity verification to meet the agency's business need to demonstrate that the identity of the individual has been successfully verified. This identity verification is also necessary to protect the rights and entitlements of the individual and ensure that their identity is not fraudulently used to claim benefits or to access goods and services.

The *Information Privacy Act 2009* requires agencies to act in accordance with the Information Privacy Principles regarding the collection, storage and security, access and amendment, use and disclosure of personal information, including information contained within identity documents.

Specifically, agencies should not record and retain more customer information than is necessary to fulfil the particular agency purpose for collecting the information as part of an agency business transaction. Creating and retaining evidence of identity verification instead of receiving and retaining identity documents in the course of agency transactions aligns with the Information Privacy Principles.

The Office of the Information Commissioner (OIC) provides further guidance, available online from the OIC website, on the requirements for evidence of identity and authority under the *Right to Information Act 2009* and the *Information Privacy Act 2009*.

The OIC strongly encourages agencies to notify them when a privacy breach occurs, regardless of whether mandatory data breach notification obligations apply. Agencies may be subject to mandatory data breach notification obligations through other legislative requirements, such as the information security incident reporting requirements under the Queensland Government Enterprise Architecture (QGEA), the Commonwealth Notifiable Data Breaches (NDB) scheme and the *My Health Records Act 2012* (Cth). The OIC provides further guidance, available online from the OIC website, on the management of privacy breaches.

### **Business requirements:**

The proposed minimum retention period will ensure that agencies will have a sufficient length of time to:

 refer back to evidence that confirms that the identity of the individual was checked and successfully verified as part of agency business processes

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		<ul> <li>demonstrate that the agency has robust business processes for identity verification to protect the rights and entitlements of individuals.</li> </ul>
		Regulatory requirements:
		Information Privacy Act 2009
2645	Identity documents – legal	Date authorised: 22 December 2023
	requirement to retain	Background/business process:
	Identity documents collected by the agency, or by a third-party service provider acting on behalf of an agency, in the course of performing a business transaction or business process where the identity documents must be retained to meet a legal requirement.  Legal requirements for the retention of identity documents include, but are not limited to:  • contractual arrangements • legislative requirements.  Disposal action –	Agencies may collect or receive identity documents in the course of undertaking a business transaction or business process to meet a legal requirement. In instances where there is a legal requirement to retain the identity document – instead of, for instance, creating and managing evidence of successful identity verification after sighting or receiving the identity document – then it is essential that the agency retains the identity document in accordance with the related legal requirement.  Both the <i>Information Privacy Act 2009</i> and the <i>Right to Information Act 2009</i> require individuals who are making an application to provide evidence of identity for the applicant, or for the applicant's agent, as part of the application process. Evidence of identity is prescribed under s.3 of the <i>Right to Information Regulation 2009</i> and s.3 of the <i>Information Privacy Regulation 2009</i> . Although acceptable evidence of identity documents are prescribed under regulation, and both the <i>Information Privacy Act 2009</i> and the <i>Right to Information Act 2009</i> require applicants to provide evidence of identity as part of an application, there is no direction under legislation that the evidence of identity must be retained for a minimum length of time. The Office of the Information Commissioner (OIC) provides further guidance, available online from the OIC website, on the requirements for evidence of identity and authority under the <i>Right to Information Act 2009</i> and the <i>Information Privacy Act 2009</i> requires agencies to act in accordance with the Information Privacy Principles regarding the collection, storage and security, access and amendment, use and disclosure of personal information, including information contained within identity documents.
	In accordance with the related legal requirement.	Specifically, agencies should not record and retain more customer information than is necessary to fulfil the particular agency purpose for collecting the information as part of an agency business transaction. Where there is a legal requirement for an agency to retain identity documents, it is essential that agencies only retain identity documents in accordance with the related legal

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		requirement to ensure that the agency's business needs are balanced against the Information Privacy Principles.
		The OIC strongly encourages agencies to notify them when a privacy breach occurs, regardless of whether mandatory data breach notification obligations apply. Agencies may be subject to mandatory data breach notification obligations through other legislative requirements, such as the information security incident reporting requirements under the Queensland Government Enterprise Architecture (QGEA), the Commonwealth Notifiable Data Breaches (NDB) scheme and the <i>My Health Records Act 2012</i> (Cth). The OIC provides further guidance, available online from the OIC website, on the management of privacy breaches.
		Business requirements:
		The proposed minimum retention period will ensure that agencies will meet any legal requirement to retain identity documents collected by the agency or by a third-party service provider acting on behalf of an agency.
		Regulatory requirements:
		At this time, there are no known legislative requirements for the retention of identity documents by agencies.
2646	Identity documents – no legal requirement to retain	Date authorised: 22 December 2023
		Background/business process:
	documents  Identity documents collected or received by the agency, or by a third-party service provider acting on behalf of an agency,	Agencies may collect or receive identity documents, or other official documents containing sensitive personal information relating to an individual, in the course of undertaking a business transaction or business process. There may also be instances where an agency receives unsolicited identity documents where there is no business need and no legislative need to retain and manage these identity documents.
	in the course of performing a business transaction or business process where there is no legal requirement to	The <i>Information Privacy Act 2009</i> requires agencies to act in accordance with the Information Privacy Principles regarding the collection, storage and security, access and amendment, use and disclosure of personal information, including information contained within identity documents.
	retain the identity documents. Includes:  • unsolicited identity	Specifically, agencies should not record and retain more customer information than is necessary to fulfil the particular agency purpose for collecting the information as part of an agency business transaction. Agencies should balance the retention of identity documents against the Information Privacy Principles to ensure that, in instances where the agency does not have business or
	documents received by	evidentiary or legislative needs, lawful disposal of these records is undertaken. This may reduce

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	the agency, or by a third-party service provider acting on behalf of the agency, as part of the performance of a business transaction or business process • identity documents collected or received as part of a legacy business process performed by the agency or by a third- party service provider acting on behalf of the agency • official documents containing sensitive personal information about an individual that has been collected or received by the agency, or by a third-party service provider acting on behalf of the agency, as part of the performance of a business transaction or business process.	the information security risk for agencies who are receiving sensitive, personal information about individuals.  The OIC strongly encourages agencies to notify them when a privacy breach occurs, regardless of whether mandatory data breach notification obligations apply. Agencies may be subject to mandatory data breach notification obligations through other legislative requirements, such as the information security incident reporting requirements under the Queensland Government Enterprise Architecture (QGEA), the Commonwealth Notifiable Data Breaches (NDB) scheme and the My Health Records Act 2012 (Cth). The OIC provides further guidance, available online from the OIC website, on the management of privacy breaches.  Business requirements:  The proposed minimum retention period will ensure that agencies may dispose of identity documents once all business needs have been met.  Regulatory requirements:  Information Privacy Act 2009

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Excludes: identity documents that are received or collected by the agency, or by a third-party service provider acting on behalf of an agency, as part of identity verification transactions or processes.	
	Disposal action –	
	Until business action completed.	
2647	Legacy identity documents -	Date authorised: 22 December 2023
	evidence	Background/business process:
	Records, data and information retained by the agency, or by a third-party service provider acting on behalf of an agency,	Under legacy business processes, agencies may collect and receive identity documents where there is no legal requirement to retain the identity documents. Depending on the systems used by agencies, these identity documents may be retained with the related file created as part of a legacy business transaction or process.
	<ul> <li>as evidence that:</li> <li>identity documents</li> <li>were received and</li> <li>collected under a</li> </ul>	The <i>Information Privacy Act 2009</i> requires agencies to act in accordance with the Information Privacy Principles regarding the collection, storage and security, access and amendment, use and disclosure of personal information, including information contained within identity documents.
	legacy business process where there was no legal requirement to retain	Specifically, agencies should not record and retain more customer information than is necessary to fulfil the particular agency purpose for collecting the information as part of an agency business transaction. To reduce information security risks to agencies, sentencing and disposal of identity documents that are no longer required to meet business or legislative needs should be undertaken.
	<ul> <li>the documents, and</li> <li>a decision has been made by the agency to locate and dispose of identity documents from existing agency</li> </ul>	As a general rule, disposal of only a part or portion of a public record should not occur as this process can affect the context, integrity, and trustworthiness of the remaining part or portion of the public record. In light of potential agency risks associated with data breaches, agencies should consider if there is a business need to retain identity documents, collected under legacy business processes, that have been filed with the related public records (eg: identity documents collected and stored with the original application file).

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files where there is no legal requirement to retain the documents, and

 links destruction documentation to the existing agency files where identity documents have been located and removed by the agency or by a third-party service provider acting on behalf of an agency.

#### **Excludes:**

- the destruction of identity documents that have been received by the agency, or by a third-party service provider acting on behalf of an agency, that must be retained in accordance with a legal requirement
- identity documents received and collected in the course of performing a legacy business process where the identity

## Justification for retention period

When partial disposal of legacy public records occurs, agencies must ensure that there is sufficient documentation of decision-making, destruction and linkages between the destroyed public records and the retained public records to create a defensible chain of evidence for agencies. Documenting agency decisions on the destruction of identity documents removed from legacy public records will ensure that you can defend the actions you have taken and the reason(s) for your actions.

Destruction documentation is essential to demonstrate that:

- secure and irreversible destruction of public records has been undertaken to protect information privacy and information security
- there is accountability and transparency around the disposal of public records by your agency
- there is evidence of what public records have been destroyed to maintain the context and integrity of any related or remaining public records.

Creating and retaining evidence which links details from destruction documentation for legacy identity documents to any related or remaining public records will enable agencies to:

- provide evidence that the collection and retention of identity documents has occurred under legacy business processes
- respond to requests from individuals seeking to confirm whether identity documents collected under legacy business processes have been destroyed
- retain evidence that maintains the context and integrity of legacy public records where partial disposal – namely the removal of identity documents where there is no legal requirement to retain the documents – of public records has occurred
- protect the rights and entitlements of individuals whose identity documents have been collected and retained without legal requirement.

### **Business requirements:**

The proposed minimum retention period will ensure that agencies, and affected individuals, will have a sufficient length of time to:

- refer back to evidence that describes what identity documents were collected under legacy business processes
- demonstrate that

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documents have been filed as part of a permanent value public record

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 and retained in
 accordance with
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 1131 to demonstrate
 that the lawful disposal
 of public records has
 occurred.

### Disposal action -

Until disposal of the related records for the business transaction or business process.

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- o secure and irreversible destruction of identity documents has occurred
- only identity documents have been removed from any related or remaining public records created under legacy business processes.

## Regulatory requirements:

Information Privacy Act 2009

## Comparison with other schedules' retention period:

Territory Records (Records Disposal Schedule – Records & Information Management Records) Approval 2017 (No 1) Notifiable instrument NI2017–87 Reference 198.034.001 Disposal – Retain as Territory Archives.

National Archives of Australia AFDA Express Version 2 Reference 62623 Technology & Information Management – Destroy 20 years after authority is superseded.

State Archives and Records Authority of New South Wales General Retention and Disposal Authority: GA28 Reference 12.11.1 Disposal – Retain minimum of 20 years after action completed, then destroy.

Records Disposal Schedule for Administrative Functions of the Northern Territory Government 2013/5:

- Reference 9.5.1 Disposal Retain in organization
- Reference 9.5.2 Disposal Destroy 7 years after action completed.

State Records of South Australia General Disposal Schedule No. 30 Version 2 for State Government Agencies in South Australia Reference 9.4.1 Disposal – Permanent.

Tasmanian Archive + Heritage Office Disposal Schedule for Common Administrative Functions Disposal Authorisation No. 2157 Reference 09.11.02 Disposal (Information Management) – Permanent.

Public Record Office Victoria Retention and Disposal Authority for Records of Common Administrative Functions PROS 07/01 VAR 7:

- Reference 9.6.4 Disposal Destroy 30 years after administrative use has concluded
- Reference 9.6.7 Disposal Destroy after administrative use has concluded.

## LIAISON

Managing regular general contact between the agency and professional associations, professionals in related fields, other agencies, private sector organisations and community groups. Includes sharing informal advice and discussions, membership of professional associations and collaborating on projects that are not covered by joint venture agreements.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1025	Stakeholder engagement	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to stakeholder	Background/business process:
	consultation and engagement	This is a new record class for this activity.
	where an ongoing active relationship and two-way flow of information exists.	Stakeholder engagement is a key part of corporate social responsibility. Agencies engage with their stakeholders to find out what issues matter most to them and to improve their performance, decision-making and accountability. Stakeholder engagement provides opportunities to further
	Disposal action -	align business practices with societal needs and expectations, helping to drive long-term
	7 years after business action	sustainability.
	completed.	Agencies will also engage in community capacity building by working with communities to identify and build on their assets, abilities and interests.
		Business requirements:
		The 7 year retention period is based on an existing precedent in a Queensland core schedule. It was suggested that there is a need to retain these records for the same length of time as the provision of detailed information or advice to clients which may have legal significance (1001).
1026	Client relationship	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	management	Background/business process:
	Records relating to the management of client relationships. Includes facilitating access to client services such as counselling or mediation.	This is a new record class for this activity.
		Client relationship management or customer relationship management (CRM) is an approach to managing an agency's interaction with its clients.
		Business requirements:
		The 7 year retention period is based on an existing precedent in the Commonwealth which is the only other jurisdiction with a similar record class. It is consistent with other record classes within

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Disposal action –	the schedule and ensures that records are retained for a sufficient length of time to refer back to
	7 years after business action completed.	in case of any disputes.
2075	Liaison	Date authorised: 20 February 2018
	Records relating to general	Class history:
	liaison activities undertaken with professional and industry	Revoked record class 1027 was a merger of existing classes in relation to liaison from GRDS v7 to GRDS authorised on 01/09/2016.
	associations, private sector organisations and community	Retention period changed from 5 years to 7 years. See change history table.
	groups.	Background/business process:
	Includes gaining professional membership of associations, liaising for potential donors and industrial relations meetings.	Agencies will regularly maintain contact with professional and industry associations, private sector organisations and community groups to make sure they are aware of the current trends and issues. They will also use these networking opportunities to search for potential donors for fundraising.
	Disposal action –	Business requirements:
	7 years after business action	This record class retention period has been amended due to legislative change. The <i>Industrial Relations Act 2016</i> replaces the <i>Industrial Relations Act 1999</i> . The new Act establishes a reverse onus of proof requirement. This places the obligation on the employer, meaning that evidence of the relevant decision-maker will be crucial in proceedings before the Industrial Relations Commission.
		The <i>Industrial Relations Act 2016</i> section 306 establishes a reverse onus of proof relating to applications against alleged contraventions of that part of the Act. In the event of such an application, records in this class may prove relevant in relation to several sections of the Act, potentially including protection, coercion and inducements to membership action.
		Applications can be made relating to certain employer actions under section 309 of the <i>Industrial Relations Act 2016</i> . Under section 310, except in exceptional circumstances, applications relating to dismissal must be made within 21 days after the dismissal takes effect. Applications not relating to dismissal must be made within 6 years after the contravention of the Act occurs.
		Under s.10 of the <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> , litigation must be brought within 6 years of a breach of contract.

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		The 7 year retention period aligns with the new Act and allows for applications not relating to
		dismissal to be available after the financial or calendar year.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Industrial Relations Act 2016
		Comparison with other schedules' retention period:
		Northern Territory Archives Service – Administrative Functions of the Northern Territory Government (November 2013) – 0.9.1 Destroy 3 years after action completed.
		National Archives of Australia – Administrative Functions Disposal Authority (AFDA) (March 2010) – 1041 Destroy 3 years after action completed.
		State Records Authority of New South Wales – GA28 Administrative Records (December 2015) – GA28-02.13.01 Retain minimum of 3 years after action completed, then destroy.
		State Records of South Australia – GDS30 V1.1 for State Government Agencies in South Australia (February 2016) – 3.7.2 Destroy 2 years after action completed.
		Tasmanian Government Information Strategy Unit – DA2157 Common Administrative Functions (May 2014) – 01.16.01 Destroy 2 years after action completed.
		Public Record Office Victoria – PROS 07/01 VAR 4 Common Administrative Functions (March 2017) – 2.13.1 Destroy 5 years after action completed.
		State Records Office of Western Australia – General Disposal Authority for State Government Information 2013-017 (December 2013) – 61.2 (General liaison) & 61.3 (Membership of associations) Retain 5 years after action completed, then destroy.
		Other comments/factors for consideration:
		The <i>Industrial Relations Act 2016</i> section 279 defines an industrial association as (a) an employee organisation; (b) an association of employees having as a principal purpose the protection and promotion of their interests in matters concerning their employment; (c) an employer organisation; (d) an association of employers having as a principal purpose the protection and promotion of their interests in matters concerning employment; (e) a branch of an industrial association under paragraphs (a) to (d).

### **MEETINGS**

Meetings held to formulate, discuss, update or resolve issues and matters pertaining to the management of the business area, department or agency as a whole. Includes arrangements, agendas, taking of minutes, etc. May be used for staff meetings.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1028	Routine meetings	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to routine	Background/business process:
	meetings of agency employees.	This is a new activity and record class. It includes industrial relations meetings which were previously covered by another function.
	Disposal action -	Routine and ad hoc meetings are held during the working day to formulate, discuss, update or
	2 years after business action	resolve issues relating to the day-to-day running of a work place.
	completed.	Business requirements:
		These records are not required for any specific legislative purpose but do allow the agency to keep track of meetings within their facilities. There has been a reduction in retention period from the previous 5 years (for industrial relations meetings) to 2 years.
		There is no consistency in the retention of similar records by other jurisdictions with retention periods ranging from "until reference ceases" to 7 years. The retention period is consistent with the approach adopted by Tasmania and with existing precedence in a Queensland core schedule.

## **Activity**

### **PHYSICAL SOURCE RECORDS**

Conditions for the destruction of physical source records that have been converted from a physical format to microfilm or digital format.

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20	074	Physical Source records	Date authorised: 20 February 2018

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A physical record that has been converted to microfilm or digital format.

To use this disposal authorisation, the following conditions must be met:

- the records do not fall under one of the excluded records categories
- the record has a temporary retention status under a disposal authorisation issued by the State Archivist
- the reproduction of the record must be accessible and held in a trusted system for the life of its temporary retention period.
   Special regard must be made to the ability to ensure access to long term temporary records
- the reproduction must be a complete, clear and accurate copy of the source record that is fit for purpose
- the agency has developed and documented a defensible process that

## Justification for retention period

### **Background/business process:**

This class was previously covered under QDAN656v2.

Source records are documents or records that have been copied, converted or migrated from one format or system to another. Source records may be an original record or a reproduction generated by an earlier copying, conversion or migration process.

The purpose of this class is to authorise the destruction of a physical source record once it has been converted to microfilm or digital format. A physical source record is a tangible record that takes up physical space (e.g. paper or microfilm). Digital records in particular can enable better government processes, outcomes and accountability as records in this form can be more accessible, usable and interoperable.

Targeted consultation was undertaken with Queensland public authorities on the physical source record disposal authorisation. A range of stakeholders were consulted including government departments, universities and local government authorities. Interstate and overseas jurisdictions' policies and procedures in relation to source records were also researched. Consultation found stakeholder feedback largely reflected individual work practices and issues but stakeholders were responsive to the idea of a simplified and flexible source records disposal authorisation.

The process of converting a physical record into a microfilm or digitised format results in two versions of the same record. If the converted record is to be used as the official record, an authority is required for the destruction of the original physical source record.

This record class imposes a number of general conditions on agencies converting physical source records into microfilm or digital format. These conditions are to prevent the destruction of significant value records and to ensure the converted record meets accessibility and authenticity criteria.

### Regulatory requirements:

Public Records Act 2002:

- s.8 Custody and preservation of public records
- s.13 Disposal of public records
- s.14 Public authority must ensure particular records remain accessible
- s.24 Functions of archivist

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demonstrates how it meets the conditions of the source record disposal authorisation

 the agency has attained Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their authorised delegate's approval of the defensible process

### Disposal action -

Destroy original source record after conversion to microfilm or digital format once all conditions have been met and all exclusions have been observed.

## Justification for retention period

s.26 Archivist may authorise disposal of public records

## **Business requirements:**

Disposal authorisation 1271 Copies - covers copies however it is not adequate for the authorisation of source records as specific conditions must be met before a source record can be destroyed. The conversion of a physical source record must be deemed complete, clear and accurate before the reproduction version can be regarded as an authentic version and the physical record can be destroyed.

### **Community expectations:**

That the reproduction of a source record has produced an authentic version and considered complete, clear and accurate, does not have any intrinsic value, and is not required to be retained in original physical format in accordance with the Evidence Act 1977, the Electronic Transactions (Queensland) Act 2001 or other legislative requirements or Court rules.

#### Other comments/factors for consideration:

Evidence Act 1977:

S.120 Proof of comparisons not required - Where a reproduction of a document is tendered as evidence pursuant to this part, no proof shall be required that the reproduction was compared with the original document.

s.124 A court may reject reproduction - Notwithstanding anything contained in this part, a court may refuse to admit in evidence a reproduction tendered pursuant to this part if it considers it inexpedient in the interests of justice to do so as a result of any reasonable inference drawn by the court from the nature of the reproduction, the machine or process by which it or, in the case of a print from a transparency, by which the transparency was made, and any other circumstances.

## Previous schedules and policies:

QDAN656v2 – General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Original paper records that have been digitised

Digitisation Disposal Policy 2014

Microfilming Disposal Policy 2006

## **PLANNING**

Planning to achieve agency or government objectives. Includes determination of services, needs and solutions to those needs.

Excludes specific purpose plans relating to core/functional responsibilities (e.g. pollution management plans).

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1029	Plans – significant	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Final approved versions of	Background/business process:
	strategic or high-level plans including:	This is a merger of existing record classes relating to strategic plans and business development plans.
	strategic plans for the agency as a whole  Statement of Corporate	Strategic planning determines where an agency is going, how it's going to get there and how it'll know if it got there or not. The focus of a strategic plan is usually on the entire agency while the focus of a business plan is usually on a particular product, service or program.
	<ul> <li>Statement of Corporate Intent</li> </ul>	The Financial and Performance Management Standard (section 9) requires each accountable
	<ul> <li>high-level planning of the agency's core business functions,</li> </ul>	officer and statutory body to develop a strategic plan for the agency to cover a period of 4 years and states that agencies must comply with the Agency Planning Requirements when developing strategic plans.
	activities, projects, programs and services.	There are no standard templates for the layout of strategic plans. However, in keeping with the recommendation from the <i>Review of Whole of Government Reporting Arrangements</i> , strategic
	Includes records relating to the	plans should be concise and ideally kept to a maximum of two pages.
	development and review of significant agency plans.	Statements of Corporate Intent are reported on in an agency's annual report. However, these records have been included as part of the key strategic planning records because some
	Excludes specific purpose or	agencies are permitted to edit their published versions to omit commercially sensitive matters.
	operational plans.	Regulatory requirements:
	Disposal action –	DPC – Agency planning requirements: requirements for the 2014 planning period
	Permanent.	Financial and Performance Management Standard 2009
	Transfer to QSA after business	Government Owned Corporations Act 1993
	action completed.	Business requirements:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		The formulation, determination and implementation of strategic or high-level plans directly influences how an agency's core business functions, activities, projects, programs and services are delivered to the community. These records form the basis for ensuring government accountability because they enable the public to measure how successfully these plans have been delivered and implemented. As such, these records have an ongoing value and interest to the people of Queensland.
		Permanent retention criteria:
		These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:
		<ul> <li>2 – Primary Functions and Programs of Government</li> </ul>
1030	Specific purpose plans – final	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
		Background/business process:
	Final approved versions of specific purpose plans applying to the agency as a whole.	This is a merger of existing record classes.
		Section 61(e) of The <i>Financial Accountability Act 2009</i> requires agencies undertake planning appropriate to the size of the agency.
	Excludes significant and operational plans.  Specific purpose plans include,	Agencies need to ensure that the performance of their capabilities – human, financial, information, physical assets and ICT – is adequately planned for. A specific purpose plan is a document that focuses on an area of strategic importance to an agency and should be
	but are not limited to:	consistent with the agency's strategic and operational plans.  Some specific purpose planning is mandatory for agencies. Other specific purpose planning is
	<ul> <li>risk management</li> </ul>	discretionary, but considered to be best practice for agencies.
	<ul> <li>corporate procurement</li> </ul>	Regulatory requirements:
	planning	DPC – Agency planning requirements: requirements for the 2014 planning period
	<ul> <li>workforce planning</li> </ul>	Financial Accountability Act 2009
	<ul> <li>ICT planning</li> </ul>	Business requirements:
	<ul> <li>asset strategic planning</li> </ul>	The retention period for business plans has been reduced from 10 years in GRDS v.7 to 7 years
	<ul> <li>property management</li> </ul>	which is a sufficient period of time for agencies to refer back to these planning records.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	<ul> <li>emergency or fire evacuation</li> </ul>	Additionally, the retention period for workforce plans has been increased for an additional 2 years for consistency and ease of sentencing.
	<ul> <li>disaster recovery</li> </ul>	This retention period is consistent with all other jurisdictions with similar record classes. It is also
	<ul> <li>business continuity.</li> </ul>	consistent with the retention of similar records in other Queensland core business schedules.
	Disposal action -	
	7 years after plan is superseded.	
1031	Operational plans – final	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Final approved versions of	Background/business process:
	operational plans and unit level	This is a revision of an existing record class.
	work plans.	Operational planning is a process that focuses on how an agency will deliver its services.
	Excludes significant or specific purpose plans.	The Financial and Performance Management Standard (section 9) requires each accountable
	Operational plans may include, but are not limited to:	officer and statutory body to develop operational plans for the relevant levels of the agency that the agency considers appropriate, or an operational plan for the whole agency, to cover a period of not more than one year.
	<ul> <li>financial operational</li> </ul>	An operational plan specifies:
	plans	the services delivered by part or all of the agency
	<ul> <li>moveable asset plans</li> </ul>	the objective of those services and how they align to the agency's business direction as
	<ul> <li>staff plans.</li> </ul>	described in its strategic plan and to the service areas in the agency's Service Delivery
	Disposal action –	Statement (SDS) (for those agencies that are published in the SDS)
	5 years after plan is superseded.	the outputs sought from the services
		<ul> <li>the strategies, projects and programs planned to deliver or improve the services</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>the capabilities (human, financial, information, physical assets and ICT) and processes necessary to deliver the services</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>the parts of the agency that are accountable for delivery of each service</li> </ul>
		the risks and issues associated with delivery of the plan

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		what the plan is required to comply with (i.e. legislation, regulation, standards set by the government, agency or industry)
		<ul> <li>relationship with specific purpose plans prepared by the agency, e.g. ICT resources strategic planning, strategic asset management planning, regulatory simplification plans, workforce planning and also to risk and issue management</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>how performance against the plan will be measured and monitored. This would include service standards that will measure the efficiency and effectiveness of the service.</li> </ul>
		Regulatory requirements:
		DPC – Agency planning requirements: requirements for the 2014 planning period
		Financial and Performance Management Standard 2009
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		Plans are generally reviewed annually. However, given the content in operational plans may carry over to subsequent years, a 5 year retention period ensures that operational and unit level work plans will remain available for reference for a sufficient length of time (e.g. for reference in subsequent planning cycles and to analyse workplace trends).
		It is consistent with a majority of other jurisdictions and with precedence in 5 Queensland core schedules.
1032	Plan development	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the	Background/business process:
	development and review of	This is a merger of existing record classes relating to the development of plans.
	agency plans.  Excludes development of	At least annually, agencies should conduct an extensive review of whole of government plans and strategies to ensure their alignment with these documents.
	significant plans.  Disposal action –	Government agencies are the administrative structures government uses to group and deliver its services and to collectively deliver the whole of government direction. Planning is the starting
	3 years after business action completed.	point for achieving this, and agencies are required to undertake strategic, operational and specific purpose planning to ensure their objectives align to the whole of government direction.

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		Departments and statutory bodies that are published in the Service Delivery Statements must consult with both the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) and Queensland Treasury and Trade (QTT) on their draft strategic plans. All other statutory bodies may consult with DPC and QTT on their draft strategic plans. Independent offices must consult with QTT and their responsible Parliamentary Committee on their draft strategic plans.
		Local governments are required to submit their strategic plans to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning.
		Regulatory requirements:
		DPC – Agency planning requirements: requirements for the 2014 planning period
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		As plans are generally reviewed annually, a 3 year retention period ensures the development documentation for earlier plans should remain available for reference for three additional planning cycles.
		It is consistent with a majority of other jurisdictions with similar record classes and there is precedence with 2 Queensland core schedules.

## **POLICY**

Developing and establishing decisions, directions and precedents which act as a reference for future decision making, and are the basis from which the agency's operating procedures are determined.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1033	Core/functional policy – final	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Final approved versions of	Background/business process:
	strategic or high-level policies,	This record class is a merger of existing record classes relating to core functional policy.

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	standards and guidelines including:	Achieving greater coordination in policy advice and program and service delivery is a high priority of public administration in Queensland.
	<ul> <li>core/functional policy, for use by the agency and/or its clients</li> <li>whole-of-government</li> </ul>	The distinguishing characteristic of whole-of-government policy is that there is an emphasis on objectives shared across organisational boundaries, as opposed to working solely within an organisation. It encompasses the design and delivery of a wide variety of policies, programs and services that cross organisational boundaries.
	policy – either	Business requirements:
	developed by the agency or where the	The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7, although the scope of the record class has been expanded.
	agency provided substantial/major input	The formulation, determination and implementation of strategic or high-level policies directly influences how an agency's core business functions, activities, projects, programs and services
	<ul> <li>high-level policy relating to the administration of the agency (e.g.</li> </ul>	are delivered to the community. These records support government accountability because they enable the public to measure how successfully these plans have been delivered and implemented. As such, these records have an ongoing value and interest to the people of Queensland.
	outsourcing and service provision).	It is consistent with the retention of similar records by other jurisdictions and there is precedence with 8 Queensland core schedules.
	Includes records relating to the	Permanent retention criteria:
	development of core/functional agency policies, standards and guidelines and policies that do	These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:
	not proceed.	<ul> <li>2 – Primary Functions and Programs of Government</li> </ul>
	Disposal action -	
	Permanent.	
	Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	
1034	Administrative policy – final	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Final version of mid/low-level or operational policies,	Background/business process:

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Authorisation	standards and guidelines relating to the administration of the agency. Includes the development of agency policies, standards and guidelines and policies that do not proceed. Excludes policies relating to the management of heritage properties, core/functional policy and work health and safety policies. Administrative policies may include, but are not limited to:  • financial management  • property management  • records management  • records management  • asset management  • human resource management  • fleet management.  Disposal action —  7 years after business action completed.	This record class is a merger of existing record classes covering financial and administrative policies.  Policies set out the principles or standards of conduct that must be observed by staff in making decisions, participating in agency activities or performing functions related to the agency.  Policies guide any decision-making in relation to processes, activities and initiatives which happen, or are expected to happen, frequently, i.e. repetitive functions.  Business requirements:  The retention period has been reduced from 10 years in GRDS v.7 to 7 years which is a sufficient period of time for agencies to refer back to these policy records.  This retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by NSW and WA. The retention period is also consistent with specific purpose plans-final (1030) in the GRDS and with minor policy products in the Local Government Sector Retention and Disposal Schedule.

#### PROACTIVE PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE PERSONS – RELEVANT RECORDS

Public Authorities must ensure complete and reliable records are created to document all aspects of incidents, allegations, disclosures and investigations related to the proactive protection of vulnerable persons. These records must be created, properly managed, protected and retained over time.

Activities may include documenting suspicions, documenting reportable conduct, complaints handling, incident management, investigations, enforcement, referrals to counselling, and compensation.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1558	Incidents, allegations, disclosures and investigations of abuse - vulnerable persons  • Records relating to incidents, allegations, disclosures, and investigations relevant to the proactive protection of vulnerable persons.  Includes records that may not document a criminal offence but may require further investigation to ensure inappropriate behaviour towards vulnerable persons is not occurring.  Disposal action –	Background/business process: Institutions that care for or provide services to vulnerable persons must keep the best interests of the person uppermost in all aspects of their conduct, including recordkeeping. For example, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (RCIRCSA) identified inadequate recordkeeping and recordkeeping failures as contributors to failures in identifying and responding to risks and incidents of child sexual abuse.¹  To protect a person's legal rights and entitlements, public authorities have a legal and moral responsibility to maintain records which may provide evidence for any incidents, allegations, disclosures and investigations relevant to the proactive protection of vulnerable persons. Public authorities should ensure that records are created, maintained, secure, uncompromised and available for access for the 100-year retention period.  Business requirements:  As of 2019, multiple Royal Commissions are investigating, or have delivered findings and recommendations relating to the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable persons. On 15 December 2017, the RCIRCSA tabled its Final Report in the Australian Parliament. One part of the report, Volume 8: Recordkeeping and information sharing, examines the records, recordkeeping and information sharing of institutions that care for or provide services to children.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Final Report: Preface and Executive Summary, p 31

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	100 years after creation of record.	Recommendation 8.1 of the Royal Commission states that "To allow for delayed disclosure of abuse by victims and take account of limitation periods for civil actions for child sexual abuse, institutions that engage in child-related work should retain, for at least 45 years, records relating to child sexual abuse that has occurred or is alleged to have occurred". <sup>2</sup>
		Additionally, in 2016 the Queensland government passed <i>the Limitation of Actions (Child Sexual Abuse) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2016.</i> This legislation removed previous limitation periods for legal actions relating to claims of child sexual abuse. As a result, an action can be started at any time during the lifetime of victims and survivors of child sexual abuse. Historically, claims relating to child sexual abuse are often brought after the victim has reached adulthood. During the Royal Commission (2013-2017) private sessions, the RCIRCSA identified that victims frequently do not disclose child sexual abuse until many years after it occurred. Survivors who spoke during a Royal Commission private session took on average 23.9 years to tell someone about the abuse. The average age of a victim/survivor who spoke at a private session was 52 years old. <sup>3</sup>
		The retention period takes into consideration statutory obligations outlined in new and updated legislation that contain recordkeeping implications, introduced in response to the recommendations arising from the RCIRCA and other whole-of-government initiatives. These include the <i>Civil Liability and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2019 (CLOLA)</i> and the <i>Human Rights Act 2019.</i>
		The recommended retention period allows time for vulnerable persons to request access to records during the course of their lifetime. It enables records to assist as evidence and be a facilitator of redress. Each public authority is responsible for ensuring complete and reliable records are created, available, and remain accessible for the required retention periods.
		In recognition of the demand for survivors and victims of abuse to tell their story in a confidential setting, the Australian Parliament amended the <i>Royal Commissions Act 1902 (Cth)</i> to create a process called a 'private session'. <sup>4</sup> To protect the safety and wellbeing of victims and survivors,

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Recommendation 8.1
 Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Final Report: Preface and Executive Summary, p 23
 Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse – Final Report – Volume 3 Impacts, p2

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		accounts of abuse were told in private sessions and stories were also de-identified. It was important that survivors who shared highly sensitive and personal information in a private session felt confident in the process. Aligning with the intention of the Royal Commission to ensure the needs and wellbeing of survivors and victims of abuse are recognised, the state will respect the confidentiality of these records and not retain them permanently. These records will be retained for a sufficient time in order to be a source of justice and support for vulnerable persons.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Final Report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (RCIRCSA)
		Limitation of Actions Act 1974
		Limitation of Actions (Child Sexual Abuse) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2016
		Civil Liability and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2019 (CLOLA)
		Human Rights Act 2019
		Comparison with other schedules issued in response to RCIRCSA:
		National Archives of Australia General Records Authority 41 2018/00421155 Child Sexual Abuse Incidents and Allegations reference:
		<ul> <li>62512 – records documenting developing and reviewing policies, plans, strategies and other guidance material relating to child sexual abuse incidents and allegations; activities relating to child sexual abuse disclosures, allegations or complaints; training materials relating to child sexual abuse incidents and allegations; major internal reviews; high level advice – Retain as national archives</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>62513 – records other than those covered in 62512 – Destroy 100 years after action completed</li> </ul>
		62514 – all children's case records including welfare records, where the child is under the care of custody of a Commonwealth institution or receives services from a
		Commonwealth institution – Destroy 100 years after date of birth of the child or 100 years after action completed, whichever is sooner

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		<ul> <li>62515 – all records other than those covered under 62512, 62513 and 62514 – Destroy 45 years after action completed.</li> <li>Public Record Office Victoria (PROV), Retention and disposal authority for Records of Organisational Response to Child Sexual Abuse Incidents and Allegations PROS19/08</li> <li>Reference 1.2 Reporting and investigations – Destroy 99 years after action completed.</li> <li>State Records of South Australia, General Disposal Schedule No. 30 v2, Abuse incidents and</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>allegations, Reference:</li> <li>13.29.1 records relating to children and young people. Also includes vulnerable adults or adults where the incidents or allegations of abuse occurred as a child – Destroy 105 years after date of birth</li> <li>13.29.2 records relating to vulnerable adults – Destroy 7 years after date of death or 45 years after action completed whichever is earlier.</li> <li>Comparison with other schedules' retention period</li> </ul>
		Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (Child Safety) Retention and Disposal Schedule QDAN 637 v.2 reference:
		<ul> <li>3.1.1 Child protection case files – significant – Retain permanently.</li> <li>3.1.2 Child protection case files – not significant – Retain for 120 years from year of birth</li> <li>3.5.2 Register of referrals – Retain for 120 years after last action</li> <li>3.6.1 Abuse counselling – significant – Retain permanently</li> <li>3.6.2. Abuse counselling – other – Retain for 120 years from year of birth</li> <li>3.8.1 Investigation and assessment – significant – Retain permanently</li> <li>3.8.2 Investigation and assessment – other – Retain for 120 years from year of birth.</li> <li>Children's Rights, Protection and Promotion Retention and Disposal Schedule QDAN 636 v.2 reference 2.6.1 Investigations – significant – Retain permanently.</li> </ul>
		Other comments/factors for consideration:
		As of 2019 there are multiple royal commissions relating to the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable persons. These include:
		Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (RCIRCSA)
		Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability

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		Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety
1559	Evidence of interactions and contact with vulnerable persons  Evidence of interactions and contact with vulnerable persons that may provide corroborating evidence supporting incidents,	Date authorised: 27 March 2020
		Background/business process:
		It can be reasonably assumed records that provide corroborating evidence of interactions and contact with vulnerable persons may be relevant to any investigation of abuse. Although records that can locate an individual at a place in a specific timeframe are generally created to document a different activity (e.g. leave records to pay the correct wage entitlement), these records may provide corroborating evidence relevant to a future investigation of an allegation or incident of abuse and should be retained for the appropriate time.
	allegations, disclosures and investigations of abuse.  Disposal action –  Retain until 31 December 2028	To protect a person's legal rights and entitlements, public authorities have a legal and moral responsibility to maintain records which may provide corroborating evidence for any incidents, allegations, disclosures and investigations relevant to the proactive protection of vulnerable persons.
	QSA will undertake a reassessment of this retention period prior to 31 December 2028.	This will require public authorities' careful consideration of what records may be required in the future and ensure these records are created, retained and properly managed over time.
		For guidance on identifying and managing relevant records which may provide corroborating evidence of abuse of vulnerable persons, see the <u>Guideline on creating and keeping records for the proactive protection of vulnerable persons</u> .
		Business requirements:
		As of 2019, multiple Royal Commissions are investigating or have delivered findings and recommendations relating to the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable persons. On 15 December 2017, the <i>Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse</i> (RCIRCSA) tabled its Final Report in the Australian Parliament. One part of the report, Volume 8: Recordkeeping and information sharing, examines the records, recordkeeping and information sharing of institutions that care for or provide services to children.
		The RCIRCSA recognised that uncertainty exists as to what evidentiary records need to be retained as an allegation of child sexual abuse can be made many years into the future. Given allegations of child sexual abuse are often brought after the victim or survivor has reached

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		adulthood, disposal of relevant corroborating records may have an impact on the individual's affected and potentially diminish avenues of legal redress.
		The RCIRCSA undertook significant community consultation over the five-year period of the Royal Commission. QSA undertook targeted consultation with Queensland public authorities following the RCIRCSA. A range of stakeholders were consulted including government departments, universities and local government authorities. Interstate and overseas jurisdictions' policies and procedures in relation to the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable persons were also researched. Consultation found stakeholder feedback largely reflected the difficulties in determining if a record would provide corroborating evidence relevant to a future allegation of abuse. Uncertainty exists as to what evidentiary records need to be retained as an allegation of abuse can be made many years into the future.
		Retention of these records will enable records to assist as evidence and be a facilitator of redress. The recommended retention period also allows time for vulnerable persons to request access to records during the course of the National Redress Scheme. Retention of these records will allow continual access to records and provide time to build an evidence base to further identify which records may be relevant as corroborating evidence for allegations of abuse.
		The retention period is also sufficient to align with other GRDS record classes where the records are perceived as having potential legal significance e.g. Right to Information requests.
		A reassessment of this retention period will be undertaken in the future and finalised by 31 December 2028.
		A risk assessment must be undertaken to determine records to be created and retained in circumstances where there is a higher risk of abuse occurring due to the nature of the interaction/s. These records can provide evidence and, if necessary, be a source of justice and support to vulnerable persons. Public authorities need to carefully consider the sorts of records which may provide evidence of these types of interactions with vulnerable persons. See the <i>Guideline on creating and keeping records for the proactive protection of vulnerable persons</i> for further information.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (RCIRCSA)

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		Limitation of Actions Act 1974 Limitation of Actions (Child Sexual Abuse) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2016 Civil Liability and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2019 (CLOLA) Human Rights Act 2019 Comparison with other schedules' retention period: No comparisons available Other comments/factors for consideration: The Public Record Office of Victoria (PROV) has also provided guidance on Creating, Managing and Retaining Records for Current or Future Child Sexual Abuse Allegations.
1560	Governance practices for the proactive protection of vulnerable persons  Records that document the responsibility of public authorities on the development and implementation of policies, plans, strategies, training material and other guidance that sets out requirements for the proactive protection of vulnerable persons.  Includes all public authorities that interact with those under 18 years of age.  Disposal action —  Permanent.  Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	Date authorised: 27 March 2020  Background/business process:  Public authorities have a heightened responsibility to ensure they protect vulnerable members of society. Institutions that care for or provide services to vulnerable persons must keep the best interests of the person uppermost in all aspects of the conduct, including recordkeeping. The creation of complete and reliable records is vital to identifying risks and responding appropriately. Records such as policies, plans and strategies set out the principles or standards of conduct that must be observed by staff in making decisions, participating in agency activities or performing functions.  Policies guide any decision-making in relation to processes, activities and initiatives that happen or are expected to happen. Documented guidance provides clarity on how to respond to inappropriate conduct, and allegations and incidents of abuse. The creation of these records protects the rights and entitlements of victims/survivors of abuse as they document and demonstrate the governance practices related to the proactive protection of vulnerable persons. It is important to recognise that problems with recordkeeping are not just a thing of the past as evidenced by the RCIRCSA hearing accounts of poor practices from present day institutions.  Business requirements:  The RCIRCSA was a five-year inquiry which attracted significant community, political and international interest. Records of policy, plans, strategies and procedures demonstrate how the

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		government responded and will support the development of, and adherence to, appropriate requirements for the proactive protection of vulnerable persons. These records provide evidence of the government's actions towards protecting vulnerable members of our community and document the ongoing importance of the significant issue of protecting vulnerable persons from abuse.
		Importantly, these records highlight the governance and leadership culture of the agency, and how effective and supported the agency is in promoting the proactive protection of vulnerable persons. An example of this is recognition by the RCIRCSA for the need for strong leadership and organisational culture: "A child safe institution creates cultures, adopt strategies and take action to prevent harm to children, including child sexual abuse consciously and systematically creates conditions that reduce the likelihood of harm to children, creates conditions that increase the likelihood of identifying and reporting harm, and responds appropriately to disclosures, allegations or suspicions of harm." <sup>5</sup>
		With the removal in 2016 of the civil statutory time limit for victims of sexual abuse the value of these records has changed and are important records that document the responsibility of vulnerable persons safety and wellbeing over time.
		These records support government accountability because they enable the public to measure how successfully these plans have been delivered and implemented. These records will have value in the future to further Royal Commissions investigating similar matters or for reviews into how the recommendations of RCIRCSA were implemented by government. As such, these records have an ongoing value and interest to the people of Queensland.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (RCIRCSA)
		Limitation of Actions Act 1974
		Limitation of Actions (Child Sexual Abuse) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2016
		Civil Liability and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2019 (CLOLA)

<sup>5</sup> Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse Final Report: Volume 6, Making institutions child safe, p 12

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		Human Rights Act 2019
		Permanent retention criteria:
		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:
		<ul> <li>2 – primary functions &amp; programs of government</li> <li>4 – significant impact on individuals</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>5 – substantial contribution to community memory.</li> </ul>
		Comparison with other schedules issued in response to RCIRCSA:  National Archives of Australia General Records Authority 41 2018/00421155 Child Sexual Abuse
		Incidents and Allegations reference:
		<ul> <li>62512 – records documenting developing and reviewing policies, plans, strategies and other guidance material relating to child sexual abuse incidents and allegations; activities relating to child sexual abuse disclosures, allegations or complaints; training materials relating to child sexual abuse incidents and allegations; major internal reviews; high level advice – Retain as national archives</li> <li>62513 – records other than those covered in 62512 – Destroy 100 years after action completed</li> <li>62514 – all children's case records including welfare records, where the child is under the care of custody of a Commonwealth institution or receives services from a</li> </ul>
		Commonwealth institution – Destroy 100 years after date of birth of the child or 100 years after action completed, whichever is sooner  • 62515 – all records other than those covered under 62512, 62513 and 62514 – Destroy
		45 years after action completed.
		Public Record Office Victoria (PROV), Retention and disposal authority for Records of
		Organisational Response to Child Sexual Abuse Incidents and Allegations PROS19/08 reference 1.1 Policy, strategy and procedure – Permanent – Retain as State Archives, Transfer to PROV
		State Records of South Australia, General Disposal Schedule No. 30 v2, Reference:

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		<ul> <li>13.17.7 – Records relating to the formulation, implementation and review of agency policies relating to the management of and response to abuse incidents or allegations of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Also includes vulnerable adults or adults where the incidents or allegations of abuse occurred as a child - Permanent</li> <li>13.18.5 – Records relating to the formulation, implementation and review of agency procedures relating to abuse incidents or allegations of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Also includes vulnerable adults or adults where the incidents or allegations of abuse occurred as a child – Permanent.</li> <li>Comparison with other schedules' retention period:</li> </ul>
		Queensland General Retention and Disposal Schedule Reference 1033 - Core/functional policy – final - Permanent. Transfer to QSA after business action completed.

### **PROCEDURES**

Procedures developed by the agency for core business or administrative purposes. Includes the development of forms.

Excludes the development of procedures that relate to an agency's core statutory responsibilities where there is a high level risk or potential impact to the wider community, e.g. a dam's operating procedures.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1037	Administrative/operational procedures – final	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:
	Final approved versions of manuals, handbooks etc. detailing procedures developed by the agency which apply to its administration.	This is a merger of existing record classes relating to procedures. For ease of sentencing, procedure development records are now included with this record class.  Procedures describe how each policy will be put into action in the agency. They might just be a few bullet points or instructions. Sometimes they work well as forms, checklists, instructions or flowcharts.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Includes forms management. Also includes the development and review of the agency's	Forms management plays an important role in the administration of electronic and paper based information capture in modern businesses. Online forms which users can either download or simply fill-out are quickly replacing paper-based forms.
	manuals, handbooks,	Business requirements:
	directives etc.	The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
	Excludes the development of procedures that relate to an	These records are not required for any specific legislative purpose but the retention period allows sufficient time for any questions to arise around superseded procedures.
	agency's core statutory responsibilities where there is a high level risk or potential impact to the wider community.	There is no consistency in the retention of similar records by other jurisdictions with retention periods ranging from "retain until superseded" to "7 years after superseded". The retention period is consistent with the existing precedence in 2 Queensland core schedule.
	Procedures may include, but are not limited to:	
	<ul> <li>quality assurance</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>gifts and benefits</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>employee complaints</li> </ul>	
	• finance.	
	Disposal action -	
	3 years after business action completed.	

### **PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

Planning, organising and managing of resources to meet project requirements using a combination of techniques, procedures, people and systems. Includes defining, planning, approval, implementation and evaluation of a project.

Disposal Description of record and Authorisation retention period	Justification for retention period
1039 <b>Projects – significant</b>	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
Records relating to the development, implementation, review and closure of significant projects, where:  • the agency has had major input into the project's planning, development and implementation  • the agency is a principal driver of the project and performs secretariat duties for the board/ committee responsible for managing project records  • the agency is a driver of the project and administers the funding for the project.  Significant projects may include, but are not limited to:  • the project is innovative, unique or precedent setting  • the project involves buildings, items or	Background/business process: This is a new record class and activity. Regulatory requirements: As.4915-2002 Project management-general conditions Business requirements: The management of significant projects directly influences how an agency's functions, programs and services are delivered to the community. Given significant projects include where the project is innovative or precedent setting; has cultural heritage significance; has region-wide or state interest; generated substantial regional debate or controversy; or concerns major agency liabilities or obligations; there is substantial and ongoing community interest in these records. The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records in other jurisdictions and there is precedence with 9 Queensland schedules. Permanent retention criteria: 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 and Programs of Government  • 5 – Substantial Contribution to Community Memory.

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	have cultural heritage significance	
	<ul> <li>the project is of region- wide or State interest</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>the project generated substantial regional debate or controversy</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>the project concerns major liabilities or obligations for the agency.</li> </ul>	
	Includes records of significant projects that do not proceed.	
	Disposal action -	
	Permanent.	
	Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	
1040	Projects – other	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the development, implementation, review and closure of other projects that are not considered significant.	Background/business process:
		This is a new record class.
		Regulatory requirements:
		AS.4915-2002 Project management-general conditions
	Disposal action -	Business requirements:
	7 years after business action completed.	Agencies continuously have some sort of project happening at any one time. The retention period allows the project team and/or management to see what decisions were made at certain stages of the project.
		The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by Tasmania and WA. There is also precedence with 4 Queensland core business schedules.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1265	Projects that do not proceed	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to projects that do not proceed.	Background/business process:
		This is a new record class.
	Excludes significant projects that do not proceed.  Disposal action –  2 years after business action completed.	Regulatory requirements:
		AS.4915-2002 Project management-general conditions
		Business requirements:
		The retention period allows a sufficient length of reference time for agencies to maintain details of why a project did not proceed.
		The retention period is consistent with a similar record class in the NT and with other record classes within the GRDS such as asset acquisitions which do not proceed (1183).
		There is also precedence with 3 Queensland core business schedules.

### **REPORTING**

Initiating or providing a formal response to a situation or request (either internal, external or as a requirement of agency policies), and providing formal statements or findings of the results of the examination or investigation.

Excludes formal reports received by an agency as part of its statutory responsibilities and reports produced as the result of another activity (e.g. reports documenting the results of investigations, research, etc.).

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1042	Reports – significant	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Significant reports may include, but are not limited to:  • strategic level reports relating to the agency's	Background/business process: This is a new record class. The primary document through which agencies report on their performance is the agency's annual report. Additionally, agencies will have a variety of core functions that they will need to periodically report on. For example:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	core functions and performance	<ul> <li>a division of a department will need to report to management on how they are meeting their objectives at a strategic level and at a financial level.</li> </ul>
	those with whole-of- government implications.  Includes whole-of-government reporting performed by agencies that have an overview of other agency's compliance with legislation,	<ul> <li>a performance report tracks the agency's performance according to a number of key performance indicators, and also gauges it against the targets outlined in the agency's strategic plan.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>the Financial and Performance Management Standard 2009 (FPMS) (section 13) requires that performance information about the agency's achievement or progress toward the delivery of its strategic plan and of its services in its operational plan be provided at least every 3 months to the accountable officer or board, and at least annually to Ministers (or when the Minister asks for the information).</li> </ul>
	e.g. agency's compliance with	Regulatory requirements:
	the Public Records Act 2002.	A guide to the Queensland Government Performance Management Framework
	Also includes both published and unpublished reports.	Financial Accountability Act 2009
	Disposal action –	Financial and Performance Management Standard 2009
	·	Business requirements:
	Permanent. Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	Strategic level reports, consistent with strategic plans, are a key accountability document and the principal way agencies report on their performance and service delivery to the community. These records support government accountability because they enable the public to measure how successfully government policies, programs and services have been implemented as well as driving continuous improvement.
		As such, these records have an ongoing value and interest to the people of Queensland.
		The retention period is consistent with similar retentions in the ACT, Commonwealth, NSW and WA and with similar existing classes in 10 Queensland core business schedules.
		Permanent retention criteria:
		These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:
		<ul> <li>2 – Primary Functions and Programs of Government</li> </ul>
1044	Reports – other	Date authorised: 1 September 2016

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	All other reports, both published and unpublished, on the agency's functions and performance including:  • operational level reports  • formal reports provided to external agencies as a statutory obligation  • periodic reports required by lead agencies on a regular basis, e.g. right to information, workforce management, etc.  • financial reports relating to the monitoring of recurring activities, e.g. statistics and budget forecasts.  Disposal action —  7 years after business action completed.	Background/business process:  This is a merger of existing record classes relating to financial reports. This record class has been expanded to include all other reports which are not significant.  Agencies must document and report on general administrative matters such as employee leave, statistics, meetings attended and budget forecasts.  Business requirements:  Agency reports at this level are normally prepared and presented on a monthly basis. They are then consolidated and included in the annual report (which is permanent). As a result, agencies only need to refer back to the original operational and periodic reports for a short period of time. Given there is no consistency in other jurisdictions around the retention of these records, it was suggested that, given that many of these reports are financial, retention should be linked to any related financial records and it is for this reason the retention period has been set at 7 years.
1045	Reports development Records relating to the development and review of agency reports.  Disposal action –	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process: This is a revision of an existing record class.  Business requirements: The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7 and is consistent with the retention of similar records by NSW.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	3 years after business action completed.	The development of reports may require internal agency consultation and these records may need to be referred to in the preparation of subsequent reports. Based on existing precedent in two Queensland core schedules, the retention period provides sufficient time for these records to be referred back to by agency staff.
		It is also consistent with the retention of other development records within the GRDS including the development of plans (1032) and procedures (1038).

#### RESEARCH

Investigating or enquiring into a subject or an area of interest.

Excludes research undertaken by an agency as part of its core statutory responsibilities (e.g. universities, Queensland Institute of Medical Research, etc.) and research undertaken as part of another business activity (e.g. product research as part of an acquisition process or research undertaken to develop a policy position).

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1046	Research – significant	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to significant	Background/business process:
	research conducted to support	This is a new record class and activity.
	the functions of the agency. Includes research material commissioned by the agency	Agencies work to ensure that policies, programs and services are informed by rigorous and robust evidence. Research is then used to strengthen evidence-based decision making and contribute to effective policy and practice.
	but prepared by an external party. Significant research may include, but is not limited to:	Any agency that conducts research on humans must conform to the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007). Where a trial is using materials of biological origin, or other materials where there is limited experience of their long-term use, records should be preserved for long enough to enable participants to be traced in case evidence emerges of late
	<ul> <li>strategic direction and agency-wide issues</li> </ul>	or long-term effects.  Regulatory requirements:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	core functional	Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research
	<ul><li>activities</li><li>analysis of trends and</li></ul>	National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007) – National Health and Medical Research Council
	research where source	Business requirements:
	material is unique or difficult to obtain	Significant research directly influences how an agency's core business functions, activities, projects, programs and services are developed and delivered to the community. Given
	<ul> <li>original scientific or technical research forming the basis of agency publications.</li> </ul>	significant research includes strategic direction and agency-wide issues, core functional activities, analysis of trends and research where source material is unique or difficult to obtain and original scientific or technical research forming the basis of agency publications, it will have an ongoing value and interest to the people of Queensland.
	Disposal action – Permanent.	It is consistent with the retention of similar records by SA and WA and there is existing precedence in 12 Queensland core schedules.
	Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	The Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research states the minimum recommended period for retention of research data is 5 years from the date of publication. However, in any particular case, the period for which data should be retained should be determined by the specific type of research. For example:
		<ul> <li>for areas such as gene therapy, research data must be retained permanently</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>if the work has community or heritage value, research data should be kept permanently.</li> </ul>
		Permanent retention criteria:
		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:
		4 – Significant Impact on Individuals
		<ul> <li>5 – Substantial Contribution to Community Memory.</li> </ul>
1047	Research - other	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to detailed	Background/business process:
	research conducted to support the functions of the agency.	This is a new record class for this activity.

Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
Includes research concerning operational issues and administrative matters.	Agencies work to ensure that its policies, programs and services are informed by rigorous and robust evidence. Research should be used to strengthen evidence-based decision making and contribute to effective operation of the agency.
Disposal action -	Regulatory requirements:
5 years after business action	Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research
completed.	Business requirements:
	The retention period is based on the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research, which states the minimum recommended period for retention of research data is 5 years from the date of publication.
	It is also consistent retention of similar records by SA and WA and with existing precedence in 3 Queensland core schedules.
Research – short term	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
Records relating to short term research conducted in an agency for assessment purposes only.  Excludes formal research projects.  Disposal action –  2 years after business action completed.	Background/business process:  This is a new record class for this activity which also includes statistical reporting.  Regulatory requirements:  Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research  Business requirements:  The retention period is consistent with the existing retention of raw statistical data. Routine and minor research generally does not instigate a change to an agency's activities or result in any further action.  It is consistent with the retention of similar records by SA and Tasmania and there is existing
	Includes research concerning operational issues and administrative matters.  Disposal action –  5 years after business action completed.  Research – short term Records relating to short term research conducted in an agency for assessment purposes only.  Excludes formal research projects.  Disposal action –  2 years after business action

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Identifying and assessing risks and implementing appropriate practices to reduce the impact of material or economic loss arising from an incident.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
Authorisation 1051	Risk assessment and mitigation Records relating to the identification, assessment and monitoring of risks. Includes:  • the implementation of risk reduction practices and procedures, such as fire and evacuation exercises  • the management of strategic, financial and property risks.  Excludes records relating to work health and safety risk management processes.  Disposal action — 7 years after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a merger of existing record classes relating to risk.  Property Management  Risks associated with poor building management and which may ultimately affect service delivery capacity and quality, include:  • degradation of the Queensland Government's asset base  • premature asset failure  • shorter asset useful life  • higher repair and replacement costs  • missed opportunities to identify and implement improvements to reduce environmental impacts  • unnecessary exposure to legal, social and other risks associated with deteriorated buildings, statutory non-compliance, workplace health and safety and hazardous materials.  Strategic risks relate directly to an agency's strategic planning and management processes.  Strategic risks are those which could significantly impact on the achievement of the agency's vision and strategic objectives as documented in the strategic plan. They are high level risks which require identification, treatment, monitoring and management by the agency's senior executives or Board. These risks may need to be managed by more than one agency for the risk treatments to be effective.  Section 61 of the Financial Accountability Act 2009 requires agencies to establish and maintain appropriate risk management systems.  Risks that need to be identified and managed include:  • agency strategic and operational risks which are managed by individual agencies but which may become risks for the State due to their size or significance

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		<ul> <li>cross-agency risks where a risk relates to more than one agency (for example, collaborative projects) and requires treatment by multiple agencies to be effective</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>whole-of-government risks which are beyond the boundaries of any one agency due to their magnitude and/or impact on service delivery, which call for a response across agencies, and would require a co-ordinated approach by a central agency or by a lead agency.</li> </ul>
		Regulatory requirements:
		AS/NZS ISO 31000:2009 Risk management-principles and guidelines
		Financial Accountability Act 2009
		Financial and Performance Management Standard 2009
		Queensland Treasury and Trade – A guide to risk management
		Business requirements:
		The retention period of the record class has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		The retention period ensures that these records are available for business reference when implementing risk mitigation strategies and monitoring risks identified through the assessment process.
		It is consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT, Commonwealth, NSW, NT, Tasmania, Victoria and WA. There is also existing precedence in 6 Queensland core schedules.

# **SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS**

Investigations into security breaches. Includes where there has been either accidental or intentional loss, misuse or damage as well as unauthorised access.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1052	Security breaches –	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	significant	Background/business process:
	Records relating to significant	This is a new record class for this activity.
	security breaches which may result in the laying of charges,	Information Management
	or where sabotage is strongly	Under IS.18 Information Security, principle 8 covers incident management.
	suspected:  • unauthorised access,	Effective management and response to information security incidents is critical to maintaining secure operations within the Queensland Government. Agencies at a minimum must:
	use, disclosure, disruption, modification, recording/copying or	<ul> <li>ensure information security incident management procedures are established to ensure appropriate responses in the event of information security incidents, breaches or system failures</li> </ul>
	destruction of records and information (e.g.	<ul> <li>ensure all information security incidents are reported and escalated (where applicable) through appropriate management channels and/or authorities</li> </ul>
	records have been removed from official	<ul> <li>establish and maintain an information security incident and response register and record all incidents</li> </ul>
	custody and passed onto a third party, digital information has been hacked, etc.)	<ul> <li>ensure that information security incidents caused by employees are investigated and where it is found that a deliberate information security violation or breach has occurred, that formal disciplinary processes are applied</li> </ul>
	break-ins	The misuse or 'leaking' of confidential government information, whether deliberate or accidental,
	<ul> <li>unauthorised access or entry/trespass</li> </ul>	can constitute misconduct or, depending on the circumstances, official misconduct.  Consequences may extend to dismissal, prosecution or civil legal action against the individual and organisation involved.
	<ul> <li>intrusion into restricted</li> </ul>	Consequences can also include:
	areas	damage to any project or activity jeopardised by the untimely release of information
	terrorism	unfair advantages (e.g. commercial) to the recipients of the information
	intentional damage	breach of 'commercial-in-confidence' agreements
	• bomb threats	breach of privacy under the Information Privacy Act 2009
	• fires.	

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Includes referral to law enforcement authorities.	<ul> <li>censure by government or consumer watchdogs (e.g. under the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988)</li> </ul>
	Disposal action –	<ul> <li>damage to the reputation of the organisation or individuals affected by the 'leak'</li> </ul>
	Permanent.	potential increase in corruption (e.g. the development of an information-selling culture).
	Transfer to QSA after business	Property Management
	action completed.	Under the intergovernmental agreement on Australia's National Counter-Terrorism Arrangements, the Queensland Government has agreed to establish effective counter-terrorism prevention, response, investigation and consequence management arrangements and effective cooperation, coordination and consultation between all relevant agencies in all jurisdictions.
		The Queensland Police Service Security and Counter-Terrorism Group and other government agencies work in partnership with business and industry groups to counter terrorism. Queensland Police Service has operational responsibility for preventing and responding to terrorism in Queensland and for investigating terrorist activity, threats and incidents.
		The Queensland Police Service operational manual defines tactically dangerous situations as:
		armed offenders involved in criminal activities
		hijacking
		• terrorism
		• explosions
		suspect devices
		siege situations
		crowd management incidents.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Evidence Act 1997
		Information Privacy Act 2009
		Privacy Act 1988 (Cwlth)
		Queensland Plan for the Protection of Government Assets from Terrorism
		Right to Information Act 2009

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		State Buildings Protective Security Act 1983
		Business requirements:
		A permanent retention period reflects the seriousness of these matters and provides evidence of how the State responded to serious security breaches and incidents. As serious security breaches may give rise to legal proceedings referred to an appellant court, the retention period is consistent with that assigned to the corresponding judicial records.
		The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT, Commonwealth, NSW, SA and WA. There is also existing precedence in 2 Queensland core schedules.
		Permanent retention criteria:
		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:
		<ul> <li>2 – Primary Functions and Programs of Government</li> </ul>
		4 – Significant Impact on Individuals
		<ul> <li>5 – Substantial Contribution to Community Memory.</li> </ul>
1053	Security breaches – other	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to security	Background/business process:
	breaches which do not result in	This record class is a merger of existing record classes relating to the security.
	the laying of charges or the breach is not considered severe, including:	This class covers records relating to security incidents that are not of the same severity as described above, including occurrences that may occur on patrol. Such incidents may relate to cases of:
	classified records and	classified records and information have not been appropriately secured
	information have not been appropriately secured	<ul> <li>unauthorised access or entry to buildings or restricted areas, including unintentional access</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>unauthorised access or</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>minor damage to premises or vehicles (scratches, dents, paint damage).</li> </ul>
	entry to buildings or	Regulatory requirements:
	restricted areas,	AS.2201.2 Monitoring centres

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	including unintentional access  • minor damage to premises or vehicles (e.g. scratches, dents, paint damage).  Disposal action –  5 years after business action completed.	Information Privacy Act 2009 Privacy Act 1988 (Cwlth) State Buildings Protective Security Act 1983 Business requirements: The retention period has been reduced from 7 years to 5 years because:  • significant security breaches are now retained permanently  • AS.2201.2 Monitoring centres states that records must be retained for 5 years  • this is consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT, Commonwealth, NSW and SA.  The retention period allows for the expiry of the 3 year limitation allowed for personal injury actions under s.11 of the Limitation of Actions Act 1974.

### **SHARED INFORMATION ARRANGEMENTS**

The sharing and exchange of data, information and records between public authorities to undertake a service.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
2649	Outsource activities – shared datasets	Date authorised: 19 November 2020  Background/business process:
	Data shared with a government service provider from another public authority to undertake specific activities under a contracted arrangement, such as making outbound calls to members of the public.	Public authorities can be contracted to undertake activities on behalf of another public authority (contracting public authority), such as making outbound calls to members of the community for compliance purposes. These activities are undertaken using data shared by the contracting public authority.  During the COVID-19 pandemic, Shared Services Qld, in the Department of Housing and Public Works, received data to undertake outbound call activities on the behalf of several public authorities. The purpose of this class is to cover activities like this where government data is

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	Includes the process of preparing the data, by the service provider, for their use.	shared with a government service provider for a specific activity under a contracted arrangement. The intent of this class is to cover broader situations not just in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
	Disposal action –	Business requirements:
	5 years after business action completed.	Arrangements between public authorities outlining the activity, use and management of data can be agreed upon and documented in a contractual agreement. Disposal details relating to the data can be outlined in an agreement but must be in line with a current disposal authorisation that has been authorised by the State Archivist. As per section 13 of the <i>Public Records Act 2002</i> , the authorisation to dispose of the data can only be issued by the State Archivist. This authorisation is the authority for destruction of the shared datasets.
		The retention of 5 years is linked to the call recordings covered under current disposal authorisation QDAN679v1 ref 3.1.2, which is the minimum time the Shared Service Qld must keep the recordings. Together, the datasets and call recordings provide key context and evidence of the contracted activity, as the call recordings alone do not provide enough evidence of the outsourced activity if a request is received about the outcome of a phone interaction.
		The shared datasets have been aligned to the call recordings to provide consistent retention periods.
		The draft disposal authorisation for health-related call recordings is 10 years after business action completed. The proposed retention for these recordings is higher because health related advice is provided to a client, which is not the case with recordings covered under QDAN 679v1 reference 3.1.2.
		Regulatory requirements: Nil
		Comparison with other schedules' retention period:
		Queensland State Archives:
		<ul> <li>Department of Housing and Public Works retention and disposal schedule QDAN 679 v1 reference 3.1.2 client service evaluation – retain for 5 years after last action</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>General retention and disposal schedule – disposal authorisation 1140 – data administration (other) - 7 years after business action completed</li> </ul>
		Other comments/factors for consideration:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Appraisal justification for QDAN 679v1 reference 3.1.2 – retention allows for follow-up actions arising from service evaluation
		The national recommended disposal authorisation for COVIDSafe App data is - Destroy as soon as practicable when no longer required for contact tracing purposes, or immediately following the declaration of the end of the COVIDSafe data period, whichever is sooner.
2650	Data – COVIDSafe App	Date authorised: 3 December 2020
	Records collected or	Background/business process:
	generated through the operation of the COVIDSafe	The purpose of this authorisation is to permit the destruction of data received through the COVIDSafe Application (COVID app), within Queensland, after it has been used or disclosed by:
	app (i.e. COVIDSafe app data) which is	<ul> <li>persons employed by or in the service of the Qld Health authority for the purpose of contact tracing</li> </ul>
	downloaded/extracted to support contact tracing activities.	<ul> <li>officers and employees of, or contracted service providers for the data store administrator where the collection, use or disclosure is for the purpose of, and only to the extent required</li> </ul>
	Disposal action –	for the purpose of enabling contact tracing by persons employed by, or in the service of, State or Territory health authorities.
	Destroy as soon as practicable when no longer required for contact tracing purposes, or immediately following the declaration of the end of the COVIDSafe data period, whichever is sooner.	Contact tracing has the same meaning as defined in subsection 94D(6) the <i>Privacy Act 1988</i> (the Privacy Act).
		This authorisation is made having regard to the object set out in section 94B of the Privacy Act, being to assist in preventing and controlling the entry, emergence, establishment or spread of the coronavirus known as COVID-19 into Australia or any part of Australia by providing stronger privacy protections for COVID app data and COVIDSafe users in order to:
		a) encourage public acceptance and uptake of COVIDSafe; and
		b) enable faster and more effective contact tracing.
		Under section 94ZC of the Privacy Act, COVID app data is the property of the Commonwealth, and remains the property of the Commonwealth even after it is disclosed to, or used by:
		a) a State or Territory health authority; or
		b) any other person or body (other than the Commonwealth or an authority of the Commonwealth).

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		One of the safeguards set out in the Privacy Act is the destruction of COVID app data in certain circumstances. The data store administrator is required to delete COVID app data in a number of circumstances such as under subsection 94P(2) of the Privacy Act, which requires the data store administrator to, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of the day determined by subsection 94Y(1), delete all COVID app data from the National COVIDSafe Data Store.  In the case of COVID app data in the hands of persons employed by, or in the service of, a State or Territory health authority, the only purpose for which such data may be collected, used or disclosed is for the purpose of, and only to the extent required for the purpose of, contact tracing (paragraph 94D(2)(a) of the Privacy Act). Once that purpose has been met, the policy intent is for the COVID app data to be deleted. It is also noted that the Bilateral Agreement on Collection, Use and Disclosure of COVIDSafe Data (Bilateral Agreements), signed between the Department of Health (Commonwealth) and the respective State and Territory health authorities recognises this policy intent.
		Business requirements:
		This authorisation covers source or original records or copies of either containing COVID app data when no longer required for purposes of contact tracing, or as soon as reasonably practicable after the day determined under subsection 94Y(1) of the Privacy Act. This has been accepted by States and Territories in the Bilateral Agreements, which Qld has signed, to mean deleting the data within 30 days of being downloaded/extracted except if there is a reasonable requirement for this data to be held for a longer period for the purpose of contact tracing. If retained for a longer period for the purpose of contact tracing, then the COVID app data should be deleted when no longer required, and not later than as soon as reasonably practicable after the day determined under subsection 94Y(1) of the Privacy Act.
		Regulatory requirements:
		94B of the <i>Privacy Act 1988</i> (Cmlth)
		Bilateral Agreement on Collection, Use and Disclosure of COVIDSafe Data - signed between the Department of Health (Commonwealth) and the respective State and Territory health authorities
		Comparison with other schedules' retention period:
		This disposal authorisation has been adopted from the standard wording provided by National Archives of Australia in consultation with the Commonwealth Department of Health. The

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		standard wording was shared with all CAARA members for their recommended use, to provide consistent disposal authorisation coverage for the COVIDSafe app data.

#### **SURVEILLANCE AND MONITORING**

Capturing and monitoring surveillance of environments, premises and resources for the detection of crime, public safety, traffic control or to enhance the protection and security of people or property.

Excludes footage taken under a surveillance warrant issued by the Crime and Corruption Commission.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1202	Surveillance footage provided to investigative and law enforcement bodies  Surveillance recordings requested by investigative and law enforcement agencies.  Excludes investigative and law enforcement agencies requests and responses.  Disposal action —  1 year after recordings sent to relevant law enforcement agency.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a revision of an existing record class.  The privacy principles allow you to disclose footage to the Queensland Police Service or other law enforcement agencies as long as the personal information contained in the footage is reasonably necessary for a law enforcement activity. If footage is disclosed, a record of the disclosure should be kept with the information.  Regulatory requirements:  AS 4806.1-2006 Australian CCTV Standard  Evidence Act 1977  Information Privacy Act 2009  Right to Information Act 2009  State Buildings Protective Security Act 1983  Business requirements:  Agencies are not generally notified of when an investigative process, court proceeding and/or appeals process has finalised. Therefore, to enable the disposal action to be implemented, the

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		trigger has been changed to "after recordings have been sent to relevant law enforcement agency". If a member of the public wishes to gain access to a CCTV recording which is being used as part of a court proceeding, they can apply to the court or to the Queensland Police Service.
		A 1 year retention period is proposed to allow for sufficient time for the enforcement agency to be able to seek another exact binary copy if required for whatever reason.
1284	Surveillance footage	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	captured for a specific	Background/business process:
	purpose	This is a new record class for this activity.
	Records of surveillance and monitoring activities captured for a specific purpose and are not required for investigative purposes or evidence.	Recently, the use of body cameras has increased significantly locally, nationally and internationally for a range of reasons. Specifically the devices are used as part of the primary operations of the business unit.  For example:
	Excludes continuous surveillance captured for routine purposes.	<ul> <li>Council environmental health, animal management and parking officers have been issued with body worn cameras, filming encounters with upset members of the public in an attempt to reduce threatening and aggressive behaviour</li> </ul>
	Also excludes extracts of surveillance monitoring records	<ul> <li>Regulatory officers, e.g. compliance officers are using body worn cameras when conducting their inspections</li> </ul>
	provided to an investigative or law enforcement agency.	<ul> <li>Recently the Queensland Police Service rolled out 300 body worn cameras for frontline officers, enhancing evidence-gathering and giving victims' assurance that police will</li> </ul>
	Disposal action –	follow up their complaints.
	90 days after record created.	Body cameras may be introduced as a means to effect change in behaviours of staff and the people they work with, based on evidence which shows that if people see themselves behaving badly, they're more likely to temper that behaviour. Police officers will turn on body cameras when they are involved in an incident and turn them off when finished.
		Other surveillance and monitoring footage is also being increasingly created across government, for example, footage collected from the use of drones. Drones are unmanned, remotely-controlled aerial vehicles used to perform a variety of tasks. Their in-built, high resolution cameras have the potential to capture a large volume of public records such as digital images

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		and video recordings of the tasks they are performing, as well as information about the surrounding area.
		In Queensland, examples of drone use are wide and varied. Use can include assisting in documenting crime scenes; locating and culling feral pigs, and delivering medical supplies to outback locations. Elsewhere governments are using drones to monitor the north coast of Australia, for shark surveillance and surf rescue operations, flood control, rice farming, and town planning.
		The general purpose of these surveillance and monitoring technologies may therefore encompass:
		preventing/detecting crime
		gathering evidence
		managing public safety
		controlling traffic
		<ul> <li>enhancing the protection and security of personnel or property</li> </ul>
		gathering data to inform planning
		assuring quality of services and standards.
		There may be other mobile devices and technologies that capture this type of surveillance and monitoring footage, e.g. mobile phones or tablets.
		Regulatory requirements:
		<b>Privacy:</b> In capturing personal information via camera surveillance and/or audio recording, an agency must comply with the relevant principles of the <i>Information Privacy Act 2009</i> (the Act). The Office of Information Commissioner (OIC) Queensland has published advice for Queensland Government agencies regarding the collection, storage, use or disclosure of personal information.
		Under Schedule 1, Section 1(b) of the Act: camera surveillance footage arising out of or connected to a covert undertaking of an operation, investigation, or function of a law enforcement agency is not subject to the privacy principles. See OIC guidance on <a href="Maintenance-english"><u>Camera surveillance and privacy</u>.</a>

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		<b>Crime and Corruption Commission</b> : The recordings made under warrant for the Crime and Corruption Commission are not covered by this record class in GRDS. Sections 131 (1) and (2) of the <i>Crime and Corruption Act 2001</i> set the destruction of these recordings.
		<b>Legal action:</b> <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> sets out limitation periods for the commencement of various actions in Queensland. The Act does not apply if the limitation period for a specific Cause of Action is prescribed by another Act.
		Some examples of limitation periods are:
		<ul> <li>s.10, tort or contract without personal injury (for example, property damage or economic loss) – 6 years from the date on which the cause of action</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>s.11, personal injury – 3 years from the date on which the cause of action arose (however, see below for further time restrictions)</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>s.13, land recovery – 12 years from the date on which the cause of action accrued</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>s.25, rent recovery – 6 years from the date on which the arrears became due</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>s.32A, defamation – 1 year from the date of the publication of the matter complained of</li> </ul>
		Industrial Relations Act 1999 – s.74 (2)(a) unfair dismissal – 21 days from termination of employment
		Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 – s.138 discrimination – 1 year from date of the alleged discriminating act
		Business requirements:
		The proposed retention period is primarily influenced by the following factors:
		<ul> <li>lead time to allow for a complaint to be brought by a member of the public – allowing sufficient time for the community to raise a complaint about a recorded matter</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>civil liberties and human rights – the "International Principles on the Application of Human Rights to Communications Surveillance" sets out that for the purposes of enforcing law, protecting national security or gathering intelligence, any excess information collected will not be retained, but instead will be promptly destroyed or returned</li> </ul>

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		<ul> <li>costs for storage, particularly given the significant volumes of recordings – the initial cost of purchasing and installing equipment and the ongoing maintenance and access costs.</li> </ul>
		To determine this retention period, a range of stakeholders were consulted, including Ethical Standards, Crime and Corruption Commission, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Privacy Commissioner and a wide variety of Queensland based organisations, as well as researching interstate and overseas jurisdictions' policies and procedures in relation to digital data management.
		The consultation found stakeholders nominated retention periods reflecting their individual vested interests. While some stakeholders advocated for shorter retention periods to safeguard privacy concerns, others mandated a longer retention period to promote government transparency and complaints against officers. However, all stakeholders agreed that a single uniform retention period of 90 days balanced the needs of everyone.
		Other information for consideration:
		Police officers will turn on body cameras when they are involved in an incident and turn them off when finished.

Title	Scope Note
ASSET MANAGEMENT	Acquiring, supplying, maintaining, repairing and disposing of moveable assets.
	Moveable assets may include, but are not limited to: vehicles, machinery, plant, equipment, appliances, implements, tools, furniture, furnishings, clothing, chemicals, hardware (including IT), kitchen/cleaning items, medical supplies, stationery and software.
	Excludes the management of buildings, structures and land and the management of moveable assets, required for the delivery of core functions, which have specific retention requirements (e.g. firearms).

#### **MOVEABLE ASSETS**

Acquiring, monitoring, assessing, managing and disposing of an agency's moveable assets. Includes the evaluation, installation and allocation of moveable assets as well as monitoring to ensure the implementation goes according to schedule and is to an acceptable standard. Disposal includes the sale, transfer, termination of lease, auction, donation, exchange, return or destruction of the moveable asset.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1174	Moveable assets –	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	hazardous substances	Background/business process:
	Records relating to the	This record class is a merger of existing record classes relating to hazardous substances.
	acquisition, storage and handling of hazardous	Regulatory requirements:
	substances for agency use.	Work Health & Safety Act 2011
	Includes radioactive materials and radiation equipment (e.g.	Work Health & Safety Regulation 2011
		Business requirements:
	x-ray equipment), laboratory	The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
	chemicals and pesticides.	The Department of Housing and Public Works, which is responsible for maintaining a large
	Disposal action -	number of pre-existing properties containing asbestos, obtained legal advice when developing
	100 years after business	their core schedule (QDAN679) to the effect that records relating to the management of asbestos
	action completed.	should be retained for 100 years. This has formed the basis for past QSA precedent in

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		recommending 100 years as the minimum retention period for activities involving the management of hazardous substances.  While the retention of these records is important for the protection of an individual's rights, where they have been exposed to a hazardous substance by a Queensland government agency, a 100 years provides a sufficient time period to do this. These records are not seen as being of ongoing State significance because asbestos was also a very common building material in Queensland up until the 1980s and there would be a large volume of records across the Queensland public sector. Queensland also currently has the longest retention period for these records out of all Australian jurisdictions.  It also aligns with the other hazardous substances record classes in Property Management and Work Health & Safety.
1175	Moveable assets – business/software applications  Non-financial records relating to the development, modification, configuration and/or disposal of specific applications or interactive apps to meet business needs which go into production.  Excludes the acquisition and/or disposal of specific applications or interactive apps which are acquired 'off- the-shelf' or through the acquisition of software as a service (i.e. cloud), and which do not require customisation. Also excludes contractual	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a revision of existing record classes relating to application development and operation manuals. This has been expanded by including the configuration and disposal of specific applications that have gone into production.  The consultation draft originally required documentation for applications containing permanent records, to be retained permanently. However, feedback during whole-of-government consultation indicated agencies did not understand the value of permanently retaining records about superseded systems, simply because the system once contained permanent records.  The new record class is based on a recognition that:  • some systems information would be required to successfully transfer digital records to archives but it is unlikely that it would be required after the successful transition of records to archives  • where data/records and metadata is appropriately migrated to a new system, the documentation for the superseded application only needs to be retained long enough to allow for any issues in the migration, decommissioning or disposal process to be addressed.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	records, data quality and integrity, control mechanisms, data migrations and specialised digital preservation treatments.  Disposal action — 7 years after application is closed, discontinued or superseded (through upgrade or major modification).	<ul> <li>at the point of data/digital records transfer, decisions can be made concerning how much system design records or system information is accepted into the archives.</li> <li>Regulatory requirements:</li> <li>Budget-sector agencies<sup>6</sup> and statutory bodies must use the GITC framework when procuring ICT products and service</li> <li>ISO/IEC 15504 Information Technology-Process assessment</li> <li>IS.13 – Procurement and disposal of ICT products and services</li> <li>QGCPO Guidelines for the disposal of computer equipment</li> <li>The Queensland Procurement Policy applies to State government agencies</li> <li>Business requirements:</li> <li>The retention period has increased from 5 years to 7 years to be consistent with other GRDS record classes, in particular references:         <ul> <li>1004 (Agreements and contracts – not under seal) which has a retention period of "Retain for 7 years after the expiry, lapsing or termination of the contract"</li> <li>1180 (Moveable assets – other) which has a retention period of 7 years after business action completed</li> <li>1099 (Asset and money management) which has a retention period of "Retain for 7 years after the financial year to which the records relate".</li> </ul> </li> <li>The retention period is consistent with the treatment of application documentation by a majority of other jurisdictions including NSW, SA, Tasmania, Victoria and WA.</li> </ul>
1180	Moveable assets – other	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Non-financial records relating to the acquisition or hire, maintenance and disposal of other moveable assets.	<b>Background/business process:</b> This is a new records class that has been created by merging multiple classes from the Equipment and Stores, Fleet Management and the Technology & Telecommunications functions of GRDS v.7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Those bodies which rely for more than half their income on general purpose taxation.

# Disposal Authorisation

# Description of record and retention period

Other moveable assets include, but are not limited to:

- specific applications or interactive apps which are 'off-the-shelf' and do not require customisation
- office equipment
- desktop computers
- agency vehicles.

Excludes records relating to radioactive materials/ equipment, registered plant and the sanitisation of technology equipment. Also excludes contractual records, data quality and integrity, control mechanisms, data migrations, vehicle maintenance, specialised digital preservation treatments and development/disposal documentation for business/software applications.

#### Disposal action -

7 years after business action completed.

### Justification for retention period

It includes the acquisition and/or disposal of specific applications or interactive apps which are acquired 'off-the-shelf' or through the acquisition of software as a service (i.e. cloud) and which do not require customisation.

#### Regulatory requirements:

Budget-sector agencies and statutory bodies must use the GITC framework when procuring ICT products and service

ISO/IEC 15504 Information Technology-Process assessment

IS.13 – Procurement and disposal of ICT products and services

QGCPO Guidelines for the disposal of computer equipment

The Queensland Procurement Policy applies to State government agencies

#### **Business requirements:**

The retention period has increased from 5 years to 7 years to be consistent with other GRDS record classes, in particular reference:

- 1004 (Agreements and contracts not under seal) which has a retention period of "Retain for 7 years after the expiry, lapsing or termination of the contract"
- 1099 (Asset and money management) which has a retention period of "Retain for 7 years after the financial year to which the records relate".

The retention period is consistent with the acquisition of other moveable assets and with the retention of similar record classes by NSW, SA, Tasmania, Victoria and WA.

Additionally, prior to the rolling-up of this record class, the following business requirements were prepared to explain the increase in maintenance records from the existing 2 years to 7 years:

- Other jurisdictions are inconsistent with their retention of similar records retention periods vary from 2, 3, 5 and 7 years. The increase is consistent with Victoria and NT.
- Other Queensland schedules are inconsistent with their retention of similar records however, the *Energy Sector Retention and Disposal Schedule* retains their testing records for 7 years and, as this schedule was approved in 2006, it is more current than some of the other Queensland schedules.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
Authorisation 1179	Moveable assets – registered plant Records relating to the management of registered plant kept in accordance with the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011.  Disposal action – 7 years after the plant has been scrapped or ownership transferred.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016 Background/business process: This is a new record class to comply with legislative requirements for plant records specified in the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011. It is a single class to cover all of the activities required to be retained under the Act. Activities included are development/issue of specifications, registration, testing, inspections, maintenance, calibrations, commissioning/decommissioning, dismantling and alterations of plant. Schedule 5 (part 2) of the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011 states the following plant need to be registered in Queensland:  • boilers categorised as hazard level A, B or C according to criteria in section 2.1 of AS.4343:2005 (pressure equipment – hazard levels)  • pressure levels categorised as hazard level A, B or C according to the criteria in section 2.1 of the AS.4343:2004 (pressure equipment – hazard levels), except:  • gas cylinders  • LP gas fuel vessels for automotive use  • serially produced vessels  • pressure equipment excluded from the scope of AS/NZS.1200:2000  • tower cranes including self-erecting tower cranes  • lifts, including escalators and moving walkways  • building maintenance units  • amusement devices covered by section 2.1 of AS.3533.1:2009 (amusement rides and devices – design and construction), except devices and structures stated in section 4(3)  • concrete placing booms  • mobile cranes with a rated capacity of greater than 10t.  Regulatory requirements:  Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011  Business requirements:

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Records relation and configuring assets, include software production of commissioning developed appears at a second commission of the second commission		The retention period is consistent with Tasmania and there is precedence in Queensland with the Energy Sector (QDAN618 v.1) and South Bank Corporation (QDAN675 v.1) schedules.
and configuring assets, include software produced commissioning developed application of the second states of the second states.  Disposal act 5 years after 1	le asset installation	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	after business action	Background/business process:  This is a new record class.  Previously, equipment installation was included with acquisition records and had a retention period of "Retain for 5 years after disposal of equipment". The record class does not include installations and configurations that involve structural changes to premises/sites or installation/commissioning of plant in accordance with the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011.  ICT system changes, which is one component of movable property installations, may occur in one of the following ways:  • direct changeover – the old system is stopped completely, and the new system is started. All of the data that used to be input into the old system, now goes into the new one  • parallel running – the new system is started, but the old system is kept running in parallel for a while. All of the data that is input into the old system, is also input into the new one. Eventually the old system will be stopped, but only when the new system has been proven to work  • phased implementation – the new system is introduced in phases, gradually replacing parts of the old system until eventually, the new system has taken over  • pilot running – the new system is first of all piloted in one part of the business/organisation. Once the pilot system is running successfully, the new system is introduced to all of the business/organisation.  Business requirements:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		There is often minimal value in the records of minor equipment installations (e.g. portable office items, etc.) because the installation itself is usually in accordance with the equipment manual. The 5 year retention period is sufficient for agencies to refer back to these documents if required. The retention period is consistent with similar retention periods in the majority of other jurisdictions and is shorter than the current GRDS retention period for acquisitions (including installation). It is also consistent with similar record classes within the Queensland Police Service (QPS), Queensland Rail and Queensland Transport schedules.
1183	Acquisitions not proceeded with	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to acquisitions that are not proceeded with.  Disposal action –  2 years after business action completed.	Background/business process:  This is a new record class for this activity.  The acquisition, development or modification of moveable property may not proceed due to a number of factors:  • agency no longer wishes to proceed as the acquisition will not further their service  • budgetary constraints.  Business requirements:  The retention period allows a sufficient reference time, if the agency decides to proceed with the acquisition at a later date.  It is also consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT, Commonwealth, NSW, NT, SA and Victoria.
1186	Warranties and guarantees Records relating to warranties and guarantees for all moveable assets.  Disposal action – Until expiry or until item is disposed of, whichever is sooner.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a new record class for this activity. Warranties and guarantees were previously included with the acquisitions record class.  There is no set period of time for a standard warranty or guarantee as they are set by the manufacturer of individual items.  Warranties are contractually binding promises which under normal purchasing circumstances are given by a supplier in relation to the quality and fitness for purpose of deliverables. A system warranty, however, extends this concept to a group of operationally defined components (e.g.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		where a customer seeks to acquire a system that can perform defined functions and performance). The system warranty ensures that the contractor takes some responsibility for the performance of individual products or services as well as the operation, integration and functionality of the system.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Government Information Technology Contracting Framework-Version 5
		Business requirements:
		The agency cannot claim for repairs against an expired warranty so there is little value in retaining it for the former retention period of 5 years after disposal of equipment. The retention period ensures the record is retained for as long as it is valid.
		The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by NSW and the Commonwealth.
1187	Agency operating manuals	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Operating manuals and	Background/business process:
	instructions developed by the agency for operating all forms of equipment.	This is a revision to an existing record class. It covers manuals and instructions developed by the agency for all types of equipment, including registered plant as defined by the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011.
	Excludes manuals for software applications.	Internal usage instructions, which are not regarded as operating manuals, are covered under the activity of Procedures in Common Activities.
	Disposal action -	Business requirements:
	While equipment remains with the agency OR until superseded.	The agency has a duty of care to ensure that all equipment is operated and maintained in a safe and responsible manner. This is especially true where the agency itself has built or commissioned specific equipment or plant.
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7 and is consistent with the retention of similar records by the Commonwealth, NSW, Tasmania and Victoria.

# **VEHICLES**

Registration, maintenance and booking of agency vehicles.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1178	Moveable assets – vehicles (maintenance) Records relating to maintenance, repair, and modification of agency vehicles.  Disposal action – Transfer to new owner after sale or retain for 1 year after disposal of vehicle.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016 Background/business process: This is a revision of an existing record class. Registration records have been removed from this record class and are covered under a new vehicle registration class (1184) with a shorter retention period. Business requirements: Vehicle maintenance records are routinely offered to buyers by sellers of the second hand vehicles. The amended retention period of "Transfer to new owner after sale or retain for 1 year after disposal of vehicle" provides for the documentation to be transferred to the buyer if requested. Alternatively, if the maintenance records are not transferred with the vehicle, these records can then be disposed of 1 year after the vehicle is disposed of.
1184	Vehicle registrations Records relating to the registration of agency vehicles, including roadworthy inspections and registration renewals.  Disposal action –  1 year after expiry of registration.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a new record class.  Vehicle registration records were previously included with maintenance records.  The records included in this class are roadworthy inspections and registration renewal papers.  The records are only current for 1 year while the vehicle is registered.  Business requirements:  The retention period has been changed from "Retain while vehicle remains with the public authority" to "1 year after expiry of registration". Under this disposal action, records of the current and year immediately prior are retained.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		This allows sufficient time for any queries relating to the vehicles registration to be addressed and for the agency to dispose of expired registration records that are no longer relevant.
1317	Vehicle bookings	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to staff use of agency vehicles.  Excludes records required under the <i>Fringe Benefits Tax</i> ( <i>FBT</i> ) Assessment Act 1986. <b>Disposal action –</b> 1 year after business action completed.	Background/business process:  This is a revision of existing record classes relating to vehicle bookings and log books.  For clarity, an exclusion has been added for records required under the <i>Fringe Benefits Tax</i> ( <i>FBT</i> ) Assessment Act 1986.  Business requirements:  Advice has been received from the Department of Housing and Public Works that vehicle booking forms may be required to prove who is responsible for a traffic infringement and these infringements can be prosecuted up to one year after the date of the offence. Based on this identified need, the retention period has been reduced from 2 years to 1 year after last action.

Title	Scope Note
COLLECTION MANAGEMENT	Acquiring, organising and processing the collection of a library and/or information centre, museum, art gallery, theatre etc. Includes those collections that support agency functions and which are not their core business, e.g. school libraries. Also includes the selection, ordering, accessioning, acquisition, cataloguing, index, evaluation of collection material, and preserving of collection material and use of the collection.
	Excludes agencies where collection management is a core function.

# **COLLECTION PRESERVATION**

Preserving, protecting, maintaining, restoring and enhancing collections.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1063	Preventive conservation	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to preventive conservation activities applied to the whole collection including:  • monitoring the condition of the collection  • rehousing of items  • temperature, pest and humidity control and monitoring  • pest control management activities.  Disposal action —  5 years after business action completed.	Background/business process:  Preventive conservation aims to minimise deterioration and damage to artefacts, therefore avoiding the need for invasive conservation treatment and ensuring items are protected for now and the future. Preventive conservation methods are based on the concept that deterioration and damage to items can be substantially reduced by controlling some of the major causes of this in the museum, gallery etc.  It includes maintaining stable temperature and relative humidity levels, managing light exposure, controlling pests, disaster preparedness and protecting items from other physical and chemical damage.  Business requirements:  Regular monitoring of the storage environment is required to ensure the long term preservation of library and other items. Fluctuations and changes in temperature, humidity etc. are measured to allow for suitable adjustments to the environment as required. The retention period allows for monitoring of seasonal changes and the identification of trends over time.  The retention period is based on existing precedence in 3 Queensland core schedules.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		It is also consistent with the retention of records relating to preservation treatments for records and information resources (1143).

#### **CULTURAL COLLECTION MANAGEMENT**

Managing cultural collections which include museums, art galleries, theatres, archives and rare book collections. Includes libraries that have a dedicated cultural collection (e.g. rare books).

Excludes the core business records of the State Library of Queensland and Queensland Museum.

#### Background:

This activity can be used by any Queensland agency which manages a cultural collection and, where these records are covered by an existing core schedule, a number of agencies have indicated that they would prefer to use the GRDS.

However, the GRDS will not be superseding any core schedules and those agencies, which have a core schedule that covers their collection management activities can continue to use these if they wish to do so.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1054	Cultural collections – development and management Records relating to the development and management of cultural collections including:  • selection and appraisal • acquisition by purchase, donation or transfer • accessioning and cataloguing	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  Accessioning is the formal, legal process of accepting an object into a collection. Accessioning an object carries an obligation to care for that object in perpetuity. Many institutions will have a Collections Management Policy that would outline its accessioning procedures.  Acquisition  Art Gallery  Art works can be purchased directly from dealers, agents, artists and collectors, or can be purchased at auction. In exceptional cases, curators are given licence to purchase directly in the field when conducting research trips in remote communities.  Museum

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	<ul> <li>preservation, including any chemical or physical treatments</li> <li>deaccessioning and disposal via sale, transfer, auction, destruction or repatriation.</li> <li>Disposal action –</li> <li>Permanent.</li> <li>Transfer to QSA after business action completed.</li> </ul>	A museum aims to have unconditional legal ownership of its collection. Records are kept of the transactions accompanying each acquisition.  Libraries  Under the Queensland Government Non-Current Asset Policy – Accounting for library collections, a recognition threshold of \$5,000 is to be applied to a heritage collection. If the value of the collection as a whole is less than \$5,000 then it must be expensed.  Cataloguing  Museums  Nomenclature 3.0 for Museum Cataloguing is a structured and controlled list of object terms organised in a hierarchical classification system. It provides a way to index and catalogue collections of human-made artefacts based on their function.  Art Galleries  Cataloguing is done following the library standards mentioned above.  The Australian Pictorial Thesaurus (APT) is a collection of topic terms for indexing Australian images. The APT uses contemporary Australian terminology to describe objects, people, places and structures, activities and concepts depicted in an image.  The Art and Architecture Thesaurus (AAT) is a structured vocabulary of more than 133,000 terms, descriptions, bibliographic citations, and other information relating to fine art, architecture, decorate arts, archival materials and material culture.  The Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names (TGN) is a structured, world-coverage vocabulary of 1.3 million names, including vernacular and historical names, coordinates, and place types, and descriptive notes, focusing on places important for the study of art and architecture.  Preservation  Preservation occurs at all stages of the object's life and encompasses protection from physical damage through appropriate support, housing and handling  Disposal  Disposal may take one of the following forms:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		<ul> <li>objects that have a significant cultural value, but which do not conform to the collections development policy should, wherever possible, be placed with the most appropriate public institution, by means of gift, sale or exchange</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>objects that do not have a significant cultural value but do have a market value may be disposed of by public auction or tender</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>objects whose trade and movement are governed by any applicable laws or agreements, should only be disposed of in accordance with such laws or agreements</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>objects that are no longer recognisable or restorable may be destroyed or recycled for materials or components</li> </ul>
		objects that cannot be disposed of in any other way may be destroyed
		<ul> <li>disposal of hazardous objects or material must only be undertaken after liaison with relevant government departments and by certified suppliers.</li> </ul>
		<u>Donations</u>
		Museums
		A museum will accept donations that meet their collection selection criteria and the object is relevant to the museum. Museums prefer objects that are in good condition, but an object in poor condition may still be of great significance in telling a particular story. Donations can be used in a number of ways, registered objects that are used in exhibitions and for research; become part of the loans service to be used in outreach programs and loaned to schools and institutions; and used in educational workshops.
		Art galleries
		An art gallery will accept donations that meet their collection selection criteria. Gifts can be in the form of actual art works or in the form of acquisition funds or bequests.
		Local history
		Many local history collections are created via donations. Donations will only be accepted if they are relevant to the local area. Donations can be in the form of pamphlets, books, brochures, photographs and historical documents acquired from the community.
		Regulatory requirements:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program
		Australian Institute for Conservation of Cultural Material – Code of ethics and code of practice
		Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
		ICOM – Labelling and marking objects
		International Guidelines for Museum Object Information: the CIDOC Information Categories
		ISAAR (CPF): International Standard Archival Authority Record for Corporate Bodies, Persons and Families
		ISAD (G): General International Standard Archival Description
		National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries
		Protection of Moveable Cultural Heritage Act 1986 (Cwlth)
		Qld Government Non-Current Asset policies for the Qld Public Sector 7 – Accounting for library collections
		UNESCO – Convention for the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict
		UNESCO – Convention on the means of prohibiting and preventing the illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property
		Business requirements:
		Cultural collections represent a major public social investment by the Queensland government for the State and records of their acquisition and management will have substantial and ongoing community interest.
		The records surrounding cultural collections reflect the often challenging and potentially controversial nature of developing these collections. For example, issues of repatriation, 'deaccessioning', provenance, inclusions and exclusions, standards and ethics, and collection narratives can reflect the moral, social and political attitudes of the time.
		The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT, Commonwealth, NSW, NT, SA, Tasmania and Victoria. It is also consistent with existing precedence in 4 Queensland core schedules.
		Permanent retention criteria:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:
		<ul> <li>5 – Substantial Contribution to Community Memory</li> </ul>
1055	Loan arrangements	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the formal loan of collection items to other agencies and the borrowing of items by the agency.	Background/business process:
		Institutions that borrow material from libraries, museums & art galleries are required to provide a facilities report or venue report that includes details of:
		environmental conditions
	Disposal action –	evidence of insurance
	7 years after business action completed.	venue security
	oompreted:	display plan
		staffing.
		Museums will also loan objects out to schools and regional Queensland as a learning resource.
		Art gallery collections are usually held in public trust and the gallery is unable to lend to individuals or organisations in the public sector.
		Approval may be declined for objects which are fragile and unable to travel, and those which are already committed to exhibitions or are of great value and importance to local visitors. An example of this is the death mask of Tutankhamun is no longer sent out on loan from the Cairo museum as it is too fragile to be moved.
		A loan agreement is issued by the library, museum or art gallery when all details of the loan have been finalised and approved. The object will not be released until the loan agreement has been completed and signed by the borrower and countersigned by the library, museum or art gallery.
		Loan periods will vary depending on the physical condition and stability of requested items and environmental conditions. The library, museum and art gallery reserves the right to recall a loaned item at any time during the agreed loan period.
		Regulatory requirements:
		ICOM Guidelines for Loans

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Queensland Art Gallery, Gallery of Modern Art guidelines for loans from the collection
		SLQ Lending Policy-Loans for Exhibitions
		Business requirements:
		The retention period is based on the retention for the related agreement records (1004). A 7 year retention period for the management of loans ensures that the records are available during the period of the loan and in the event of a contractual dispute which can be brought up to 6 years from the date of the cause of action in accordance with s.10 of the <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> .
		It is also consistent with the retention period in the <i>Local Government Sector Retention and Disposal Schedule</i> (QDAN480 v.4).
1056	Acquisitions not proceeded with	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
		Background/business process:
	Records relating to acquisitions that do not proceed.	Agencies will regularly reject items for acquisition if they do not meet the criteria of the collection development policy. Best practice indicates that the item should be returned to the owner with an explanation why the object was not accepted and if possible suggest other collecting
	Disposal action –	institutions that might be interested.
	7 years after business action completed.	Business requirements:
		It may be necessary to consult previous provenance research that was conducted for acquisitions which do not proceed, when assessing another potential acquisition at a later date. This information may also be useful if the object is offered to the institution within the same period of time.
		The retention period is longer than the 2 year retention period for moveable asset acquisitions that do not proceed (1183) but it is consistent with the retention period of 7 years for property management acquisitions that do not proceed (1193).

#### **GENERAL COLLECTION MANAGEMENT**

Managing general collections which may include library collections and/or information centres. Includes the management of artefact replicas. Excludes rare book collections, museum collections and artworks. Excludes records relating to the donation of library materials.

#### Background:

This activity can be used by any Queensland agency which manages library collections and/or information centres and, where these records are covered by an existing core schedule, a number of agencies have indicated that they would prefer to use the GRDS.

However, the GRDS will not be superseding any core schedules and those agencies which have a core schedule, which covers their collection management activities, can continue to use these if they wish to do so.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1060	Collections – acquisitions and disposals  Records relating to the acquisition and disposal of general resources including:  • selection and acquisition  • disposal, including via sale, donation or recycling  • acquisitions that do not proceed.  Disposal action –  7 years after business action completed.	<ul> <li>Date authorised: 1 September 2016</li> <li>Background/business process: Acquisition There are eight different types of acquisition methods: <ol> <li>Firm orders – orders that are determined by name specifically</li> <li>Standing orders – open orders for all titles that fit a particular category or subject</li> <li>Approval plans – similar to standing orders except they cover quite a few topic areas and are sent from the vendor and the institution is only charged for the specific titles that they accept into their collection</li> <li>Blanket orders – a combination of a firm order and an approval plan</li> <li>Subscriptions – generally utilised for journals, newspapers or other serials that an institution will acquire</li> <li>Leases – contracts that allow access to particular resources for a period of time</li> <li>Gifts – the acquisitions team will need to determine if gifts will be added to the collection</li> <li>Exchanges – exchange of unwanted duplicate or gift materials OR the exchange of new materials between institutions.</li> </ol></li></ul>

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		A continuous process of weeding of library material is carried out in an ongoing evaluation program that ensures the currency, accuracy, quality and ongoing appeal and usefulness of library materials through the removal of obsolete and unwanted items. In addition, regular stocktakes are held to ensure the integrity of the library catalogue and accountability for collection assets.
		Material is weeded from the collection for the following reasons:
		<ul> <li>the item is little used and is unlikely to be used in the future, or may be better used in another collection or library</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>the information contained in the item is obsolete, is no longer useful for today's needs, or has been superseded by a new edition or by other material, which provides a better subject coverage</li> </ul>
		the item was of an ephemeral nature when purchased
		the availability of other copies
		the item is worn, soiled, damaged or in poor physical condition
		the item has been replaced by an electronic resource.
		One of the principle means of disposal of discarded library materials is for sale either in the library or via Friends of the Library society.
		Libraries may donate materials to state, local government, or other government entity or a charitable organisation.
		Library materials that have been weeded from the collection due to heavy wear and tear, damage or missing parts, are not suitable for sale or donation and will be recycled.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Queensland Public Library Standards and Guidelines: Library Collections Standard
		Business requirements:
		The retention period is based on the 7 year retention period for asset and money management (1099). It also ensures that the records are available for a sufficient period of time to be referred back to if required.
		The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records in SA.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1280	Parent/guardian permissions	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to	Background/business process:
	parent/guardianship permissions to allow children	This record class was suggested during the GRDS whole-of-government consultation as some public libraries have introduced tighter controls for children.
	to borrow library material, use the internet and be responsible	The parent/guardian is responsible for:
	for any fines or infringements	the child's choice of library resources
	of copyright.	the child's internet use
	Disposal action –	<ul> <li>the condition and care of library materials in possession of the child</li> </ul>
	When child reaches 18 years	all fines and fees incurred by the child
	of age.	the child complying with the Copyright Act 1968.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Copyright Act 1968
		Business requirements:
		Books, lending material and internet usage are not censored. Libraries require these records to document who is responsible for a child and for any material the child accesses while in the library. When a guardian signs this form, they take responsibility for any fines, infringements of copyright etc. caused by the child.
		One local government advised that, although these guardian permission forms are renewed every 2 years, the details of the form are simply verified - a new form is not generated. The agency advised that these records would need to be kept at least until the child is 18 years.
		The retention period is consistent with SA.

Title	Scope Note
EXTERNAL RELATIONS	Managing relationships with external bodies. Includes the agency's relationship with community groups; Ministers and Members of Parliament and the political processes of government; liaison with bodies carrying out investigations and participating in formal inquiries and investigations such as Royal Commissions, Commissions of Inquiry and inquiries by Parliamentary Committees and the Ombudsman; and relationships with other local, state, Commonwealth or overseas governments. Also includes relationships with professional bodies and industry, the management of customer services, handling reactions to those services, customer consultation and feedback. Reference should be made to the <a href="Queensland Cabinet Handbook">Queensland Cabinet Handbook</a> for guidance in the management, maintenance and disposal of Cabinet records.

## ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR SPEECHES

Addresses, presentations or speeches given at government or community occasions and conferences.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1065	Addresses, presentations or speeches – significant  Records relating to final versions of addresses that:  • are made by the Premier, portfolio Minister, Mayors, Councillors or senior agency officers at major public or government occasions • generate substantial public interest or controversy	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a new record class based on similar record classes in other jurisdictions.  Addresses (presentations) are given by senior government officials at major public or government occasions and this record class is intended to capture all of the relevant information in relation to this.  Business requirements:  Significant addresses, presentations or speeches directly relate to the operations of the government and how its decisions and actions impact on the people of Queensland. Given the criteria for determining significant addresses, there will be substantial and ongoing community interest in these records.  The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records in all other jurisdictions and there is precedence in 3 Queensland core schedules.  Permanent retention criteria:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	<ul> <li>are of cultural significance, e.g. Mabo Oration.</li> <li>Disposal action –</li> <li>Permanent.</li> <li>Transfer to QSA after business action completed.</li> </ul>	These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:  • 5 – Substantial Contribution to Community Memory.
1066	Addresses, presentations or speeches – other  Records relating to final versions of other addresses delivered in the routine promotion of the agency's service or products.  Disposal action –  2 years after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a revision of an existing record class.  Addresses, presentations or speeches are given to highlight the achievements of the agency at public or government occasions that are of routine importance to the agency.  Business requirements:  The 2 year retention period allows sufficient time for the records to be referred back to if any questions arise. It will also ensure that the records are available for reference when preparing new speeches on behalf of the agency.  The retention period has been reduced from 5 years to 2 years which is consistent with the retention of similar records by ACT, Commonwealth, NSW, NT, SA and Victoria. There is also precedence in 2 Queensland core schedules.

## **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

Planning, monitoring and evaluation of services provided to customers by the agency.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1067	Management of customer	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	services	Background/business process:
	Records relating to the	This is a new record class.
	development, management and monitoring of specific customer services provided to the public (e.g. managing an	Customer service is now accepted as a vital management discipline, and the implementation of a robust customer service management system is a basic operational requirement for public sector organisations. The International Customer Service Standard provides both a recognisable benchmark and 'how-to' implementation approach.
	enquiry desk, a telephone information service or	Regulatory requirements:
	interpreter service).	ICSS:2010-14 – International customer service standard
	Disposal action –	Business requirements:
	5 years after business action completed.	Many government agencies are providing some sort of customer service to the residents of Queensland. The management of these services is fundamental to make sure agencies are providing an efficient and effective service to clients.
		The retention period is consistent with the evaluation of programs and services-other (1024) and reviews-other (1050) and the retention of similar records in SA. There is also precedence in Queensland with 3 core business schedules.
1068	Service charters and	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	directives – development	Background/business process:
	Records relating to the development of service charters and directives relating to the provision of services to the agency's clients.  Disposal action –  3 years after superseded.	This is a new record class for this activity.
		The Customer Service Institute Australia (CSIA) recommends that all agencies develop a Service Charter or set of Customer Commitments or Promises, which are measurable and can be published. This charter should be based on research into current service levels, comparison of the current service levels against industry best practice and consultation with stakeholders.
		Business requirements:
		Service charters are developed and continually reviewed, especially if there is a change in direction of the agency or the key performance indicators are amended, and the retention period allows staff to refer to earlier development records for each review.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		This retention period is consistent with procedures development (1038) and the retention of similar records by NAA.

### **DONATIONS**

Managing items, artefacts or property donated to the agency, or by the agency and/or its staff to charities, etc. Includes managing unsolicited donations. Includes refused gifts, donations and bequests.

NOTE: This activity should not be used by agencies where public donations provide major support for core functions. In these instances, coverage should be included in the agency's own core function schedule.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1070	Gifts, donations and bequests – significant Records relating to gifts, donations or bequests that have been made to or by the agency, which are of cultural or historical significance. Includes gifts, donations and bequests that are received as part of fundraising events and activities. Significant gifts, donations and bequests include, but are not limited to:  • Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artefacts	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a revision of an existing record class.  The Public Service Commission (PSC) Directive relating to gifts and benefits states that any gift accepted by an officer that has a fair market value greater than \$150 or is of cultural or historical significance is the property of the agency. Such gifts may be retained by the agency, or the agency may allow the officer to retain the gift in accordance with the policy and procedure. This record class only covers records of gifts, which are of cultural or historical value. Records of gifts with a market value greater than \$150, but not of cultural or historical value, will be sentenced under 1071.  Each agency should refer to their policies in relations to gifts, benefits and bequests.  Agency staff may authorise the giving of gifts and benefits up to the limits specified by their financial delegations.  Regulatory requirements:  Electoral Act 1992  Public Service Commission Directive 22/09 relating to Gifts and Benefits

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	limited edition or	Public Services Act 2008
	custom items	Business requirements:
	<ul> <li>rare/significant items from the environment</li> <li>rare books/documents</li> <li>gifts reflective to a culture or emblem</li> <li>memorabilia from major projects/events such as G20 or Commonwealth Games.</li> <li>Disposal action –</li> <li>Permanent.</li> <li>Transfer to QSA after business action completed.</li> </ul>	The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7 and ensures that records relating to significant gifts received by the State/agency will be retained for future generations. Given the criteria for determining significant gifts, there will be substantial and ongoing community interest in these records.  This retention period has been endorsed by Protocol Queensland and is consistent with similar record classes in all other jurisdictions.  Permanent retention criteria:  These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:  • 5 – Substantial Contribution to Community Memory.
1071	Gifts, donations and	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	bequests - other	Background/business process:
	Records relating to all other gifts, donations or bequests	This is a revision of an existing record class and covers those gifts, donations and bequests that are not significant.
	that have been made to or by the agency.	Agency staff may authorise the giving of gifts and benefits up to the limits specified by their financial delegations.
	Includes gifts, donations and	Regulatory requirements:
	bequests that are offered as part of fundraising events and	Electoral Act 1992
	activities and records relating	Public Service Commission (PSC) Directive: Gifts and benefits
	to the refusal of proposed	Public Services Act 2008
	donations.	Business requirements:
	Disposal action –	This retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	7 years after business action completed or until terms of the donation/gift have been fulfilled.	The retention period ensures that the background records are available in the event of any dispute involving the gifted items or for audit purposes.

### **EXHIBITIONS**

Arranging, management or attendance of exhibitions. Includes exhibitions of both cultural and general institutions.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1058	Exhibitions organised by an agency or with input from an agency – significant  Records relating to the management of exhibitions organised by the agency or with input from the agency, which has major significance to the State.  Includes records of the planning and development, production and design of the exhibition/display.  Significant exhibitions include, but are not limited to:  • those that generates/involves substantial community	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a revision of an existing record class.  These records relate to the process of preparing and presenting significant exhibitions and displays, including online and travelling exhibitions of items sourced both nationally and internationally. It includes exhibitions indemnified by the State Government to offset the cost of commercial insurance cover which would otherwise be required for the transport and display of works of cultural and historical importance.  Business requirements:  Given the criteria for significant exhibitions includes those that involve substantial community or public interest or involves innovative, unique or precedent-setting practices, techniques or methods, these records will have ongoing value to the people of Queensland. The retention of these records also ensures that the records will remain available to refer back to when an agency is planning future exhibitions.  The retention period is consistent with similar records by WA and with existing precedence in 3 Queensland core schedules.  Permanent retention criteria:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	or public interest, debate or controversy involves innovative, unique or precedent- setting practices, techniques or methods.  Disposal action –  Permanent.  Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:  • 5 – Substantial Contribution to Community Memory.
1059	Exhibitions organised by an agency or with input from an agency – other  Records relating to the management of all other exhibitions organised by the agency or with input from the agency.  Includes records of the planning and development, production and design of the exhibition/display.  Disposal action –  3 years after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a revision of an existing record class.  These records relate to the process of preparing and presenting exhibitions and displays, including online and travelling exhibitions of items sourced within the State.  Business requirements:  The retention period has been increased from 2 years in GRDS v.7.  A 3 year retention period for agency exhibitions ensures that the records are available in the event of a claim for personal injury which can be brought up to 3 years from the date of the cause of action in accordance with s.11 of the Limitation of Actions Act. Additionally, the 3 year retention period ensures that the records are available for a sufficient period of time to be referred back to if required.  The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by the Commonwealth and WA.

### **ENQUIRIES AND REACTIONS**

Handling of enquiries and reactions to an agency's core functions, policies or services. Includes correspondence of appreciation, complaints and suggestions from members of the public or clients of the agency. Also includes responding to external surveys.

Excludes enquiries received by Ministers and Assistant Ministers from members of the public and private organisations.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1072	Enquiries, complaints and suggestions – significant Records relating to the management of enquiries, complaints or suggestions that:  • create a precedent • lead to major changes to policies and procedures. Includes Ministerial authorisations (directions, recommendations, approvals).  Disposal action – Permanent. Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a revision of an existing record class. The scope of this record class has been expanded but the retention period has not changed.  The Queensland Ombudsman is responsible for the management of the Complaints Management Program for agencies.  When assessing a complaint agencies need to consider the following:  • what the complainant wants as an outcome  • whether the complaint is impractical, frivolous or made vexatiously  • whether an abuse of power is alleged or apparent  • the seriousness and significance for the agency  • the time that has elapsed since the incident occurred  • whether it involves the broad public interest  • whether the resources required to deal with the matter would be disproportionate to the complaint's significance and likely outcome  • what remedies are available and whether investigation could lead to improvements in agency processes.  Business requirements:  Given the criteria for significant enquiries, complaints or suggestions includes those that create a precedent or lead to major changes to policies and procedures, these records will have ongoing value to the people of Queensland. Additionally, the role of the Minister and directing the

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		operations of an agency directly contributes to community understanding of how government actions operated at a particular point in time.
		The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by SA, Tasmania, Victoria and WA. There is also existing precedence in 2 Queensland core schedules.
		Permanent retention criteria:
		These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:
		<ul> <li>2 – Primary Functions and Programs of Government.</li> </ul>
1073	Enquiries, complaints and	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	suggestions – investigations	Background/business process:
	or legal significance	This is a merger of existing record classes.
	Records relating to the management of enquiries,	Regulatory requirements:
	complaints or suggestions that	Limitation of Actions Act 1974
	require investigation and/or a	Business requirements:
	specific response.	The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
	Includes the provision of detailed information or advice to clients which may have legal significance.	A 7 year retention period for complaints (and other records) ensures that the records are available in the event of any legal claims brought in accordance with s.10 of the <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> . Additionally, the 7 year retention period ensures that the records are available for a sufficient period of time to be referred back to if required.
	Disposal action –	The retention period is consistent with NSW and WA and there is precedence in 3 Queensland
	7 years after business action completed.	core schedules.
1074	Complaints – routine	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the	Background/business process:
	management of complaints	This is a revision of an existing record class.
	that do not have policy or legal significance.	Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Disposal action –  2 years after business action	This is a minimum retention period that ensures that the records are available for a sufficient period of time to be referred back to if required.
	completed.	It is consistent with the retention of similar records in NSW, SA, Tasmania and WA and there is precedent in an existing Queensland core schedule.

#### **INQUIRIES**

Liaison with bodies carrying out inquiries and participating in them. Inquiries are investigations carried out by people or bodies that have been empowered to inquire and report on a subject, such as Royal Commissions, Commissions of Inquiry, Parliamentary and Ombudsman's inquiries, and investigations by the Crime and Corruption Commission and the Queensland Audit Office. Includes the agency's participation in the inquiry through the provision of evidence and implementation of recommendations.

See the Commissions of Inquiry Retention and Disposal Schedule (QDAN676) for records relating to Commissions of Inquiry.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1075	Inquiries – directly related	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to an	Background/business process:
	agency's contribution and	This record class has not changed from GRDS v.7.
is	involvement in an Inquiry that is directly related to its functions or business.	Inquiries are issued by the Governor, by and with advice of the Executive Council of the State, under the Governor's hand and the public seal of the State in the form of an Order in Council.
	Includes the implementation of any findings or	Regulatory requirements:
		Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950
	recommendations of the	Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010
	Inquiry.	Business requirements:
	Disposal action –	A Commission of Inquiry would be called to look into matters of great importance and are usually
	Permanent.	controversial. Matters may include the structure of an agency, the treatment of minorities, events of considerable public concern or economic questions. Some of the major commissions in

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	Queensland have been the Fitzgerald Inquiry, Queensland Child Protection, Queensland floods, organised crime and the Queensland Health payroll system.
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7 and is consistent with the retention of similar record class in all other jurisdictions. There is also precedence in 2 Queensland core schedules.
		Permanent retention criteria:
		These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:
		<ul> <li>2 – Primary Functions and Programs of Government.</li> </ul>
1076	Inquiries – not directly	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	related	Background/business process:
	Records relating to an	This record class has not changed from GRDS v.7.
	agency's contribution and involvement in an Inquiry not directly related to its functions	Agencies will be asked to participate in inquiries that do not directly impact their core functions. For example, Queensland State Archives receive requests from other agencies to produce records for an inquiry that they hold records of, i.e. Queensland Health Payroll Inquiry.
	or business.	Business requirements:
	Includes the implementation of any findings or	This retention has not changed from GRDS v.7.
	recommendations of the Inquiry.	It allows for the instigation of legal action arising from the Inquiry in which the agency may be involved.
	Disposal action –	The retention period is also consistent with the retention period of similar classes in the
	7 years after business action completed.	Commonwealth and NT.
1077	Public interest disclosures –	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	substantiated	Background/business process:
	Records relating to	This is a revision of an existing record class.
	substantiated public interest disclosure (PID) investigations.	The Queensland Ombudsman sets out the following circumstances under which a Public Interest Disclosure (PID) can be made by:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Disposal action –	anyone:
	Permanent.	<ul> <li>substantial and specific danger to the health or safety of a person with a disability</li> </ul>
	Transfer to QSA after business	<ul> <li>a substantial and specific danger to the environment</li> </ul>
	action completed.	o reprisal for an earlier PID.
		public sector officers:
		o official misconduct
		<ul> <li>maladministration that adversely affects a person's interests in a substantial and specific way</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>a substantial misuse of public resources</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety or the environment.</li> </ul>
		The chief executive officer of a public sector entity to which a public interest disclosure is made must keep a proper record of the disclosure, including:
		the name of the person making the disclosure, if known
		the information disclosed
		<ul> <li>any other information required under a standard made under section 60 of the Act.</li> </ul>
		When a PID is received, the agency must respond to the disclosure. The PID Act sets the requirements for managing a PID and the entity's own policy will provide guidance on managing the response process. The response to a PID will usually have 4 key components:
		<ul> <li>assess – when an allegation of wrongdoing is made, the entity is required to assess it to determine whether or not the matter is a PID</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>confidentiality, recording and reporting – confidential PID information can be recorded or disclosed to administer the PID Act or to discharge a function under another Act, for a proceeding in a court or tribunal, with the consent of the person the information relates to, if it is essential under the principles of natural justice and reprisal is unlikely</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>action to support the discloser – when a disclosure has been made, an entity must provide the discloser with confirmation of the receipt of the PID, describe the action taken or proposed to be taken in respect of the PID, if action has been taken in relation to the PID, inform the discloser of the results</li> </ul>

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		<ul> <li>act on findings – when a PID investigation is completed, the entity has an obligation to deal with the findings appropriately.</li> </ul>
		The Ombudsman reviews the management of PIDs, reviews the way public sector entities deal with PIDs, and undertakes an educational and advisory role about PIDs. The Ombudsman has the power to investigate complaints about the actions and decisions of Queensland public agencies and their staff that may be unlawful, unreasonable, unfair, improperly discriminatory or otherwise wrong.
		An agency would investigate any PIDs that come and then they put their results/outcomes into the PID database which is maintained by the Queensland Ombudsman.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010
		Business requirements:
		This retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		Even though the Queensland Ombudsman is the primary office of record for PID records, a permanent retention period is warranted because of the seriousness of the matters being investigated. PIDs are a special form of complaint which are usually serious allegations of corruption, misconduct, fraud or maladministration. The agency's records would contain background information and context which is not available in the summary database maintained by the Queensland Ombudsman.
		The Office of the Queensland Ombudsman has endorsed this retention period. It is also consistent with the retention of similar records by ACT, NT, Victoria and WA.
		Permanent retention criteria:
		These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:
		<ul> <li>2 – Primary Functions and Programs of Government.</li> </ul>
1078	Public interest disclosures –	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	unsubstantiated	Background/business process:
		This is a revision of an existing record class.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Records relating to unsubstantiated public interest disclosures investigations.  Disposal action –  10 years after business action completed.	An agency will go through the same process as above and will inform the discloser that the investigation has found that their disclosure is to be considered as not substantiated. This might be either because the allegation was found not to be true or there was insufficient evidence to substantiate it.  If the discloser is dissatisfied with the agency's handling of a PID, the discloser can ask for the decision to be reviewed by the entity under its complaints management system. If the discloser remains dissatisfied with the decision, they can then ask the Queensland Ombudsman to review the matter.  Regulatory requirements:  Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010  Business requirements:  The retention period has increased from 3 years in GRDS v.7 to 10 years based on advice from the Queensland Ombudsman.  These PID, even if unsubstantiated, relate to allegations of a serious nature and may need to be referred back to at a later date to provide evidence of patterns or trends.  It also aligns with the retention period for records relating to contact with lobbyists (1081).
1079	Public interest disclosures – no action required  Records relating to public interest disclosures that do not warrant an investigation by the agency as outlined in section 30 of the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010.  Disposal action –  2 years after business action completed.	<ul> <li>Date authorised: 1 September 2016</li> <li>Background/business process:</li> <li>This is a new record class for this activity.</li> <li>An agency may decide not to investigate or deal with a public interest disclosure if: <ul> <li>the substance of the disclosure has already been investigated or dealt with by another appropriate process; or</li> <li>the entity reasonably considers that the disclosure should be dealt with by another appropriate process; or</li> <li>the age of the information the subject of the disclosure makes it impracticable to investigate; or</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		<ul> <li>the entity reasonably considers that the disclosure is too trivial to warrant investigation and that dealing with the disclosure would substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of the entity from their use by the entity in the performance of its functions; or</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>another entity that has jurisdiction to investigate the disclosure has notified the entity that investigation of the disclosure is not warranted.</li> </ul>
		Regulatory requirements:
		Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010
		Business requirements:
		Under s.30 of the <i>Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010</i> , a person who receives written reasons for a decision of an entity not to investigate may apply to the chief executive of the entity for a review of the decision within 28 days after receiving the written reasons.
		This retention period was proposed by the Queensland Ombudsman during targeted consultation as it allows time for the records to be referred back to in the event new information becomes available.
1759	Investigation records	Date authorised: 26 April 2017
	deemed irrelevant	Background/business process:
	Records gathered during an inquiry or public interest disclosure (PID) investigation which are subsequently deemed irrelevant.  Disposal action –  Until the investigation is finalised and the conclusion of any subsequent appeals or legal action	This is a new record class.
		During an inquiry or public interest disclosure (PID) investigation, records may be gathered by investigators which are subsequently deemed irrelevant to the investigation.
		For example, an allegation may be made which requires a forensic investigation of an employee's IT equipment. Many records will be found during this search which will have no bearing on the allegation or the subsequent investigation.
		As a general rule, if police seize private property (e.g. a phone or a tablet with images) while investigating an offence this must be returned if it is not needed as evidence. This is supported by general legislative provisions in the <i>Criminal Practice Rules 1999</i> . However, where an agency is conducting its own investigation, many of the records gathered will have been provided by the agency itself. A new record class is therefore needed to dispose of these irrelevant investigation records.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		The Queensland Ombudsman supports the inclusion of a new record class to enable agencies to dispose of investigation records deemed irrelevant.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010
		Business requirements:
		The most important use for these records is during the investigation (at which point they were analysed and deemed irrelevant), and for the period of time following the investigation when an individual can seek compensation, appeal a decision or have some other form of redress.
		The proposed retention period protects the ability of effected parties to request these records as part of any subsequent action. It also allows the investigating agency to dispose of these records when there is no longer any business need or community expectation to retain them
1080	Judicial reviews	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to judicial reviews of administrative decisions made by an agency. Excludes the official records held by the Supreme Court.  Disposal action – 7 years after business action completed.	Background/business process:
		This is a revision of existing record classes.
		Individuals are able to seek a review of decisions:
		<ul> <li>of an administrative nature proposed, required or made under an Act</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>by an officer or employee of a Queensland Government agency or local government authority.</li> </ul>
		People whose interests are adversely affected (or will be adversely affected) by an administrative decision, have the right to:
		request a statement of reasons explaining the decision
		<ul> <li>apply to the Supreme Court for a review of a decision if you are not satisfied with the statement of reasons for that decision.</li> </ul>
		A statutory order of review is an order made on an application to the court in relation to:
		an administrative decision
		conduct engaged in for the purpose of making a decision
		a failure to make a decision.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Regulatory requirements:
		Judicial Review Act 1991
		Business requirements:
		These records comprise the agency's records of judicial review cases which have been heard in the Supreme Court. The retention period of 7 years is based on the likelihood of these files containing departmental legal advice relating to the judicial review cases.
		A retention period longer than 7 years is excessive as under the <i>Courts Sector Retention and Disposal Schedule</i> (QDAN705 v.1) the minimum retention period for these cases is 12 years. Any queries relating to these cases beyond the 7 year period can be directed to the relevant court.

## LIAISON

Managing general contact between the agency and lobbyists.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1081	Contact with lobbyists	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the contact	Background/business process:
	between the agency and	This is a revision of existing record classes.
	registered lobbyists as defined under s.42 of the <i>Integrity Act</i> 2009. <b>Disposal action –</b>	Lobbyists are required to inform staff they are meeting of their lobbyist status at the first contact. Before having any further contact you must ensure they are on the register of lobbyists. If the lobbyist is not on the register, you are to have no further contact and provide the details to your
	•	agency's ethical standards team. Each agency is to keep a register of lobbyists.
	10 years after business action completed.	The Queensland Integrity Commissioner administers the Register of Lobbying Contacts and approved the use of the <u>Lobbyists Code of Conduct</u> . The purpose of the code is to provide standards of conduct for lobbyists designed to ensure that contact between lobbyists and

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		government and opposition representatives is carried out in accordance with public expectations of transparency and integrity.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Integrity Act 2009
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		It is a community expectation that contact between lobbyists and government representatives is carried out in accordance with public expectations of transparency and integrity. Given that staff need to notify their ethical standards team within 2 business days of contact with lobbyists, the 10 year retention period is sufficient to enable these records to be referred back to at a later date if required.
		The retention period is endorsed by the Queensland Integrity Commissioner.

## **MARKETING**

Marketing of the agency and its business, services and products.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1082	Marketing campaigns – significant Records relating to the planning and management of major marketing campaigns developed to promote significant agency achievements, activities or events.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a new record class and activity.  Queensland Government departments must observe an Advertising Code of Conduct (which is currently under review). It is also implied within this Code that it can be used more broadly by other government agencies.  Campaigns should be planned, developed, implemented, funded and evaluated in accordance with the Advertising Code of Conduct. The code applies to print advertising, electronic

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	Significant marketing campaigns include, but are not	advertising and all other types of media services covered under the Queensland Government Master Media Advertising Placement Services Standing Offer Arrangement.
	limited to:	Business requirements:
	<ul> <li>marking major anniversaries</li> <li>opening of landmark structures and/or buildings</li> <li>launch of innovative or new programs (e.g.</li> </ul>	Marketing campaigns are a key way in which agencies can promote their products and services. In Queensland, there has been some successful campaigns (domestic & international) especially around tourism, road safety and the environment. Given the criteria for determining significant marketing campaigns, there will be substantial and ongoing community interest in these records.  The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records in SA, Victoria and WA.  Permanent retention criteria:
	health, tourism, public safety, etc.)  • major agency occasions  • those which generate substantial public interest and debate.	These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:  • 5 – Substantial Contribution to Community Memory.
	Disposal action –	
	Permanent.	
	Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	
1083	Marketing campaigns – other	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the planning and management of	Background/business process:
		This is a revision of an existing record class.
	routine marketing campaigns to raise publicity for events or services organised by the agency.	Queensland Government departments must observe an Advertising Code of Conduct (which is currently under review). It is also implied within this Code that it can be used more broadly by other government agencies.
	Disposal action –	Campaigns should be planned, developed, implemented, funded and evaluated in accordance with the Advertising Code of Conduct. The code applies to print advertising, electronic

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	5 years after business action completed.	advertising and all other types of media services covered under the Queensland Government Master Media Advertising Placement Services Standing Offer Arrangement.
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		This is a minimum retention period that ensures that the records are available for a sufficient period of time to be referred back to if required.
		It is consistent with the retention of similar records in NSW, NT, SA and WA and there is precedence in 2 existing Queensland core schedules.

## **MEDIA RELATIONS**

Preparing and issuing media releases.

Excludes media statements maintained on the Ministerial Media Statements website.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1084	Master set of agency media releases	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:
	Master set of media releases issued by the agency and approved by the Chief Executive Officer or agency head (e.g. Commissioner, Mayor, etc.).  Excludes media releases which have been retained as part of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's	This is a revision of an existing record class.  All Ministerial media releases need to be sent to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet to be uploaded onto the Queensland Cabinet and Ministerial Directory Media Statements website at <a href="http://statements.qld.gov.au/Home">http://statements.qld.gov.au/Home</a> . The Department of the Premier and Cabinet retains these records permanently under reference 7.8.1 of QDAN681.  Business requirements:  Approved media releases should be retained for future reference, accountability and verification purposes. Media releases provide a chronological history of the agency's position in relation to an issue at any particular point in time.

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	ministerial media statements solution.  Disposal action –  Permanent.  Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	The previous retention period required agencies to sentence each media release according to its subject content which is not practical. It also pre-dated the existence of the DPC ministerial media statements solution. This retention period is designed to capture all master media releases which are not currently captured by DPC.  It is consistent with the retention of similar records in all other jurisdictions.  Permanent retention criteria:
	·	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 and Programs of Government  • 5 – Substantial Contribution to Community Memory.

### PROGRAM AND EVENT MANAGEMENT

Arranging, managing or attending celebrations, ceremonies, receptions, education programs, functions, conferences and events. Includes attendance at events and programs organised by another agency or organisation.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1085	Programs and events – significant	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:
	Records relating to programs and events which are organised by the agency, or with input from the agency, and are of major importance to the agency, broader community or the State.	This is a merger of existing GRDS v.7 record classes relating to celebrations, ceremonies and conferences.  The Protocol Handbook: a guide for Queensland Government Officers provides guidance on planning, organising and conducting various protocol-related activities throughout Queensland. The records document the unique nature of the celebration and it is likely that the agency's copy of documents may well be the only copy retained.

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	Significant programs and events include, but are not	For example, the Expo 88 records were dispersed amongst a number of agencies and not kept together as a whole.
	limited to:	Business requirements:
	<ul> <li>major anniversaries of significant structures or events</li> <li>opening of landmark structures and/or buildings</li> <li>launch of innovative or</li> </ul>	Queensland agencies hold many significant programs and events every year. For example, Brisbane held the G20 summit in 2014 which is an international forum for the governments and central bank governors from 20 major economies. Given the criteria for determining significant programs and events, there will be substantial and ongoing community interest in these records. The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records in ACT, NSW, NT, SA and WA. There is also precedence in 2 existing Queensland core schedules.  Permanent retention criteria:
	<ul> <li>new programs</li> <li>historically significant agency conferences</li> <li>international sporting events.</li> </ul>	These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:  • 5 – Substantial Contribution to Community Memory.
	Disposal action -	
	Permanent.	
	Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	
1086	Programs and events - other	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to all other programs and events which are organised by the agency, or with input from the agency, and external conferences.  Includes education programs and resources aimed at increasing the understanding of agency activities.	Background/business process:  This is a revision of existing record classes relating to celebrations and conferences. This has been expanded to include education programs.  These records relate to the planning, management, evaluation and review of celebrations, ceremonies and functions that are not considered to be of State significance.  Additionally, many agencies have developed education programs and resources to help educate people. These programs can vary from heritage and history to health awareness. Education programs usually encompass written resources, lectures and tours.  Regulatory requirements:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Programs and events include,	Charitable and Non-Profit Gaming Act 1999
	but are not limited to:	Charitable and Non-Profit Gaming Rule 2010
	<ul><li>end of year</li></ul>	Limitation of Actions Act 1974
	celebrations	Business requirements:
	<ul><li>receptions</li><li>openings</li></ul>	The retention period has been increased from 2 years in GRDS v.7 to 5 years based on:
	<ul><li>education programs.</li><li>Disposal action –</li></ul>	<ul> <li>under s.11 of the Limitation of Actions Act 1974, personal injury claims need to be brought within 3 years of the incident</li> </ul>
	5 years after business action completed.	<ul> <li>under s.77 of the Charitable and Non-Profit Gaming Act 1999, general gaming records must be kept for 5 years after the end of the game to which the records relate</li> </ul>
	completed.	<ul> <li>under s.17 of the Charitable and Non-Profit Gaming Rule 2010, the maximum time a prize can be claimed after the prize winner is decided is 3 years (depending on the type of game category) and under s.18 &amp; 19 the CEO of the Office of Liquor &amp; Gaming Regulation must be notified of the inability to locate the winner and the prize must be retained for at least 1 year. Another winner can be drawn or the prize can be sold with the sale proceeds to the association's purposes.</li> </ul>
		This ensures that the records are retained for a sufficient length of time to comply with legislative requirements regarding raffles and to refer back to when planning subsequent events. It also allows a sufficient length of time for any personal injury claim proceedings to be commenced.
		This retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by NSW and WA and there is precedence with the <i>Local Government Sector Retention and Disposal Schedule</i> (QDAN480).
1088	Honours, awards and prizes	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	– significant	Background/business process:
	Records relating to significant honours, awards and prizes successfully received, or distributed, by the agency.	This is a new record class for this activity.
		The Queensland Government Sponsorship Policy sets out mandatory sponsorship principles and processes to be used when engaging in sponsorship arrangements, both incoming and outgoing, and prior to any binding commitment given by the State of Queensland.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Significant honours, awards and prizes may include, but are not limited to:  • those of State, Government or agency significance, e.g. that recognise the agency's leadership in a particular field of endeavour such as architecture  • substantial honours or awards conferred on agency for distinction or notable achievement  • substantial honours or awards presented by the agency.  • Excludes internal honours, awards and prizes presented to individuals and teams.  Disposal action —  Permanent.  Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	Agencies will sponsor and receive honours, awards and prizes that are significant either in financial terms or recognition.  Business requirements:  Agencies receive and present honours, awards and prizes that recognise significant achievement. For example, the Queensland Greats Awards recognise and honour extraordinary individuals and organisations who have all displayed incredible achievements and a lifelong dedication to the State. Given the criteria for determining significant honours, awards and prizes, there will be substantial and ongoing community interest in these records  The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records in ACT, NAA and NT and there is precedence in 2 Queensland core schedules.  Permanent retention criteria:  These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:  • 5 – Substantial Contribution to Community Memory.
1089	Honours, awards and prizes  – other  Records to relating all other honours, awards and prizes	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a revision of an existing record class.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	successfully received, or distributed, by the agency.	These awards are generally awarded to, or received by, those agencies that have shown excellence, best practice, innovation or improvements to the services they provide but which are
	Includes unsuccessful submissions for honours,	not considered to be of State significance.  Business requirements:
	awards and prizes.  Disposal action –	The retention period has been reduced from 7 years in GRDS v.7 to 5 years.  This is a minimum retention period that ensures that the records are available for a sufficient
	5 years after business action completed.	period of time to be referred back to if required.  It is consistent with the retention of similar records in NSW and WA.

### **SUBMISSIONS**

Preparing submissions of a formal statement (e.g. a business case, statistics, etc.) supporting a case or opinion held by the agency, which is submitted to another agency or organisation, or within the agency, to gain support.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1090	Ministerial briefings – significant Records relating to Ministerial briefings on significant issues including those that:  • generate substantial public interest and debate • set government policy direction or make changes to an agency	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This record class has not changed from GRDS v.7.  Ministerial briefings are used to keep decision makers informed about the issues they are responsible for. In government, briefings are the principal means of communication between government managers and their ministers.  Briefing notes usually deal with issues, but are also prepared for any topic the Minister needs to be informed about. It might be a policy matter, a situation, a report or action by another government.  Business requirements:  The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.

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	<ul> <li>cover whole-of- government policy or procedures.</li> <li>Disposal action –</li> <li>Permanent.</li> <li>Transfer to QSA after business action completed.</li> </ul>	Minister's set an agency's policy direction and can directly impact on how an agency's services are administered and delivered to the people of Queensland. As a result, information provided to Ministers, which they use to inform their decisions, will have ongoing interest and value to the people of Queensland.  The retention of these records is consistent with the retention of similar records in all other jurisdictions.  Permanent retention criteria:  These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:  • 2 – Primary Functions and Programs of Government.
1091	Ministerial briefings – other Records relating to Ministerial briefings of a routine nature (e.g. approvals for interstate travel arrangements or conference attendance).  Disposal action – 8 years after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This record class has not changed from GRDS v.7.  Business requirements:  The retention period has increased by 1 year from GRSD v.7. In March 2016, the State Government held a referendum on fixed 4 year terms which was successful. As the original retention period was based on 2 terms of government, this has now been increased from 7 years to 8 years.  The retention period enables an agency to monitor, and provide evidence of, their briefings on non-contentious issues that are submitted to a Minister. It also provides sufficient time for any potential legal issues surrounding the briefing of the Minister to be addressed.
1092	Submissions – development and drafting Records relating to the development and drafting of submissions to the Federal Government and Queensland Cabinet.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016 Background/business process: This is a revision of an existing record class and now includes submissions to the Federal Government by agencies. Cabinet has the pre-eminent role to ensure the development and coordination of government policy. Cabinet collectively, and Ministers individually, have a primary duty to ensure that policy

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	Excludes any records which must be returned to the Cabinet Secretariat in accordance with the Queensland Cabinet Handbook.  Disposal action – Permanent.  Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	and other decisions are robust and service the public interest. Information considered at Cabinet level must be of the highest standard to aid that decision-making.  Business requirements:  The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.  Submissions cover a range of issues. Specifically these records contain decisions made by Cabinet that have significant implications for the State, communities, business and individuals. A permanent retention for these records is required as the documents provide evidence of a department's input to the Cabinet process and capture further information not included in the final Cabinet submission.  It is consistent with the retention of similar records in all other jurisdictions.  Permanent retention criteria:  These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:  • 2 – Primary Functions and Programs of Government.
1093	Executive Council Minutes – approved prior to 2010  Executive Council Minutes (approved prior to 2010) returned to an agency for implementation.  Disposal action – Permanent.  Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a new record class for this activity.  The Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) has advised that Executive Council Minutes and original supporting documentation were sent back to the agency. During 2009, the process changed and all original documentation is now kept permanently by DPC.  Matters requiring approval by the Governor in Council are submitted in the form of a Minute which comprises a recommendation from the Executive Council to the Governor. When approved, the Minute becomes the official record of the decision taken.  To accompany each Minute, the Department must provide an Explanatory Memorandum together with any other necessary documentation, for example, subordinate legislation or, in the case of an appointment, a Curriculum Vitae.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Departments must ensure that, where necessary, any matters requiring prior Cabinet approval have received that approval before Executive Council Minutes are submitted to the Executive Council Secretariat.
		Business requirements:
		There is a community expectation that records, which document the discussions and deliberations of the Executive Council, will be available to all Queenslanders, now and in the future. Additionally, Executive Council deliberations and decisions directly impact on the State's economic, social and cultural life and could have ongoing legal consequences.
		Given the process at that time was for the original records to be returned to the relevant agency for implementation, DPC has requested that these records be retained permanently in line with 4.5.1 Executive Council meetings – minutes and schedules within the <i>Department of the Premier and Cabinet Retention and Disposal Schedule</i> (QDAN681). This will help to ensure that a full set of these important records are retained.
		Permanent retention criteria:
		These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:
		<ul> <li>2 – Primary Functions and Programs of Government</li> </ul>
1094	Executive Council Minutes – approved from 2010	Date authorised: 1 September 2016 Background/business process:
	onwards  Executive Council Minutes (approved from 2010 onwards) returned to an agency for implementation.  Excludes final approved minutes of the Executive Council held by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.	This is a revision of an existing record class. The record class has been updated to reflect that it now only applies to Executive Council Minutes approved from 2010 onwards.
ret imp Ex mii Co De		Matters requiring approval by the Governor in Council are submitted in the form of a Minute which comprises a recommendation from the Executive Council to the Governor. When approved, the Minute becomes the official record of the decision taken.
		To accompany each Minute, the Department must provide an Explanatory Memorandum together with any other necessary documentation, for example, subordinate legislation or, in the case of an appointment, a Curriculum Vitae.

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	Disposal action -	Departments must ensure that, where necessary, any matters requiring prior Cabinet approval
	8 years after business action completed.	have received that approval before Executive Council Minutes are submitted to the Executive Council Secretariat.
	·	This record class does not include final approved minutes of the Executive Council which are to be retained in accordance with the <i>Department of the Premier and Cabinet Retention and Disposal Schedule</i> (QDAN681) or, where these original records have been returned to the agency, in line with reference 1093.
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has increased by 1 year in GRDS v.7 to 8 years after business action completed. This allows for 2 Parliamentary terms which became 4 years in Queensland in March 2016. Copies of the Minutes are provided to the agency so that the approved action can be implemented. DPC support the proposed retention period.
		After an approval, the original Minute cover, together with copies of supporting documents referred to in the Minute, are retained by the Executive Council Secretariat as a permanent record (4.5.3) under the <i>Department of the Premier and Cabinet Retention and Disposal Schedule</i> (QDAN681 v.1).

### **VISITS**

Arranging visits to or by other organisations, important dignitaries, the public and students to the agency, with a view to inform, educate or promote the services, operation and role of the agency. Includes arranging visits by staff to other agencies, organisations, etc.

See the Office of a Minister of the Crown & Parliamentary Secretaries Retention and Disposal Schedule (QDAN328) for records of visits held by Ministers or Assistant Ministers.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1095	Visits – official major delegations	Date authorised: 1 September 2016 Background/business process:

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	Records relating to the coordination and arrangement of official visits made to and by important dignitaries or official major delegations to the agency.  Significant visits may include, but are not limited to visits by:  • Heads of State • Chief Executive Officer/President of a multinational company • International aid organisation delegations • Governor • Premier • Mayor • Councillors.  Disposal action — Permanent. Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	This is a new class that has not previously been included in the GRDS. This record class is based on similar record classes used by other jurisdictions in their administrative schedules.  Regulatory requirements:  State Government agencies: Commonwealth "Guest of Government" visits and visits by other foreign dignitaries policy issued by Protocol Queensland (part of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet).  Business requirements:  These records form part of the State's history and contribute to knowledge and understanding of Queensland's official relationship with other countries. They also provide a source of precedent when planning current or future visits.  The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT, Commonwealth, NT, SA and Tasmania. There is also precedence in 3 Queensland core schedules.  Permanent retention criteria:  These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:  • 5 – Substantial Contribution to Community Memory.
1096	Visits – other  Records relating to the coordination and arrangement of visits made to and by the agency to other organisations	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This record class merges existing record classes relating to visits.  Regulatory requirements:  Limitation of Actions Act 1974

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	and visits from members of the public and other organisations.	State Government agencies: <u>Official visits by foreign diplomatic and consular representatives</u> <u>policy</u> issued by Protocol Queensland (part of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet)
	Disposal action -	Business requirements:
	3 years after business action	The retention period has been reduced from 7 years in GRDS v.7 to 3 years.
	completed.	This is a minimum retention period that ensures that the records are available for the 3 years allowed for under s.11 of the <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> for personal injuries and allows a sufficient period of time to refer back to these records, if required, for planning future visits.
		It is consistent with other classes within the GRDS including exhibitions-other (1059) and programs & events-other (1086) as well as with the retention of similar records in NSW.

Title	Scope Note
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	Managing an agency's financial resources.

## **ACCOUNTING**

Collecting, recording, classifying, summarising and analysing of information on financial transactions to provide the financial position of the agency.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1097	Accounts – banking, loans and investments  Records relating to the establishment and ongoing management of accounts for general banking, loans and investments.  Includes records documenting the closure of the accounts.  Disposal action –  7 years after account closed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  A full analysis of Financial Management has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.  Background/business process:  This record class merges existing record classes relating to bank accounts and loans and investments.
		Agencies are required to establish and operate bank accounts to manage operating funds received by the agency and to manage funds received from clients, investments and trusts etc.  Regulatory requirements:  Financial Transaction Reports Act 1988 (Cwlth)
		Business requirements:  Under s.40(E)(a) of the <i>Financial Transaction Reports Act 1988</i> a financial institution needs to retain documents relating to the opening of an account for 7 years after the day on which the account is closed. This retention period ensures that the records are available while the bank account is still in operation in the event of a dispute and is held the same as an agency's financial institution.  Queensland Treasury and Queensland Audit Office endorsed this retention period.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1098	Financial records of Government Owned Corporations  Financial records of Government Owned Corporations retained in accordance with s.286 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cwlth) that:  • correctly document and explain the transactions, financial position and performance of the Government Owned Corporation • would enable true and fair financial statements to be prepared and audited.  Disposal action —  7 years after the transactions covered by the records are completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  A full analysis of Financial Management has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.  Background/business process: This record class has not changed.  Regulatory requirements: Corporations Act 2001 (Cwlth) Government Owned Corporations Act 1993  Business requirements: Corporations are required under s.286 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cwlth) to retain financial records for '7 years after the transactions covered by the records are completed'.  To ensure consistency with the Corporations Act 2001 (Cwlth), and to avoid confusion, the wording from the Act regarding the retention of records has been used rather than the usual "7 years after the financial year to which the records relate".
1099	Asset and money management Records relating to the payment or receipt of money and the financial management of the agency's assets.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  A full analysis of Financial Management has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Includes records which	Background/business process:
	document the agency's financial and bank transactions as well as the management of	This record class is a merger of multiple existing GRDS v.7 record classes relating to general asset and money management. Fundraising has also been added here as a new inclusion.
		Regulatory requirements:
	trusts.  Disposal action –	Australian Auditing Standard
	7 years after the financial year	Charitable and Non-Project Gaming Act 1999
	to which the records relate.	Collections Act 1996
		Financial and Performance Management Standard 2009
		Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 (Cwlth)
		Limitation of Actions Act 1974
		Public Service Commission Gifts & Benefits Directive (22/10)
		Business requirements:
		The Queensland Audit Office (QAO) relies heavily on these records when conducting a financial audit of an agency to ensure that true and fair financial statements have been prepared. QAO has advised that a 7 year retention period is acceptable to QAO for these purposes.
		The following legislative requirements have been previously identified as applying to financial records:
		<ul> <li>under s.10(1) of the Limitation of Actions Act 1974, litigation must be brought within 6 years of a breach of contract</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>under s.262A(4) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 (Cwlth), taxation records are required to be retained until the end of 5 years after those records were prepared or obtained, or the completion of the transactions or acts to which those records relate, whichever is the later</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>under s.77 of the Charitable and Non-Profit Gaming Act 1999, general gaming records must be kept for 5 years after the end of the game to which the records relate</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>schedule 2 of the Taxation Administration Act 2001 defines the limitation period under this Act as 5 years.</li> </ul>

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		QAO has advised that the trigger remain as "after the financial year to which the records relate" is easier to calculate for financial records than one of 'after business action completed'. For example, 'after last action' for a voucher that is paid in October, or relates to revenue received in October, may not be sufficient to cover use of the record by audit in May or that the record is evidence for the financial statements as at 30 June.
1100	Taxation	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to taxation matters of the agency.  Excludes records of Government Owned	A full analysis of Financial Management has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.
	Corporations.	Background/business process:
	Disposal action -	This record class has not changed.
	5 years after business action	Regulatory requirements:
	completed.	Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986
		Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 (Cwlth)
		Payroll Tax Act 1971
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		Under s.262A(4) of the <i>Income Tax Assessment Act 1936</i> (Cwlth), taxation records must be retained until 'the end of 5 years after those records were prepared or obtained, or the completion of the transactions or acts to which those records relate, whichever is the later'.
		Under s.91 of the <i>Payroll Tax Act 1971</i> , an employer must keep a record of the fringe benefits paid or payable by the employer during the financial year until 5 years has elapsed after the employer lodges a final return or the employer elects under a regulation to include in returns actual value amounts for fringe benefits.
1101	Accountable forms	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the management of accountable	A full analysis of Financial Management has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other

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	forms including vouchers, cheques, money forms, etc.	jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.
	Disposal action -	Background/business process:
	3 years after the financial year to which the records relate.	This record class is a merger of existing record classes relating to accountable forms.
		Note – This class now also incorporates any information maintained in an accountable forms register which should be retained for the same retention period.
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		This retention period allow sufficient time for QAO to access to these records to conduct an audit as well as allowing sufficient time for referral back to the records in case of a discrepancy.

### **AUTHORISATION**

Authorisation or permission to perform certain actions.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1105	Statutory body financial approvals  Records relating to applications submitted by statutory bodies, including local governments, to the Treasurer for approval to exercise a power under the Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982.  Disposal action –	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  A full analysis of Financial Management has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.  Background/business process:  This record class merges existing record classes relating to statutory body financial approvals. Under the Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982, a statutory body requires approval to conduct certain financial activities such as the operation of a bank account with an overdraft facility or the borrowing of money.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	7 years after business action completed.	Note – This class now also incorporates any information maintained in a statutory body approvals register which should be retained for the same retention period.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Limitation of Actions Act 1974
		Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		The retention period ensures that the records are available for reference in the event of any legal dispute involving the statutory body's authorisation to exercise a power under the Act.

### **BUDGETING**

Managing the income and expenditure over a specified period.

Excludes state budget and fiscal management records held by Queensland Treasury.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1106	Budget	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the development and approval of the agency's operating budget. Includes estimates, requests	A full analysis of Financial Management has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.
	and allocations prepared for external approval by the relevant Minister, governing department, Council or Committee.	Background/business process:
		This record class merges existing record classes relating to fund allocation and budget records. This was based on advice received from QAO that fund allocation records will be required for audit purposes.
	Committee.	Details of State department budgets are captured in the relevant Ministerial Portfolio Statements as well as in the papers of the Parliamentary Estimates Committee. Annual budget allocation

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Also includes records relating to the allocation of funds, including restrictions and variations, to individual agency units following budget requests.  Disposal action –  7 years after the financial year to which the records relate.	details for departments and their financially dependent statutory authorities are also reflected in annual appropriations legislation.  Details of local government budgets are captured in the minutes of the Council which have a permanent retention under reference number 13.6.4 of the <i>Local Government Sector Retention and Disposal Schedule</i> (QDAN480).  Regulatory requirements:  Australian Accounting Standard AASB 1055 Budgetary Reporting  Business requirements:  Based on advice received from QAO, the retention of these records has increased from 5 to 7
		years for consistency with asset and money management (1099).  This retention ensures that these records are available for future budget planning and are available for taxation purposes.
1107	Records relating to the spending progress or revenue collection against allocations within the budget estimates.  Disposal action –  2 years after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is new record class for this activity.  Some agencies will need to provide budget progress reports to show how they are spending their allocated budget and if they are staying on track, underspending or overspending.  The budget progress may need to be provided monthly, quarterly or on an ad-hoc basis to management, especially if there are large amounts of money involved.  Business requirements:  Budget progress records will be used by agencies to produce annual financial reports. However, once these reports have been produced, agencies will have little need to refer back to them and 2 years should be sufficient for this.  The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by NSW, NT, SA and Victoria.

### **FUNDS MANAGEMENT**

Managing the funds of an agency in an efficient and economical manner. Includes investments and loans.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1110	Trusts – establishment	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the	A full analysis of Financial Management has not been done for this review. While classes have
	establishment of trusts.	been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other
	Disposal action –	jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.
	7 years after the disbursement of all assets/funds.	Background/business process:
	or an assets/furius.	Agencies may establish trust accounts to hold funds for short-term purposes. For example, the Residential Tenancies Authority has a trust to hold bond monies.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Limitation of Actions Act 1974
		Business requirements:
		This retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7 and it ensures all relevant records are available if required for audit purposes.
		The retention period ensures that the records are available if any dispute is lodged under s.27 of the <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> (where actions must be bought within 6 years).
1112	Loans, investments and	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	trusts that do not proceed	Background/business process:
	Records relating to loans, investments and trusts that do not proceed.	This is a new record class for this activity.
		This record class, covering records for loans, investments and trusts that are proposed but do not proceed, was identified as a gap during GRDS consultation.
	Disposal action -	Regulatory requirements:
	2 years after business action completed.	Financial Administration Act 2009

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Government Owned Corporations Act 1993
		Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982
		Business requirements:
		The retention period allows a sufficient length of reference time for agencies to maintain details of why a loan, investment or trust did not proceed.
		The retention period is also consistent with a similar record classes within the GRDS including agreements and contracts that do not proceed (1005) and projects that do not proceed (1265).

#### **GRANT FUNDING AND SPONSORSHIPS**

Managing the grants funding processes where the agency either receives or administers grants and sponsorships.

Excludes grants, subsidies or sponsorships that are the core business of your agency.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1113	Grant funds, subsidies and sponsorships – successful Records relating to the receipt and distribution of grant funds, subsidies and sponsorships successfully received, or distributed, by the agency. Includes successful applications following an appeal or review of the original decision.  Disposal action –	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  A full analysis of Financial Management has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.  Background/business process:  This record class merges existing record classes relating to grants which are administered or received by the agency. It also includes successful applications following an appeal or review of the original decision.  Business requirements:  This retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7 but the trigger has been changed to 'after business action completed' and it ensures all relevant records are available if required for audit purposes.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	7 years after business action completed.	All agencies are required to report on revenue in their financial statements, therefore these records are to be retained in line with the principle accounting records.
1114	Grant funds, subsidies and sponsorships –	Date authorised: 1 September 2016 A full analysis of Financial Management has not been done for this review. While classes have
	unsuccessful Records relating to unsuccessful applications for grant funding, subsidies or sponsorships submitted or to be received by the agency. Disposal action –	been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.
		Background/business process:
		This record class merges existing record classes relating to unsuccessful applications for grants.
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
	_	This retention gives sufficient time for the agency to refer to these records during grant bids for the following year and also allows time for review and appeal processes to be initiated.

### **PAYROLL**

Managing wages and salaries of employees.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1251	Payroll authorisations	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to employee authorisations to deduct or amend wage and salary payments.	A full analysis of Financial Management has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.
	Disposal action –	Background/business process:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	7 years after authorisation superseded or cancelled.	Employees will have direct deductions taken out of their wage and salary payments to pay for such things as professional memberships or charities.
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has increased from 5 years in GRDS v.7 to 7 years.
		The retention period is consistent with asset and money management (1099).
1252	Salary and wage records	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records that document the payment of salaries and wages to employees.	A full analysis of Financial Management has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.
	Disposal action –	Background/business process:
	6 years after the financial year to which the records relate.	Agencies are required to document payments made to their employees in order to ensure the correct amount, including superannuation payments, has been paid.
		Sections 366 and 367 of the <i>Industrial Relations Act 1999</i> states that an employer must keep a time and wages record for each employee. This includes for each employee:
		<ul> <li>hours worked each week including start and finish times</li> </ul>
		weekly, daily or hourly wage rates
		gross and net wages paid
		• deductions
		superannuation contributions
		long service and sick leave entitlements
		date commenced and ceased employment.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Industrial Relations Act 1999
		Business requirements:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		This retention period has been reduced from 7 years in GRDS v.7 to 6 years based on advice received from QAO. Under s.366(4) and 367(3) of the <i>Industrial Relations Act 1999</i> , employers must keep time and wages records for 6 years.
		The retention period allows a suitable period of time for attendance records to be audited and disputes arising from an employee's attendance resolved which are likely to occur within a relatively short period of the payment having been made.
1253	Salary and wage supporting	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	documentation	A full analysis of Financial Management has not been done for this review. While classes have
	Records that support the payment of wages and salaries to employees.	been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.
	Disposal action –	Background/business process:
	2 years after business action	Agencies generate a lot of supporting records when processing salary and wage payments.
	completed.	Regulatory requirements:
		Privacy (Tax File Number) Rule 2015
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		These records are only required for processing purposes as records that prove the payment of wages are covered by the record class above.
		Under the Privacy (Tax File Number) Rule 2015, a TFN recipient must take reasonable steps to securely destroy or permanently de-identify TFN information where it is no longer required by law to be retained or necessary for a purpose under taxation law, personal assistance law or superannuation law (including the administration of such law).

### **REGISTRATION**

The process of becoming registered to perform a function or activity.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1116	Financial registration	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the agency's compliance with financial registration requirements.	A full analysis of Financial Management has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.
	Includes records relating to	Background/business process:
	registration changes and deregistration.	Agencies undertaking commercial activities may need to gain financial registration. This may include gaining:
	Disposal action – 7 years after registration lapses or is superseded.	<ul> <li>an ABN (Australian Business Number) enables businesses in Australia to deal with a range of government departments and agencies using a single identification number and is managed by the Australian Tax Office on behalf of the Commonwealth.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>an ACN (Australian Company Number) is issued to a new company by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission upon registration and is used to ensure the adequate identification of companies when conducting business transactions.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>DUNS is an internationally recognised business numbering system administered by Dun and Bradstreet.</li> </ul>
		Regulatory requirements:
		Corporations Act 2001
		Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 (Cwlth)
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		The retention period ensures that records of the registration of business numbers are available while the business number is current for auditing and other business administration purposes.
		When a business closes, taxation records must be retained for 5 years in accordance with the <i>Income Tax Assessment Act 1936</i> (Cwlth).
		Under s.542 of the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> , a liquidator must keep company books for 5 years from the date of deregistration.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		The Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC) maintains a register of registered companies permanently. Records of applications for other business numbers will be retained by the relevant office of record (e.g. Australian Tax Office).

#### **SUPERANNUATION FUND MANAGEMENT**

Managing superannuation funds subject to regulation under the terms of the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 (Cwlth) where an agency has self-funded superannuation but this is not the core business of the agency.

Excludes designated super funds.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1117	Superannuation fund	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	establishment	A full analysis of Financial Management has not been done for this review. While classes have
	Records relating to the establishment of the superannuation fund.	been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.
	Disposal action –	Background/business process:
	7 years after superannuation fund ceases.	Some agencies manage their own superannuation funds which are subject to regulation under the terms of the <i>Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993</i> (Cwlth).
		Regulatory requirements:
		Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 (Cwlth)
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		Under s.35B(4) of the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993, each trustee must ensure that accounts and statements are to be kept for 5 years after the end of the year to which they relate to.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1118	Appointment of trustees	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the appointment or changes to the appointment of trustees of the superannuation fund.	A full analysis of Financial Management has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.
	Disposal action -	Background/business process:
	10 years after appointment	This record class has not changed from GRDS v.7.
	ceases.	Some agencies manage their own superannuation funds which are subject to regulation under the terms of the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 (Cwlth).
		Regulatory requirements:
		Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 (Cwlth)
		Business requirements:
		Under s.103 of the <i>Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993</i> , the trustees must keep and retain for at least 10 years the minutes of all meetings of the trustees at which matters affecting the entity were considered. To ensure that agency knows where it can access these records, if the trustee is external, a 10 year retention period has also been adopted for trustee appointments.
1119	Superannuation committees	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records of proceedings of superannuation trustee committees.  Disposal action –	A full analysis of Financial Management has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.
	10 years after business action	Background/business process:
	completed.	This record class merges existing classes relating to superannuation trustee committees.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 (Cwlth)
		Business requirements:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Under s.103 of the <i>Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993</i> , the trustees must keep and retain for at least 10 years the minutes of all meetings of the trustees at which matters affecting the entity were considered.

#### LEGACY FINANCIAL RECORDS

Covers legacy records created under the repealed Financial Management and Performance Standard 2009.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1108	Destroyed financial information Records relating to the destruction of financial information in accordance with financial legislation and standards. Disposal action — 7 years after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  A full analysis of Financial Management has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.  During whole-of-government consultation, some agencies indicated that they haven't destroyed them and are likely to still have these legacy records within their agencies.  Background/business process:  This record class has not changed from GRDS v.7.  Regulatory requirements:  Financial Management Standard 1997 (repealed)  Business requirements:  These records were created in accordance with s.57 of the Financial Management Standard 1997 (this was repealed on 1 July 2009 by the Financial Accountability Act 2009). A 7 year retention period was originally selected because it was sufficient to prove, during an audit of an agency or in the event of a discrepancy, that financial information was lawfully destroyed.  This record class remains to enable agencies to sentence legacy records.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1109	Reproduced financial information  Records relating to the reproduction of financial information in accordance with financial legislation and standards.  Disposal action —  3 years after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  A full analysis of Financial Management has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.  During whole-of-government consultation, some agencies indicated that they haven't destroyed them and are likely to still have these legacy records within their agencies.  Background/business process:  This record class has not changed from GRDS v.7.  Regulatory requirements:  Financial Management Standard 1997 (repealed)  Business requirements:  These records were created in accordance with s.57 of the Financial Management Standard 1997 (this was repealed on 1 July 2009 by the Financial Accountability Act 2009). A 3 year retention period was originally selected because it was sufficient to enable these records to be referred back to if required.  This record class remains to enable agencies to sentence legacy records.

Title	Scope Note
GOVERNING BODIES	Managing and administrating governing bodies, such as boards, trusts, and councils that oversee or provide a framework for the direction and control of an agency.
	Excludes records relating to cross-border governing bodies, local government councils and the nomination and appointment of candidates to boards and statutory bodies managed by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and/or Ministerial Offices.

#### **BOARD MANAGEMENT**

Managing the composition and operations of a governing body. Includes the nomination, appointment and separation of members and the determination of remuneration fees.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1279	Governing body –	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	appointments and	Background/business process:
	separations (not managed	This is a new record class for this activity.
	by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet)	During the GRDS whole-of-government consultation, we were informed that government owned corporations (GOCs) and some boards do not have their details included on the Register of
	Records relating to the appointment and separation of members to governing bodies, where this process is not managed by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.	Appointees to Queensland Government Bodies which is administered by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC).
		This class also includes appointments to Government Owned Corporations where this process is managed by the relevant local government.
		Regulatory requirements:
	Includes disclosures of	The relevant legislation that the board has been established under.
	pecuniary interests.	Business requirements:
	<b>Disposal action –</b> Permanent.	There is a community expectation that records which document nominations and appointments to such historically (and politically) significant positions as governing bodies will be available for ongoing reference. By permanently retaining appointments to other governing bodies (i.e. those

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	not included on the Register of Appointees to Queensland Government Bodies), the community can also have faith in the accountability and transparency of the appointment process.  This retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records in NSW and Victoria. It also complements the retention of related records by Ministerial offices (QDAN328) and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (QDAN681).  Permanent retention criteria:  These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:  • 2 – Primary Functions and Programs of Government.
1120	Governing body – appointments and separations (other) Records relating to all other appointment and separation of members to governing bodies including those where the Department of the Premier and Cabinet manages the appointments and separations process. Includes staff successfully elected to governing bodies and disclosures of pecuniary interests.  Disposal action –  80 years from date of birth or 7 years from date of separation, whichever is later.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a new record class for this activity.  Board members are to be appointed by the Governor in Council, by gazettal notice, on the recommendation of the Minister. An appointed member holds office for the term, of not more than 3 years, stated in the member's instrument of appointment.  If an appointed member is reappointed, the total of the member's terms of office may not be longer than 6 years.  The Governor in Council may remove a member from office if the member is absent from a number of consecutive meetings of the governing body without permission and without reasonable excuse; or the Minister is satisfied the member is performing the member's duties carelessly, incompetently or inefficiently; or is affected by bankruptcy action; or has a conviction, other than a spent conviction, for an indictable offence; or commits misconduct of a kind that could justify dismissal from the public service if the member were a public service officer.  An appointed member may resign by signed notice given to the Minister.  Any resignations, retirements etc. should be tabled at a governing body meeting.  Regulatory requirements:  Welcome aboard: a guide for members of Queensland government boards, committees and statutory authorities

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		The relevant legislation that the board has been established under. <b>Business requirements:</b> This record class covers agency records of governing body appointments, where these records are captured permanently by both Ministerial Offices (QDAN328 v.6) and by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (QDAN681 v.1).  Given that the information is available elsewhere, a temporary retention period has been set. This is based on the existing retention of employee service history records (1233) and will ensure entitlements are protected and any work health and safety concerns regarding past and present Board members can be investigated. This is also consistent with the approach taken by other jurisdictions, in that no distinction is made between the appointment of a Board member and other agency employees.
1121	Fees and allowances Records relating to the determination and approval of payment of members of governing bodies as remuneration for the performance of their duties.  Disposal action – 7 years after separation of member from governing body.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a new record class for this activity.  There are eight standardised remuneration categories providing consistency, clarity and equity in the payment of daily fees and annual allowances for part-time chairs and members of government boards.  The factors determining the category allocated to a particular government board are:  • its major functions and influence  • the impact of its activities and decisions on government, industry and the community.  Departments are required to report spending on government boards. This process is undertaken at three levels:  • annual report – total remuneration payments are to be disclosed in that body's annual report.  • report to PSC – PSC maintains a database on the remuneration paid to members of government boards.  • report to portfolio Minister – this is reviewed annually by Ministers.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Generally, remuneration for chairs and members of government boards is approved by the authority prescribed in the legislation under which the body is constituted. For example, under s.84 <i>Biosecurity Act 2014</i> , "a director of an invasive animal board is entitled to be paid the fees and allowances approved by the Minister".
		Regulatory requirements:
		Public Service Commission: Remuneration of part-time chairs and members of government boards, committees and statutory authorities: remuneration procedures
		Business requirements:
		The primary record of the fee amounts which can be paid by the Board should be clearly recorded in any Executive Council Minute. Given this, the retention period is sufficient to enable auditing of fees and allowances paid to Board members.
		There is also precedence in 2 existing Queensland core schedules.
1266	Unsuccessful nominations	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to nominees that are not appointed to a governing body.  Disposal action –  2 years after business action	Background/business process:
		This is a new record class for this activity.
		Regulatory requirements:
		The relevant legislation that the Board has been established under.
	completed.	Business requirements:
	completed.	This is a minimum retention period that ensures that the records are available for a sufficient period of time to be referred back to if required. It also allows agencies to show transparency of the decision making process when not appointing members to a governing body.
		It is consistent with the retention of similar records in Victoria.
1278	Staff elections	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the election	Background/business process:
	of staff to governing bodies.  Disposal action –	This is a new record class for this activity.
		Regulatory requirements:
		The relevant legislation that the Board has been established under.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	1 year after declaration of	Business requirements:
	election result.	This is a minimum retention period that ensures that the records are available for a sufficient period of time to be referred back to if required. It also allows agencies to show transparency of the decision making process when not appointing members to a governing body.
		It is consistent with the retention of similar records in the existing <i>University Sector Retention</i> and <i>Disposal Schedule</i> (QDAN601).

### STATUTORY POWERS

Activities involved in carrying out a statutory power vested in a governing body under relevant legislation.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1122	Governing bodies –	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	establishment, alteration and	Background/business process:
	operation	This is a new record class for this activity.
	establishment, alteration, and	Governing bodies are responsible for the agency's long-term performance and business success. The governing body's leadership and decision-making sets the strategic direction for the agency so that it can meet its goals and objectives.
	authority establishing the	Business requirements:
	governing body and records of meetings.	The retention period is consistent with the retention of records relating to high-level committees with overall responsibility for making major policy and planning decisions (1014).
	Disposal action –	Governing bodies set an agency's policy direction and direct how an agency's services are
	Permanent.	administered and delivered to the people of Queensland. The decisions made by these bodies
	Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	can have far-reaching implications not only for the agency, but also for the wider Queensland government and community.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		It is consistent with the retention of similar records by all other jurisdictions and with precedence in 6 Queensland core schedules. This retention period was also supported during targeted consultation.
		Permanent retention criteria:
		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:
		<ul> <li>1 – Authority, Foundation and Structure of Government.</li> </ul>

Title	Scope Note
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS	Establishing formal relations with the agency's employees and their representatives to achieve a harmonious workplace. Includes negotiations conducted to obtain determinations, agreements or awards, industrial disputes settled within the agency or by an external arbiter and reports of industrial relations within the agency.

#### Background:

A full analysis of Industrial Relations has not been done for this review.

The following activities/record classes have moved:

- Infringements to Legal Services
- Meetings to Common Activities
- Significant workplace agreements and awards to Common Activities (Agreements).

### Activity

#### **APPEALS**

The process of appealing against decisions by application to a higher authority on industrial relations issues.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1123	Appeals – significant	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014
	Records relating to significant	Background/business process:
	appeals made to an external industrial relations arbitration body e.g. the Industrial Relations Commission or the Industrial Court of Queensland against a decision or order where the outcome:  • impacts on the provision of services to a large extent	This record class covers appeals against a decision or order to an external industrial relations arbitration body, e.g. the Industrial Relations Commission or Industrial Relations Court of Queensland – where the outcome has a significant impact.  Regulatory requirements:  Fair Work Act 2009 (Cwlth)  Industrial Relations Act 1999
		Business requirements:
		The establishment and negotiation of industrial relations workplace agreements and awards can have a major impact on an agency's operations and business activities. These records may have significance if an award sets a precedent for a particular sector or if the award results in

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	<ul> <li>impacts on a particular sector or whole-of-government</li> <li>sets a precedent</li> <li>results in innovative or significant changes to working conditions.</li> <li>Disposal action –</li> <li>Permanent.</li> <li>Transfer to QSA after business action completed.</li> </ul>	industrial action. The records present the agency's perspective of the negotiations and complement the records of the arbitration body.  Permanent retention criteria:  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 and Entitlements  • 4 – Significant Impact on Individuals.
1124	Appeals – other	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014
	Records relating to other	Background/business process:
	appeals made to an external industrial relations arbitration body e.g. the Industrial Relations Commission or the Industrial Court of Queensland, against a	This record class covers appeals against a decision or order to an external industrial relations body, e.g. the Industrial Relations Commission or the Industrial Court of Queensland – where the outcome does not have a significant impact.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Fair Work Act 2009 (Cwlth)
	decision or order.	Industrial Relations Act 1999
	Disposal action -	Business requirements:
	5 years after business action completed.	This is a minimum retention period that ensures that the records are available for a sufficient period of time to be referred back to in the event that an appeal occurs.

#### **CLAIMS**

A legal demand or assertion by a claimant for compensation, payment or reimbursement for a loss under a contract or an injury due to negligence.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1125	Pay and working conditions claims  Records relating to claims for pay and working conditions involving the agency.  Disposal action –  7 years after business action completed.	Date last reviewed: June 1997  A full analysis of Industrial Relations has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken.  Background/business process:  This record class covers records relating to claims for pay and working conditions which involve the agency.  Regulatory requirements:  Fair Work Act 2009 (Cwlth)  Industrial Relations Act 1999  Business requirements:  Agencies are required to document payments made to their employees in order to ensure the correct amount, including superannuation payments, has been paid. When disputes occur, records which relate to the dispute should be retained for a period of time to allow for all processes to be completed including potential appeals.  This retention period ensures that the records are available for a sufficient period of time to be referred back to in the event that further action or investigation by the agency is required.

### **DISPUTES**

The resolution of disputes relating to dissatisfaction about a work situation.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1126	Industrial disputes –	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014
	significant	Background/business process:
		This record class covers records relating to industrial disputes of a significant nature.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Records relating to industrial disputes of a significant nature including, but not limited to, those that:  • involve the agency as a key party to the negotiations or resolution of the dispute  • impact on the provision of services to a large extent  • impact on a particular sector or whole-ofgovernment  • set a precedent  • result in innovative or significant changes to working conditions.  Disposal action —  Permanent.  Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	Regulatory requirements: Fair Work Act 2009 (Cwith) Industrial Relations Act 1999 Business requirements: Industrial disputes that involve a large number of employees can have a significant impact on an agency's operations and business activities. Disputes may see a failure or refusal to perform work over a protracted period of time and may set a precedent or change work conditions across the public sector. Industrial disputes involving the public sector are likely to generate significant public interest and are therefore required to be retained permanently as evidence of the agency's role in prolonging or resolving the dispute.  Permanent retention criteria: 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 and Entitlements • 4 – Significant Impact on Individuals.
1127	Industrial disputes – other Records relating to other industrial disputes.  Disposal action – 7 years after business action completed.	Date last reviewed: June 1997  A full analysis of Industrial Relations has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken.  Background/business process:  This record class covers records relating to other industrial disputes.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Regulatory requirements:
		Fair Work Act 2009 (Cwlth)
		Industrial Relations Act 1999
		Business requirements:
		Industrial disputes can have an impact on an agency's operations and business activities. Disputes may see a failure or refusal to perform work over a protracted period of time and may set a precedent or change work conditions in the organisation. When disputes occur, records which relate to the dispute should be retained for a period of time to allow for all processes to be completed including potential appeals.
		This retention period ensures that the records are available for a sufficient period of time to be referred back to in the event that further action or investigation by the agency is required.

#### **WORKPLACE AGREEMENTS AND AWARDS**

The negotiation, approval, maintenance and review of industrial agreements and awards. Including activities associated with enterprise bargaining to establish and implement a workplace agreement.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1128	Workplace agreements and awards – standard	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014  Background/business process:
	Records relating to the development and negotiation of industrial and workplace agreements and awards that do not generate substantial public interest and debate or set a precedent.	This record class covers the establishment of industrial agreements and awards through the enterprise bargaining process that do not generate substantial public interest.  The management of industrial agreements and awards is regulated by the <i>Industrial Relations Act 1999</i> and the <i>Fair Work Act 2009</i> .  Regulatory requirements:
		Fair Work Act 2009

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Includes enterprise bargaining.	Industrial Relations Act 1999
	Excludes significant workplace	Business requirements:
	agreements and awards.	Keeping the agreements and awards and the records related to their negotiation for 10 years
	Disposal action –	after expiry ensures that the agency has a source of reference for future management and
	10 years after expiry of agreement or award.	planning purposes for industrial relations matters.
2076	No agreement	Date authorised: 20 February 2018
	Records relating to	Class history:
	negotiations regarding	Record class 1129 retention period changed from 5 years to 7 years. See change history table.
	conditions and awards, which do not result in an agreement.	Background/business process:
	Includes enterprise bargaining.	This record class covers records generated during the industrial and workplace negotiation process where an agreement is not reached.
	Disposal action –	Business requirements:
	7 years after negotiations cease.	This record class retention period has been amended due to legislative change. The Industrial Relations Act 2016 replaces the Industrial Relations Act 1999. The new Act establishes a reverse onus of proof requirement. This places the obligation on the employer, meaning that evidence of the relevant decision-maker will be crucial in proceedings before the Industrial Relations Commission.
		The establishment and negotiation of industrial relations workplace agreements and awards can impact on an agency's operations and business activities. The retention period ensures the agency has a source of reference for the management and planning of future industrial agreements.
		The <i>Industrial Relations Act 2016</i> section 306 establishes a reverse onus of proof relating to applications against alleged contraventions of that part of the Act. In the event of such an application, records in this class may prove relevant in relation to several sections of the Act, potentially including protection, coercion and misrepresentations.
		Applications can be made relating to certain employer actions under section 309 of the <i>Industrial Relations Act 2016</i> . Under section 310, except in exceptional circumstances, applications

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		relating to dismissal must be made within 21 days after the dismissal takes effect. Applications not relating to dismissal must be made within 6 years after the contravention of the Act occurs.
		Under s.10 of the <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> , litigation must be brought within 6 years of a breach of contract.
		The 7 year retention period aligns with the new Act and allows for applications not relating to dismissal to be available after the financial or calendar year.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Fair Work Act 2009
		Industrial Relations Act 2016
		Comparison with other schedules' retention period:
		Northern Territory Archives Service – Administrative Functions of the Northern Territory Government (November 2013) – 8.1.3 Destroy 5 years after action completed.
		State Records Authority of New South Wales – GA28 Administrative Records (December 2015) – GA28-11.01.04 Retain minimum of 5 years after action completed, then destroy.
		State Records of South Australia – GDS30 V1.1 for State Government Agencies in South Australia (February 2016) – 8.2.3 Destroy 7 years after action completed.
		Public Record Office Victoria – PROS 07/01 VAR 4 Common Administrative Functions (March 2017) – 8.6.2 Destroy 5 years after discussions have ceased.
		State Records Office of Western Australia – General Disposal Authority for State Government Information 2013-017 (December 2013) – 51.8 Retain 5 years after action completed, then destroy.

Title	Scope Note
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT	Managing agency records and information, including publications.  Excludes core business records of lead agencies in the information management domain, such as Queensland State Archives.

### **CONTROL**

Creating, maintaining and evaluating control mechanisms for records and information. Includes recordkeeping and business systems as well as classification, indexing, registration etc.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1130	Master control records –	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Master control records that	Background/business process:
	provide meaning, context and	This is a revised record class from GRDS v.7.
	access to permanent value records.	Previously in GRDS v.7, all master control records were retained permanently. This class has now been restricted to only include control records for permanent value records.
	Includes data from agency recordkeeping applications	Regulatory requirements:
	and case file registers. Also	AS ISO 15489 Records Management
	includes events logged by	Information Standard 31: Retention and Disposal of Public Records
	business/software applications	Information Standard 34: Metadata
	where these are the only	Information Standard 40: Recordkeeping
	source of recordkeeping metadata and they relate to	Permanent retention criteria:
	information of permanent value.  Disposal action –  Permanent.	Other factors affecting the identification of permanent public records – although these records do not themselves meet any of the appraisal criteria for permanent retention, due to the fact they
		contribute to the authenticity, integrity and ongoing management of business information with a permanent value they have been identified for permanent retention.
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	Master control records support the integrity and authenticity of digital records, which is vital if they are to have ongoing evidential value. Additionally, master control records for permanent value records enable researchers to see how the creating agency organised its records and provides valuable contextual information.
		The retention of these records is consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT, NAA, NSW, NT, SA, Tasmania and Victoria.
1282	Master control records –	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	temporary value records	Background/business process:
	Master control records that provide meaning, context and access to temporary value records.  Includes agency recordkeeping applications. Also includes events logged by business/software applications where these are the only source of recordkeeping metadata and they relate to	This is a new record class. It includes components of the previous GRDS v.7 classes for master control records for temporary public records.
		The existing GRDS v.7 position of permanently retaining all master control records pre-dates the
		use of electronic recordkeeping systems. Bound registers could not physically be separated and indexes could not be split due to QSA's position on not endorsing the culling of records.
		However, it is current QSA practice to only accept primary control records for transfer along with the records they control. Any requests to transfer primary controls for temporary value records is assessed on a case-by-case basis. The underlying appraisal rationale to this approach is that a record of all the records created/maintained by an agency and when or by what means they were disposed of (by transfer or destruction) does not necessarily warrant permanent retention as a State archive.
	information of temporary value.  Excludes the transfer of permanent public records to	Given that existing transfer practices do not reflect what is currently in the schedule, a new class for temporary control records has been included based on existing similar record classes in the State Records NSW administrative records schedule.
	Queensland State Archives and case file registers.	Case file registers for temporary value records will be appraised as part of the review of an
	Disposal action –	agency's core functions. This is because these registers may have additional statistical and research value for the people of Queensland.
	For the life of the record.	Regulatory requirements:
		AS ISO 15489 Records Management
		Information Standard 31: Retention and Disposal of Public Records
		Information Standard 34: Metadata

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Information Standard 40: Recordkeeping
		Business requirements:
		The retention period ensures that agencies are only keeping the master control record for temporary records for as long as the record exists. These records (except those sentenced under transitory) have their disposal documented and this information is being retained for 50 years after the disposal of the record (1131).
1281	Records transferred to	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Queensland State Archives	Background/business process:
	Records relating to the transfer	This is a revision of an existing record class.
	of permanent value records to Queensland State Archives.	The main change is the addition of a note stating that 'these records are not required as permanent records by Queensland State Archives. However, they should be retained within an
	Disposal action – Permanent.	agency so that there is a record of exactly what was transferred and what records the agency continues to be responsible for'.
	Retain in agency.	Regulatory requirements:
		Public Records Act 2002
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		Agencies have an ongoing operational need to retain documentation relating to the transfer of permanent value records to Queensland State Archives because of their responsibility for:
		setting restricted access periods
		where the records are closed, granting administrative access
		granting permission to re-use material.
		The retention of these records is consistent with the retention of similar records by NSW, NT and SA.
1131	Record destruction	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	documentation	Background/business process:
		This is a revision of an existing record class.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Records relating to the disposal of agency records through destruction.	Additionally, the record class has been expanded to include transfer of records ownership following the corporatisation, machinery-of-government change or privatisation of an agency, or part of an agency.
	Disposal action -	Excludes primary control records relating to disposal.
	50 years after the disposal of	Regulatory requirements:
	the records to which they	Public Records Act 2002
	relate.	Business requirements:
		This retention period has been changed from 'Retain permanently in the public authority' to '50 years after the disposal of the records to which they relate'.
		Under the Queensland State Archives' Appraisal Statement, all appraisal decisions should be considerate of resources and take into account the value of the records when assigning retention periods. For example, the volume of timesheets created across all government agencies is quite large but these records have a low value both to the agency that creates them and to the wider Queensland community – as a result these records are classed as temporary and are able to be destroyed after a minimum retention period has passed. Likewise, the control records for these records also have a limited need to be referred back to after the records have been destroyed.
		The retention of these records also ensures there is accountability and transparency around the disposal of government records and information. However, this is a finite requirement because, after 50 years have elapsed, there is limited community value in retaining records for the purpose of holding a government accountable for past actions. Much of this research and work is done while they are in office or after their recent removal.
		While longer than the NSW retention period of 20 years, a 50 year retention period allows sufficient time for an agency's control records to be consulted after restrictions on Cabinet records (currently set at 30 years <sup>7</sup> ) are lifted. It is possible that after the Cabinet records are opened for public access, additional research may be undertaken into the operations of an earlier Government.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> This is due to reduce to 20 years for Cabinet records created after 2009.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1132	Recovery of lost records Records relating to the recovery of records and their return to official custody.  Disposal action – 7 years after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016 Background/business process: This is a new record class for this activity. Under s.8 of the <i>Public Records Act 2002</i> , an arrangement between an agency and another person for the person to have custody of a record of the agency must include arrangements for the safe keeping, proper preservation and return of the record. Under s.49 of the <i>Public Records Act 2002</i> , if the archivist believes, on reasonable grounds, that a person is in unlawful possession of public records, may by written notice given, require the person to give the records to the archivist or someone else stated in the notice within the reasonable time stated in the notice.  Regulatory requirements: Public Records Act 2002 Business requirements: This is a minimum retention period that ensures that the records are available for a sufficient period of time to be referred back to if required. It also allows for the transparency of the decision making process when recovering records and returning them to official custody. The retention period is consistent with a similar record class in NSW as well as with other related GRDS record classes including agreements and contracts-not under seal (1004) and advice-other (1001).
1133	Secure mail processing Records relating to the receipt and dispatch of classified and confidential agency mail.  Disposal action –  5 years after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process: This is a revision of an existing record class.  Agencies would on occasion send classified and confidential mail either internally or externally. This could include personal information for human resources or passports to organise travel visas.  Business requirements: The retention period has not changed from GRDS v. 7.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		This is a minimum retention period that ensures that the records are available for a sufficient period of time to be referred back to if required.
		It is consistent with the retention of similar records in the ACT and Commonwealth.
1134	Retention and disposal	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	schedule development	Background/business process:
	Records relating to the	This is a revision of an existing record class.
	development of retention and disposal schedules for agencies.  Disposal action –	The development of retention and disposal schedules should be based on comprehensive and documented justifications. The appraisal log contains consolidated information on the legal requirements to create and retain records, any specific business requirements surrounding the management and use of the records, and details of any identified community expectations.
	2 years after schedule	Regulatory requirements:
	superseded.	Public Records Act 2002
		Business requirements:
		This retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		An agency will need to be able to reference the background behind the disposal decisions in a retention and disposal schedule for as long as the schedule is in place. It will also be required to inform the development of any subsequent amendments to this disposal authorisation.
		Additionally, if an agency ever does wish to access earlier appraisal information, a master set of retention and disposal schedules and associated appraisal logs are retained permanently by Queensland State Archives.

#### **COPYRIGHT ADMINISTRATION**

Management of the agency's copyright material. Includes the use of material where another person or agency owns the copyright.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1135	Agency copyright	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to agency	Background/business process:
	ownership and/or management of copyright material including:	This is a merger of existing record classes relating to crown copyright ownership and copyright over individual works.
	<ul> <li>ownership by the agency of Crown copyright</li> </ul>	As Crown copyright does not cover works produced by local government (and some statutory authorities/ government owned organisations), for clarity the existing description has been amended to include any copyright held by the agency.
	copyright held by the agency for works created by an individual	Crown copyright exists primarily to ensure that documents and materials produced for use in the conduct of government are circulated in an accurate and reliable form. Material is automatically protected by copyright in Australia under the <i>Copyright Act 1968</i> if:
	during the course of employment and how	<ul> <li>it is in one of the categories of things that are protected by copyright</li> </ul>
	the right is to be	<ul> <li>except for broadcasts, it is in 'material form'</li> </ul>
	exercised.  Disposal action –	<ul> <li>there is a sufficient connection with Australia (as a result of international treaties, this applies to material from almost all countries).</li> </ul>
	6 years after expiry of copyright.	There is no registration of copyright in Australia or in most other countries. You do not register copyright, or go through any formal process, before material is protected by copyright under Australian law.
		Note: Government departments have no independent legal status and cannot own property in their own right. Copyright is owned by the State Crown.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Copyright Act 1968
		Business requirements:
		There has been no change to the retention of copyright over individual works although the retention of crown copyright has been reduced.
		Under s134 (2) of the <i>Copyright Act 1968</i> , an action may not be brought more than 6 years have elapsed from the time when the act was done. Additionally, under s10 (1) of the <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> an action must be brought within 6 years of the breach.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		The retention period allows sufficient time for the agency to take any action required for a breach of copyright. Additionally, a disposal trigger of "after expiry of copyright" ensures that the records relating to agency ownership and/or management of copyright will be available for the duration of the copyright period. (N.B. The copyright period may vary between different copyrighted works).
1136	Copyright applications	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the	Background/business process:
	management of applications:	This is a merger of existing record classes relating to copyright requests and copyright usage.
	<ul> <li>made by the agency to reproduce material</li> </ul>	The scope of the record class has been expanded to include the reproduction of copyrighted software and the management of applications, which are refused.
	where another party holds the copyright  received by the agency requesting permission to reproduce material where the agency owns the copyright.	Copyright owners can assign or licence their rights. If a government assigns rights, someone else becomes the owner; if a government licences rights, it allows another person to use the copyright material.
		Assignments and licences can:
		<ul> <li>apply to all the copyright owner's rights, or to just one or some of the rights (e.g. print publishing but not online publishing)</li> </ul>
	Includes applications made by,	<ul> <li>restrict approval to particular countries, a period of time, etc.</li> </ul>
	or to, the agency regarding the	<ul> <li>include certain conditions, such as payment and attribution.</li> </ul>
	reproduction of portions of copyrighted software and the management of applications which are refused.	Copyright licensing statements can be placed on websites or databases and datasets. One method of doing this is through Creative Commons licences, which provide a standardised way to give the public permission to share and use creative work.
	Disposal action –	Software (e.g. desktop applications, mobile apps, web-based applications, etc.) is protected by
	6 years after permission	copyright as a type of literary work.
	expires or business action completed, whichever is the later.	Where an agency wishes to reproduce material where another party holds the copyright, they must negotiate with each individual copyright owner except in the following circumstances:
		<ul> <li>an agency falls under the Statutory Government Licence – established under section 183 of the Copyright Act 1968, this provides government departments and agencies (the</li> </ul>

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Crown) with the freedom to use copyrighted material, provided the copying is done for the services of the Crown
		<ul> <li>an agency has signed a GovCopy Licence with Copyright Agency – tailored to accommodate the needs of government-related bodies that are not Crown bodies, or that copy outside the services of the Crown</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>it is a local government covered by the Copyright Access licence – provides councils with the ability to copy and share copyright material within certain limits.</li> </ul>
		Regulatory requirements:
		Copyright Act 1968 (Cwlth)
		Copyright Regulation 1969
		Software Asset Management Policy – the State of Queensland will be the owner of all software licences
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		Whole-of-government consultation supported retaining these copyrighted applications in a single 7 year record class, which is longer than the legislated minimum retention periods under s.25A of the <i>Copyright Regulation 1969:</i>
		the prescribed retention period is 6 years from the day on which the declaration is made
		<ul> <li>the prescribed retention period in relation to a copy of the whole or a part of a work is a period of 4 years after the making of that copy.</li> </ul>
		It is also consistent with the retention of similar classes in all other jurisdictions.
		Other comments/factors for consideration:
		Details of licence agreements should be entered onto the Queensland Government Intellectual property Register.

### **DATA ADMINISTRATION**

Maintaining and using the data that is held in a system. Includes the management of data dictionaries, user rules, passwords and monitoring usage and response times.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1137	Data quality and integrity validation  Records relating to the validation of data quality and integrity, involving:  • high level validations of data quality and integrity  • data recovered through formal data recovery projects  • data migrations (e.g. translating data from one format to another)  • specialised digital preservation treatments.  Excludes digital source records, which have been migrated.  Also excludes routine data recovery processes (e.g. from a back-up tape or where information is restored by the	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a new record class for this activity.  A need for a record class covering the high level validation of data quality and integrity was identified after the draft had been circulated for whole-of-government comment.  Previously all migration records as temporary with a retention period of "Retain for 1 generation after migration". Where an application contains permanent records, the consultation draft required all migration and preservation records to be retained permanently.  QSA recognises that:  • it is sufficient to keep high-level documentation of migration decisions and documentation surrounding the success of the data migration. Agencies need evidence showing what has occurred and when/why, etc.  • it is not necessary to keep specific details on all aspects of the data migration project (these are covered by 1140).  Business requirements:  Being able to use system control records to demonstrate the integrity and authenticity of digital records is vital if they are to have ongoing evidential value. Because digital information can be copied or altered so easily, it is important to be able to demonstrate the authenticity of data.  Retaining these validation records for "the life of the related records" ensures that, where permanent records have been subject to data recovery processes, data migrations or digital preservation treatments, validation records will remain available to support the ongoing management of these records when they transfer to archival custody.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	end user) and the moving of data from one storage device to another (e.g. hierarchical storage management).  Disposal action —  For the life of the related records.	Where the validation documentation relates to temporary records, these records will be available to demonstrate the integrity of the records for as long as they exist and they can be disposed of at the same time as the temporary records themselves.  Permanent retention criteria:  If any application documentation is accepted for inclusion it will fall under the category of:  Other factors affecting the identification of permanent public records – because these records do not themselves meet any of the appraisal criteria for permanent retention, they will be accepted if they add to the authenticity, integrity and ongoing management of permanent digital records.
1138	Control mechanisms	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the development and maintenance of application control mechanisms.  Disposal action —  2 years after application is closed, discontinued or superseded (through upgrade or major modification).	<ul> <li>Background/business process:</li> <li>This is a revised record class relating to application development records.</li> <li>Control mechanisms assist agencies to ensure that: <ul> <li>authentication requirements, including online transactions and services, are assessed against the Queensland Government Authentication Framework</li> <li>policies and/or procedures for user registration, authentication management, access rights and privileges are defined, documented and implemented for all ICT assets</li> <li>control measures are implemented to detect and regularly log, monitor and review information systems and network access and use, including all significant security relevant events.</li> </ul> </li> <li>It is also important to ensure that different copies or versions of files, files held in different formats or locations, and information that is cross-referenced between files are all subject to version control.</li> <li>Business requirements:</li> <li>Because digital information can be copied or altered so easily, it is important to be able to demonstrate the integrity and authenticity of digital records if they are to have ongoing evidential value.</li> </ul>

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Following on from the concerns raised by agencies, it has been decided that these records should be kept for the life of the system and until either successful migration to a new system, destruction or transfer to QSA.
		Given that the length of the trigger has significantly increased (from the previous position of "after mechanism expires or is superseded"), the retention period has been reduced to 2 years as this should be sufficient for any issues identified during the migration or transfer process to be addressed.
		The retention period is not consistent with any other jurisdictions but it meets the needs of Queensland agencies and the Digital Archives team.
1139	System migration	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the process	Background/business process:
	of migration of records	This is a revised record class relating to application development records.
	<ul> <li>between electronic systems including via:</li> <li>manual data entry</li> <li>moving disk files from one folder (or computer) to another</li> <li>database insert queries</li> <li>developing custom software</li> <li>media refreshment – one storage advice to another.</li> </ul>	Data migration is the process of importing data to a new system. This can involve entering the data manually, moving disk files from one folder (or computer) to another, database insert queries, developing custom software, or other methods. The specific method used for any particular system depends entirely on the systems involved and the nature and state of the data that is migrated.
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		Following consultation, the disposal trigger has been amended for clarity.
		It is consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT, Commonwealth and Victoria. There is also precedence in an existing Queensland core schedule.
	Excludes digital source records, which have been migrated.	
	Disposal action -	

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	1 year after data is either migrated again or destroyed.	
1140	Data administration -other	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the	Background/business process:
	ongoing administration of data within business/software applications. Includes low level data migration records and the general monitoring of data integrity.  Excludes digital source records, which have been migrated and high level validations of data quality and	While this class is based on 2 existing data logging record classes in GRDS v.7, namely records relating to the maintenance of data integrity and data logging records for online and internet resources that provides information or advice which may have possible legal significance, it has been substantially updated to such an extent that it is now considered to be a new class.
		Data should be managed to ensure its integrity (that is, making sure it continues to be accessible and is consistently organised as intended) and security (making sure only those with access privileges can access the data).
		This class now also includes low level data migration – this is the process of importing data to a new system. This can involve entering the data manually, moving disk files from one folder (or computer) to another, database insert queries, developing custom software, or other methods.
	integrity.	Business requirements:
	Disposal action – 7 years after business action completed.	The retention period ensures that records relating to general data administration will remain available for a sufficient length of time to enable any audits or investigations involving these records to occur.
		Low level data migration records previously had to be retained for "1 generation after migration" and this has been reduced to 7 years which is easier for agencies to implement. The retention period for these records is consistent with the existing retention of data logging records with possible legal significance and is consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT, Commonwealth, NSW, Tasmania and Victoria.

### **INFORMATION PRIVACY AND ACCESS**

Management of requests and applications to access agency information in accordance with the Right to Information Act 2009 and Information Privacy Act 2009.

Excludes core business records of the Office of the Information Commissioner.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1267	Privacy and Right to	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Information applications	Background/business process:
	Records relating to the management of Right to	This is a merger of 6 existing GRDS v.7 record classes relating to right to information applications which have been reviewed.
	Information and Information Privacy access and amendment applications.	Under the <i>Right to Information (RTI) Act 2009</i> or <i>Information Privacy (IP) Act 2009</i> , an applicant has a right to submit applications for access to, and amendment of, information held by an agency. An agency is required to assess these applications or these can be transferred to
Includes applications that are reviewed internally and/or documents applied for	another agency, where the original agency knows that the second agency has some or all of the documents applied for. Application transfers must occur within 10 days and be consented to be the agency receiving the transfer.	
	Also includes unauthorised or inappropriate disposal of records containing personal information.  Also includes applications	If an applicant is dissatisfied by a decision they then have a right of internal review, followed by external review (some applicants will elect to apply for external review only). An internal review enables the applicant to submit new arguments and evidence for consideration and for an agency or Minister to either better explain their reasons for refusal to an applicant, or to make a new decision. Review decisions should be provided to the applicant within 20 business days.
	received and processed as well as those not dealt with	An applicant can also apply for an external review of an agency decision by the Information Commissioner. These reviews can include:
<ul><li>have be to anoth</li><li>are refuse agency</li></ul>	because the applications:	<ul> <li>a decision that an access or amendment application is outside the scope of the Act</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>have been transferred to another agency</li> <li>are refused by the agency (i.e. there has been a previous</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a decision that an access or amendment application does not comply with all relevant application requirements - where an application is non-compliant, agencies have 15 business days to advise the applicant of this. They then need to allow a 'reasonable' time period for the applicant to make their application compliant.</li> </ul>

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application for the same documents, it would be a substantial and unreasonable diversion of agency resources or because the documents are available for access elsewhere)

- are non-compliant
- are withdrawn.

### Disposal action -

7 years after business action completed.

### Justification for retention period

- a decision to disclose a document contrary to the views of a relevant third party a
  decision refusing to deal with an access or amendment application This can be on the
  grounds that there has been a previous application for the same documents, it would
  result in a substantial and unreasonable diversion of resources or the document can be
  reasonably accessed in another way.
- a decision refusing access to a document or refusing amendment of a document under s.41 of the *Information Privacy Act 2009* an individual has a right to amend inaccurate, incomplete, out of date or misleading documents of an agency/Minister where it relates to the individual's personal information.

This class also includes where an individual makes a privacy complaint under the *Information Privacy Act 2009*. After a complaint is received, an agency has at least 45 business days to respond. If the agency provides a prompt response and the individual is dissatisfied with the response, the Act requires that the individual still wait out the full 45 business days before the complaint can be sent to the Office of the Information Commissioner.

Section 7 of the *Right to Information Act 2009* and section 8 of the *Information Privacy Act 2009* state that "this Act does not affect the provisions of other Acts regulating the disposal of information (however described)". These sections explicitly refer to section 13 of the *Public Records Act 2002* concerning the disposal of public records. The original records referred to as part of privacy and right to information applications are still subject to the minimum retention period outlined in an approved retention and disposal schedule.

### **Regulatory requirements:**

Information Privacy Act 2009

Right to Information Act 2009

### **Business requirements:**

The Office of the Information Commissioner recommended that, to ensure consistency and reduce administrative burden, all of RTI and privacy records should be retained for 7 years.

The retention period is also consistent with other GRDS record classes where the records are perceived as having potential legal significance.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		The primary record for external RTI reviews is held by the Office of the Information Commissioner (these are retained for a minimum of 10 years, although significant reviews are retained permanently).
1318	Privacy and Right to Information applications –	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
		Background/business process:
	documents requested	This is a revision of an existing GRDS v.7 record class relating to original documents requested
	Original documents subject to an application for access under Right to Information or Information Privacy legislation.	for Right to Information applications. Under section 7 of the <i>Right to Information Act</i> 2009 and section 8 of the <i>Information Privacy Act</i> 2009 state that "this Act does not affect the provisions of other Acts regulating the disposal of information (however described)". These sections explicitly refer to section 13 of the <i>Public Records Act</i> 2002 concerning the disposal of public records. As
	Disposal action –	such, the original documents requested as part of Right to Information or Information Privacy
	7 years after all appeal processes have been finalised AND	applications are still subject to the minimum retention period outlined in an approved retention and disposal schedule. In some instances, the minimum retention period for these original documents is less than 7 years and this could have an impact on right of review or appeal for decisions on Right to Information or Information Privacy applications.
	For the minimum retention period authorised in a retention	Regulatory requirements:
	and disposal schedule for the original documents.	Information Privacy Act 2009
		Right to Information Act 2009
	These sentences are to run	Business requirements:
	concurrently.	The retention period from GRDS v.7 has increased from 5 years to 7 years. The Office of Information Commission (OIC) recommended that, to ensure consistency and reduce administrative burden, all RTI and privacy records should be retained for 7 years.
		The retention period is also consistent with other GRDS record classes where the records are perceived as having potential legal significance.
		To assist with any review or appeal processes associated with Right to Information or Information Privacy applications, the original documents requested as part of the application must be retained for 7 years after completion of the request. This retention period is to run concurrently with the minimum retention period for the requested original documents as outlined in an authorised retention and disposal schedule.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1154	Administrative release of	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	information	Background/business process:
	Records relating to information	This is a new record class for this activity.
	released under an administrative access scheme.	'Administrative access' refers to the release of information by means other than a formal access application under the RTI or IP Acts. Also includes the release of information through open data
	Includes disclosure logs of	sets.
	information previously applied for and/or released under a formal Right to Information	Administrative access schemes are generally reactive (responding to requests for information when received) but also include proactive schemes for disseminating information in advance of requests, such as in publication schemes and libraries.
	application.  Disposal action –	Administrative access:
	2 years after business action	<ul> <li>puts information into the community faster and at lower cost</li> </ul>
	completed.	<ul> <li>reduces agency time and resources spent processing individual information requests</li> </ul>
	·	<ul> <li>demonstrates a commitment to openness, accountability and transparency, which in turn may increase confidence in government.</li> </ul>
		Administrative release is a discretionary process but the framework for release is based on the same philosophy underpinning the RTI and IP Acts. Administrative access schemes are often designed to give individuals' access to their own personal information, except where legislation prevents such release, or the information contains the personal information of another person, which would require the agency to consider the disclosure rules contained in the privacy principles.
		Where it is decided that information cannot be released administratively, the person requesting it should be advised that they can apply for access under the RTI or IP Acts.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Information Privacy Act 2009
		Right to Information Act 2009
		Business requirements:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		The retention period is based on the fact that these requests are for routinely available documents available from the agency and is in line with the retention period for low level complaints (1074). The retention period is also consistent with all other jurisdictions.

## **PRESERVATION**

Preserving, protecting, maintaining, restoring and enhancing records and information resources.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1141	Specialised preservation – permanent value records Records relating to conservation treatments and preservation actions that in some way intrinsically change the records, e.g. major repairs, restoration, salvage treatments following an incident or disaster, treatment for pest or mould infestations etc., undertaken on records that have ongoing and permanent value as State archives. Includes conservation treatments provided by consultants.  Disposal action – Permanent.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a reworded record class relating to conservation records from GRDS v.7. While the wording of the retention period has been clarified, the retention period itself has not changed.  Under s.8(1) of the Public Records Act 2002, an agency is responsible for ensuring the safe custody and preservation of records in its possession.  The physical or chemical treatment of individual objects is categorised as 'interventive' conservation. The aim of this work is to stabilise fragile and damaged objects without compromising their historical, aesthetic or cultural integrity. This allows previously inaccessible collections to become available for exhibition and research purposes. When necessary, objects also undergo treatment to ensure their stability during digitisation.  Regulatory requirements:  Public Records Act 2002  Business requirements:  The retention period has been clarified but the disposal action itself has not changed.  Retaining records on specialised preservation treatment of permanent value records ensures that there will be available documentation to support the ongoing preservation management of these permanent records when they transfer to archival custody.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Transfer to Queensland State Archives when records are transferred.	The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by NSW and SA.  Permanent retention criteria:  Other factors affecting the identification of permanent public records – these records do not themselves meet any of the appraisal criteria for permanent retention, but they are accepted because they support the ongoing management of permanent records.
1142	Specialised preservation – temporary value records Records relating to conservation treatments and preservation actions that in some way intrinsically change the records, e.g. major repairs, salvage treatments following an incident or disaster, treatment for pest or mould infestations etc., undertaken on temporary records that do not warrant ongoing retention as permanent State archives. Includes conservation treatments provided by consultants.  Disposal action – 5 years after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016 Background/business process: This is a revised and reworded record class from GRDS v.7 relating to routine preservation activities undertaken on agency records. Previously all preservation treatments undertaken on temporary records were retained in a single record class which also included routine preservation activities. Under s.8(1) of the Public Records Act 2002, an agency is responsible for ensuring the safe custody and preservation of records in its possession. Regulatory requirements: Public Records Act 2002 Business requirements: The retention period has increased from 'until reference use ceases' in GRDS v.7 to 5 years. Agencies may need to conduct specialised preservation on temporary records especially if there has been a mould infestation which can be treated without applying for disposal of damaged records. It is consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT, Commonwealth and NSW.
1143	Ongoing preservation measures  Records relating to ongoing preventative preservation	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process: This is a new record class for this activity.  Regulatory requirements:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	measures for the protection of temporary and permanent records.  Includes the monitoring of lights, temperature and humidity as well as pest control in storage areas and packaging, etc.  Excludes system migration and records of preservation treatments on individual items or series of items.  Disposal action –  5 years after business action completed.	Business requirements:  The retention period is based on the retention of similar records by NSW.  Under the Public Records Act 2002, agencies are responsible for ensuring the safe custody and preservation of their records. Where records have to be retained for a long period of time, regular monitoring of the storage environment is required to ensure records remain available and readable for as long as they are required. Fluctuations and changes are measured to allow suitable adjustments to the environment to be made as required. This retention period allows for monitoring of seasonal changes and the identification of trends over time.  It is consistent with the retention of records relating to preservative conservation activities for cultural collections (including library collections) in 1063.

### **PUBLICATION**

Drafting, producing, marketing and distributing agency publications. Includes external publications and leaflets, which aim to promote services and public image and internal publications, which are not produced for public relations reasons. Also includes multi-media publications, CD ROMs, DVDs and online information services.

NOTE: Agency publications may also be subject to legal deposit requirements under the Libraries Act 1988 and the Copyright Act 1968.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1147	Agency publications – significant  Master copies of all significant agency publications.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:

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Significant publications may include those that:

- define the functions of government relating to the government's jurisdiction and power
- have whole of government implications
- generate/involve substantial community or public interest, debate or controversy
- have social, economic, environmental, cultural, scientific, research or technical significance to the broader community
- mark major anniversaries or opening of new landmark structures and/or buildings.

Includes final version of agency annual report.

### Disposal action -

Permanent.

Transfer to QSA after business action completed.

### Justification for retention period

This is a revised and reworded record class from GRDS v.7 relating to master copies of external publications.

Under s.68 of the *Libraries Act 1988*, a person who publishes in Queensland to the general public material to which this part applies must, at the person's own expense, give a copy of the material to the board, and to the librarian of the Parliamentary library, within 1 month after publication.

Under s.201 of the *Copyright Act 1968*, the publisher of any library material that is published in Australia and in which copyright subsists under this Act shall, within 1 month after the publication, cause a copy of the material to be delivered at his or own expense to the National Library.

### Regulatory requirements:

Copyright Act 1968

Libraries Act 1988

### **Business requirements:**

The retention period has changed from just the legal deposit requirements in GRDS v.7 to Permanent.

Publications produced by government agencies are also public records and need to be sentenced as such. All public records should be appraised on their merits, regardless of whether they have been published or not, and it is for this reason that legal deposit requirements are now only referred to in the activity scope note. Given the criteria for determining significant agency publications, there will be substantial and ongoing community interest in these records.

The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by Tasmania and with the ACT (although this jurisdiction is keeping all publications permanently).

#### Permanent retention criteria:

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 and Programs of Government
- 5 Substantial Contribution to Community Memory.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1148	Agency publications – other  Master copies of all other agency publications, including agency contributions to external publications.  Disposal action – 5 years after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a revised record class which merges classes from GRDS v.7 relating to master copies of internal agency publications and agency contributions to external publications.  Agencies regularly contribute articles to magazines, newspapers, websites etc. as part of their communications strategy. Articles can range from general community awareness, announcements of the release of new standards and peer-reviewed articles on scientific research.  Business requirements:  The existing GRDS v.7 record classes have been merged because there is no legislative need for contributions to external publications to be retained for an additional 5 years.  The retention period allows sufficient time for an agency to refer back to earlier agency publications, if required, and to inform the development of any subsequent publications.  The retention period is a minimum and agencies still have the flexibility to retain these records for longer if there is a business need to do so.
1149	Production process  Records relating to the production processes undertaken to prepare materials and drafts for publication.  Includes photo consent forms.  Disposal action –  3 years after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a revised and reworded record class from GRDS v.7 relating to design arrangements for publications.  The scope of the record class has been expanded to include the different types of records which may be created for paper-based publications, electronic publications, films and videos.  Regulatory requirements:  DPC – Annual report requirements for Queensland Government agencies for the 2013-2014 reporting period  Business requirements:  The retention period has been reduced from 5 years in GRDS v.7 to 3 years.  The retention period allows sufficient reference time if any questions arise regarding the production process or to assist with the production of future publications.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		It is consistent with the retention of similar records by ACT, Commonwealth, NT and Victoria.

## **SECURITY**

Measures taken to protect information resources from accidental or intentional damage or from unauthorised access.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1155	Security arrangements – handling and storage Records relating to security arrangements for handling and storing records and information including:  • the use of safes and security equipment • courier and mail handling • offsite storage arrangements.  Disposal action –  5 years after arrangements superseded or business action completed, whichever is later.	<ul> <li>Date authorised: 1 September 2016</li> <li>Background/business process:</li> <li>This is a revised and reworded record class from GRDS v.7 relating to records on information security.</li> <li>Principle 6 of Information Security 18 (IS.18) covers access management. Information security includes:         <ul> <li>National security information</li> <li>Associated with Australia's security, defence, international relations, and national interest. The national security classifications are confidential, secret and top secret.</li> <li>Non-national security information</li> <li>Agencies should establish and maintain a security classified information register (SCIR) to record the security classification of information assets. Information asset security classification controls include unclassified, commercial-in-confidence or sensitive, protected and highly protected.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Mail security screening</li> <li>Mail screening involves passing mail items through multi-energy x-ray security inspection equipment to detect harmful materials. It may also involve visual assessment of screened items to identify suspicious articles. Screening is safe for magnetic tape and high-speed film up to ISO 1600 (33 DIN).</li> <li>Records storage areas</li> </ul>

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Records require controlled conditions for environmental, disaster and security reasons.
		Regulatory requirements:
		IS.18 – Information Security
		Queensland Government information security controls standard
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		The retention period allows sufficient time to refer back to these records if any questions arise regarding the handling or storing of records and to inform the development of any subsequent security arrangements.
		The retention period is also consistent with the retention of similar records by ACT, Commonwealth, NSW, NT, Victoria and WA.

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LEGAL SERVICES	Legal services provided to the agency. Includes the provision of legal advice (from in-house legal teams and external council), the management of intellectual property, the drawing up of legal agreements and legislation, and the handling of legal action, claims and disputes, as well as the provision of compensation.  Excludes the records held by Crown Law and the Courts.

### **INFRINGEMENTS**

Handling breaches of rules. Includes driving or traffic, intellectual property and industrial relations infringements.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
Authorisation 1163	Infringements – legislation and statutory regulations Records relating to infringements or breaches of legislation and statutory regulations by the agency, excluding vehicle infringements. Includes infringements of industrial relations and intellectual property legislation.  Disposal action –	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This record class is a merger of record classes from GRDS v.7 relating to industrial relations infringements and copyright infringements. This record class will also cover other records relating to other infringements against legislation.  Industrial Relations  Inspectors can issue infringement notices to improve compliance with the relevant Act.  Infringement notices are sometimes called on-the-spot fines and can be issued for certain offences against the Industrial Relations Act 1999.  Issuing an infringement notice has an immediate punitive effect. Infringement notices are used if the impact of the offence on employees is high or the offence affects the inspector's ability to
	7 years after business action completed.	recover wages. More serious offences with wilful or repetitive behaviour and large sums of money or over a long period of employment may also get an infringement notice.  A person issued with an infringement notice may choose to have it heard in the Industrial Magistrates Court.  Intellectual Property

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Copyright is infringed when a person uses all, or a 'substantial part', of copyright material in one of the ways exclusively controlled by the copyright owner without the express or implied permission of the copyright owner. A 'substantial part' is any important, distinctive or essential part of the original material, not necessarily a large part. There are no guidelines about the quantity of material, or percentage of a work, which may be used without permission, since each case depends on its own facts.
		The agency may be entitled to demand any of the following:
		that the infringement stops (an injunction)
		<ul> <li>that infringing copies of the material be delivered to the agency, or disposed of as directed</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>that any master copies or plates used to make infringing copies be delivered to the agency, disposed of as directed</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>that either the agency gets paid for the use of the work or be given the profits the infringer has made from it.</li> </ul>
		Regulatory requirements:
		Child Employment Act 2006
		Circuit Layouts Act 1989
		Copyright Act 1968
		Designs Act 2003
		Industrial Relations Act 1999
		Patents Act 1990
		Plant Breeder's Rights Act 1994
		Trade Marks Act 1995
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		This retention period allows sufficient time for the following legal actions to be commenced:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		<ul> <li>under s.134 Copyright Act 1968, an action must not be brought for an infringement of copyright more than 6 years have elapsed from the time when the act was done</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>under s.71(4) Designs Act 2003, infringement proceedings must be started within 6 years from the day on which the alleged infringement occurred</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>under s.120(4) Patents Act 1990, infringement proceedings must be started within 3 years from the day on which the relevant patent is granted; or 6 years from the day on which the infringing act was done, whichever period ends later</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>under s.28 Circuit Layouts Act 1989, an action shall not be brought for an infringement of (eligible layout) EL after the end of 6 years after the day when the infringement took place</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>under s.25 (2) Child Employment Act 2006, a prosecution for an offence against this Act must be commenced within the later of 1 year after the offence is committed; or 6 months after the commission of the offence comes to the complainant's knowledge, but within 2 years after the commission of the offence.</li> </ul>
		It is also consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT, Commonwealth, Victoria and WA and with an existing Queensland core schedule.
		Other comments/factors for consideration:
		Queensland Treasury & Trade also acts as an agent in the collection and distribution of unpaid infringement fines and court ordered monetary amounts for various external parties including local government bodies, universities and individuals.
1164	Vehicle infringements	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to infringements of parking/traffic regulations involving vehicles used by the agency.	Background/business process:
		This is a revised record class from GRDS v.7 relating to vehicle infringements.
		Drivers are to be personally responsible for all penalties incurred whilst driving a vehicle including
	Disposal action –	those for parking infringements. When advice of infringements is received, agencies are required to notify the relevant traffic authority of the names of the offending driver or, if
	1 year after business action	appropriate, make arrangements for payment of fines.
completed.	, -	Regulatory Requirements:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Public Service Commission – Use of government owned motor vehicles and parking of private vehicles on official premises
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		This retention period is sufficient to enable the agency to pay/challenge the infringement and to provide follow-up with employees. It is also consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT, Commonwealth and SA.

#### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

Managing the agency's intellectual property, both published and unpublished, and the use of material held by the agency in which another party owns the intellectual property. Includes management of design, patents, trademarks, royalties and matters of confidentiality, such as trade secrets, which are not available to the public under Right to Information legislation.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1165	Patents, trademarks and designs Records relating to the management of patents, trademarks and designs that are administered by the agency.  Disposal action – 7 years after intellectual property expires.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a new record class for this activity.  Patents  A patent is a right that is granted for any device, substance, method or process that is new, inventive and useful. A patent is legally enforceable and gives the owner exclusive rights to commercially exploit the invention for the life of the patent.  An Australian standard patent lasts for up to 20 years. An innovation patent lasts for up to 8 years.  To maintain a patent you must:  • pay annual renewal fees – these vary according to the type of patent you own

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		<ul> <li>notify IP Australia if you wish to amend the patent to show details of a change of address, change of ownership or licensing arrangements</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>protect the patent against infringement and take action if you find it has been copied or used without your permission.</li> </ul>
		<u>Trademarks</u>
		A trademark is used to distinguish the goods and services of one trader from those or another. A trademark is a right that is granted for a letter, number, work, phrase, sound, smell, shape, logo, picture and/or aspect of packaging. A registered trademark is legally enforceable and gives you exclusive rights to commercially use, licence or sell it for the goods and services that it is registered under.
		A trademark can have an infinite life representing significant business value. Initial registration of a trademark is for 10 years.
		To maintain a trademark you must:
		<ul> <li>renew every 10 years – there are fees for renewing a trademark</li> </ul>
		show your customers the ® symbol next to your trademark whenever it is used
		<ul> <li>if a registered trademark is unused for 3 years it can be removed from the register</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>notify IP Australia of any changes to address or other details.</li> </ul>
		<u>Designs</u>
		A design refers to the features of shape, configuration, pattern or ornamentation which gives a product a unique appearance and must be new and distinctive. Design registration is intended to protect designs which have an industrial or commercial use. A registered design gives the owner exclusive rights to commercially use it, license or sell it.
		Registration initially protects your design for 5 years from the date your design was first filed with IP Australia. The design registration can be renewed for a further 5 years to a maximum of 10 years. If you do not renew your registration, it will cease.
		To maintain a design you must:
		renew after 5 years
		notify IP Australia of change of name or address.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Regulatory requirements:  Designs Act 2003  Patents Act 1990  Trade Marks Act 1995  Business requirements:  Records of patents, trademarks and designs document inventions and innovations which an agency has viewed as significant enough to protect under Intellectual Property laws.  Additionally, trademarks and designs capture the images used by an agency to distinguish itself or its services. A trademark can have an infinite life – and represent significant business value – as well as having ongoing interest to the community.  The master set of published patents, trademarks and designs are kept permanently by IP Australia. The retention period is consistent with agreements and contracts-not under seal (1004).  The retention period is also consistent with the retention of similar records by WA.
1167	Intellectual property administration  Records relating to the administration of intellectual property by the agency, including royalties.  Includes unsuccessful or abandoned attempts to establish intellectual property rights.  Disposal action –  7 years after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a new record class for this activity.  Patent applications  Under the Designs Act 2003, you can only take action to enforce your registered design rights if a certificate of examination has been issued.  Patent applications require a request for an examination to be made within 5 years of the original filing.  Examination of your registered design may result in a finding that it is not new and distinctive and you will be issued with an adverse report. This report will provide you with reasons why your registration, in its present form, does not meet the requirements of the Act. After an adverse examination report has been issued, applicants have 21 months in which to gain acceptance of your application or it will lapse.  Royalties

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Royalties are the payments associated with licences. These are paid to the owner of the IP by the person licensed to commercialise the IP.
		Usually royalties are expressed as a percentage of the product's sale price. However, many factors influence a royalty rate. These include:
		<ul> <li>industry type, as different industries have different benchmarks for what are appropriate rates</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>state of IP development, as the closer the resulting product or service is to a market- ready state, the higher the royalty that can be secured</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>relative bargaining positions of the licensor and the licensee.</li> </ul>
		Typically, royalty payments are made quarterly or six-monthly. Annual payments are unusual.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Designs Act 2003
		Patents Act 1990
		Trade Marks Act 1995
		Business requirements:
		The retention period allows sufficient time for the assessment of patent applications and ensures that these records will be retained for the same length of time as any related contracts. These records will also be available for reference should any queries arise relating to royalty payments (asset and money management (1099)).
		It is also consistent with the retention of similar records by ACT, Commonwealth, NT, SA and WA.

### **LEGAL ADVICE**

The offering of legal opinions by or to the agency. Includes receiving advice from internal or external legal service providers, including Crown Law. NOTE: For legal advice relating to matters for which the agency maintains a case file, e.g. compensation claims, retain as for the related case file.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1160	Legal advice – significant	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to legal advice provided on matters which are of significance to the agency and/or to the wider community.  Includes matters which go to appeal.  Significant legal advice may include, but is not limited to:  • whole-of-government implications, including:  o set precedents either on a point of law or because of its potential significance for decision-making  o require significant changes to an agency's policies or operations  o require a significant level of coordination or cooperation between different agencies  exercising of Parliamentary, Ministerial, Cabinet/Executive	Background/business process: This is a merger of multiple existing GRDS v.7 record classes relating to legal advice. Crown Law provide expertise in the following areas:  commercial law constitutional law government insurance litigation and dispute resolution public law. Crown Law has worked on some of the most significant projects in Queensland, which include Clem 7 tunnel project, Torres Strait regional seas claim, whole-of-government contractual agreements with Microsoft, advice on development of the Integrity Act 2009 and electoral challenge to the seat of Chatsworth. External law firms may be contracted for services that provide expertise on a particular area of law that internal or Crown Law do not have expertise in. Regulatory requirements: Australian Solicitors Conduct Rules Legal Profession Act 2007 Business requirements: The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7. The management of significant legal advice directly impacts on individuals and, depending on the advice, on the wider Queensland community. Given the criteria for determining significant advice, there will be substantial and ongoing community interest in these records. The retention period is consistent with all other jurisdictions and there is precedence in 7 existing Queensland core schedules. Permanent retention criteria:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	and Judiciary powers  adversely impacting another agency or contradicting a position taken by the State in another matter  the size of the claim made by or against the State  matters heard in the High Court  involve matters or identify parties that raise legal, political or policy issues, which are sensitive for the State  exercise of discretionary powers of statutory office holders including the Governor- General, Attorney- General or Solicitor- General  whether the matter involves, relates to, or gives rise to issues concerning: inter-governmental or intra-	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:  • 1 – Authority, Foundation and Structure of Government  • 2 – Primary Functions and Programs of Government  • 4 – Significant Impact on Individuals  • 6 – Environmental Management and Change.  Other comments/factors for consideration:  Under the Australian Solicitors Conduct Rules 2012, a solicitor must provide clear and timely advice to assist a client to understand relevant legal issues and to make informed choices about action to be taken during the course of a matter, consistent with the terms of the engagement.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	governmental issues or disputes the Constitution of Australia or the Constitution of Queensland Human rights Native Title and land use, management or tenure establishing, managing and protecting Crown assets cultural heritage attracts or is likely to attract major public interest or controversy.  Disposal action — Permanent.	
	Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	
1161	Legal advice – matters involving minors  Records relating to legal advice provided on potential claims or proceedings involving minors.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a new record class for this activity.  There are different requirements under legislation about dealing with minors:  • children under 10 cannot be charged for criminal offences.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Excludes legal advice involving minors which is significant.	<ul> <li>a minor can be charged with a criminal offence after the age of 10 but, if they are under</li> <li>14, they cannot be found guilty unless it can be proven that they knew what they did was</li> </ul>
	Disposal action -	wrong.
	When child reaches 27 years	Regulatory requirements:
	of age.	Child Protection Act 1999
		Business requirements:
		The retention period is based on the existing <i>Crown Law retention and disposal schedule</i> (QDAN677).
		Under s.29 of the <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> , the statute of limitations does not come into effect until a minor turns 18 years of age. Additionally, Crown Law has advised that claims presented by minors are most likely to occur within three to six years of an incident.
		Therefore the retention period of "When child reaches 27 years of age" ensures that the records will be retained for the six years (allowed for under existing claim periods) and an additional 3 years in line with Queensland's approach to being a model litigant.
1162	Legal advice – other	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to all other	Background/business process:
	legal advice.  Disposal action –	This record class merges all record classes from GRDS v. 7 covering legal advice that is not considered major or significant.
	10 years after business action completed.	Legal advice that isn't of a significant nature could include reviewing contracts and agreements of low value or penalty infringement notices.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Australian Solicitors Conduct Rules
		Legal Profession Act 2007
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7 and is consistent with legal advice-other in the <i>Crown Law retention and disposal schedule</i> (QDAN677).
		The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by WA. There is precedence in 3 existing Queensland core schedules.

### **LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING**

Drafting new or the amendment of legislation such as Acts, Regulations, Rules, By-laws etc.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1168	Legislative drafting	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the drafting of new legislation and amendments to existing legislation administered by the agency.  Includes the drafting of regulations and of legislative proposals which do not proceed.  Disposal action —  Permanent.  Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	Background/business process:  This is a revised record class which merges record classes from GRSD v.7 relating to legislation.  The Queensland Legislation Handbook plays a major role in identifying the principles, processes and practices on which the achievement of legislation of the highest standard is based. All those concerned in the development of Queensland legislation have a primary duty to ensure that it is of the highest standard.  Regulatory requirements:  Legislative Standards Act 1992  The Queensland Legislation Handbook: governing Queensland  Business requirements:  The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.  Legislation, properly authorised and made, is the most powerful way to protect, create or change the rights of citizens and to enforce, create or change their obligations. It is also the most powerful way to underpin the achievement of government policy. As such, these records are of ongoing value to the people of Queensland.  It is consistent with the retention of similar records by all other jurisdictions.  Permanent retention criteria:  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:  • 1 – Authority, Foundation and Structure of Government

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		<ul> <li>2 – Primary Functions and Programs of Government</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>3 – Enduring Rights and Entitlements.</li> </ul>
		Other comments/factors for consideration:
		There are no statutory or other arrangements requiring Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel (OQPC) to warn departments of the forthcoming automatic commencement of any Act or provision of an Act. Nor are there arrangements for warning of the forthcoming expiry of any Act. OQPC is required to give advice about the forthcoming expiry of subordinate legislation but only in the context of staged automatic expiry under the <i>Statutory Instruments Act 1992</i> .

#### LITIGATION AND PROSECUTIONS

Managing lawsuits or legal proceedings between the agency and other parties in a court or other tribunals. Includes briefs for counsel; copies of documents required by or lodged with a court; consultation with other agencies; and records documenting compliance with court instructions, e.g. subpoenas and discovery orders.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1169	Matters – significant Records relating to issues, claims or case matters which are of significance to the agency and/or to the wider community. Includes matters which go to appeal. Significant matters may include, but are not limited to:	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a revised record class based on the litigation record class in GRDS v.7.  Regulatory requirements:  Cabinet direction – Significant litigation directions: The Attorney-General will determine whether a litigation matter is significant and should therefore be referred to Cabinet. If the Attorney-General considers a matter should be referred to Cabinet, he/she will seek the Premier's approval prior to advising the agency of this decision.  Business requirements:  The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period
	<ul> <li>whole-of-government implications, including:         <ul> <li>set precedents either on a point of law or because of its potential significance for decision-making</li> <li>require significant changes to an agency's policies or operations</li> <li>require a significant level of coordination or cooperation between different agencies</li> <li>exercising of Parliamentary, Ministerial, Cabinet/Executive and Judiciary powers</li> <li>adversely impacting another agency or contradicting a position taken by the State in another matter</li> </ul> </li> <li>the size of the claim</li> </ul>

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### Justification for retention period

The management of significant litigation and prosecution matters directly impacts on individuals as well as on the wider Queensland community. Given the criteria for determining significant matters, there will be substantial and ongoing community interest in these records. Additionally, precedent is very important in legal cases and these records form a body of information for future cases.

The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by all other Australian jurisdictions.

#### Permanent retention criteria:

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 and Programs of Government
- 3 Enduring Rights and Entitlements.

#### Other comments/factors for consideration:

The Office of the Director Public Prosecutions (ODPP) is to prosecute criminal matters in the Magistrates (limited), District, Supreme and Mental Health Courts, the Court of Appeal and the High Court of Australia.

Examples of documentation, which may be required in a litigation brief are:

- court documents
- medical reports for plaintiff/defendant
- reports of economic loss/discovery
- material obtained by writs
- statements by witnesses
- surveillance reports
- other experts' reports
- relevant extracts from QPS files if appropriate
- relevant extracts from client department files

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	<ul> <li>matters are heard in the High Court</li> <li>involve matters or identify parties that raise legal, political or policy issues which are sensitive for the State</li> <li>exercise of discretionary powers of statutory office holders including the Governor-General, Attorney-General or Solicitor-General</li> <li>whether the matter involves, relates to, or gives rise to issues concerning:         <ul> <li>inter-governmental or intragovernmental issues or disputes</li> <li>the Constitution of Australia or the Constitution of Queensland</li> <li>Human rights</li> <li>Native title and land use, management or tenure</li> <li>establishing, managing and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	relevant correspondence including emails and notes from relevant telephone conversations

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	protecting Crown assets cultural heritage attracts or is likely to attract major public interest or controversy.	
	Disposal action –	
	Permanent.	
	Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	
1170	Matters – involving minors	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to issues, claims or case matters involving minors where the matter is not significant.  Excludes matters involving minors, which is significant.	Background/business process:
		This is a new record class for this activity.
		Some of the offences that may involve minors include traffic infringements, shoplifting, disorderly behaviour and less serious offences involving burglary, assault, fraud and drugs.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Youth Justice Act 1992
	Disposal action – When child reaches 27 years of age.	Business requirements:
		The retention period is based on the retention of legal advice that relates to minors (1161).
		Under the <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> , the statute of limitations does not come into effect until a minor turns 18 years of age. Additionally, Crown Law has advised that claims presented by minors are most likely to occur within three to six years of an incident.
		Therefore the retention period of "When child reaches 27 years of age" ensures that the records will be retained for the six years (allowed for under existing claim periods) and an additional 3 years in line with Queensland's approach to being a model litigant.
		Additionally, matters which are brought before the Children's Courts (QDAN705) are retained for:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		civil cases (District & Magistrates) – permanently
		<ul> <li>criminal cases (Magistrates) – 12 years after the last court event</li> </ul>
		criminal cases (District) – permanently.
1171	Matters – other	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to all other	Background/business process:
	issues, claims or case matters.	This is a revised record class from GRDS v.7 relating to other litigation matters.
	Includes matters which go to appeal.	An assessment of whether or not a matter is or could become significant litigation is to be made on a case by case basis.
	Disposal action –	Regulatory requirements:
	7 years after business action	Cabinet direction – Model litigation principles
	completed.	Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		The retention period provides a sufficient period of time for these records to be referred back to if required. Litigants have 28 days from the date that judgment is given to commence an appeal. If you are outside of the 28 day time period you need to apply for extension of time in which the Court of Appeal will consider whether or not you have a reasonable explanation for the delay.
		The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT, Commonwealth, NT, Tasmania and WA.
1172	Discovery orders, summons, subpoenas and warrants	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
		Background/business process:
	Records relating to the management of discovery orders, summons, subpoenas and warrants where the agency is not a party to the litigation.	This is a revised and reworded record class from GRDS v.7 relating to agency management of discovery orders and subpoenas.
		Occasionally, agencies need to comply with requirements imposed by courts to produce or disclose documents needed for legal proceedings, including proceedings in which the State is not a party. These requirements usually arise following the issue and service of a summons, subpoena or discovery order in a proceeding, or by way of an obligation or court order.
	Disposal action -	

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	3 years after business action completed.	A summons is a notification that a legal proceeding against the party has commenced and requires them to appear in court or respond in writing.
		A subpoena is a court order requiring the giving of evidence, or the production to the court of documents, or both. If served with a subpoena, an agency is obliged to either comply with it or apply to the court which issued the subpoena to set it aside. If the subpoena requires only the production of documents or a thing, the agency can comply by delivering the documents or thing to the court which issued the subpoena within the time stated on the subpoena.
		Discovery is the process where parties to a legal proceeding identify and disclose to each other documents that are relevant to the issues in the proceeding. In some courts, a discovery order may be made against a person or a body who is not a party to the proceeding. Substantial obligations may be imposed upon agencies to whom an order for discovery is directed. Both processes require the agency to whom an order is directed to make a reasonable search for relevant documents, including documents held in a digital form, in their control.
		A warrant is a document issued by a legal or government official authorising the police or another body to make an arrest, search premises, or carry out some other action relating to the administration of justice.
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		Requirements imposed by courts to produce or disclosure documents needed for legal proceedings will come with set timeframes and the 3 year retention period is a sufficient period of time for these orders to be complied with and for records to be referred back to if required.
		It is consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT and Commonwealth.

Title	Scope Note	
PROPERTY  Managing buildings, structures and land owned or leased by an agency (e.g. offices, schools, parks, here properties, land set aside for proposed building work, etc.).		
	Includes acquiring, constructing, maintaining, and disposing of property as well as the removal of pollutants and hazardous materials or waste. Also includes office relocations.	
	Excludes:	
	<ul> <li>the management of government owned infrastructure (e.g. roads, ports, airports, bridges, etc.)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>compliance inspections conducted by an agency as part of its statutory responsibilities (e.g. structural inspections)</li> </ul>	
	the operation of swimming pools	
	<ul> <li>activities undertaken by an agency as part of its core statutory responsibilities (e.g. heritage conservation by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection).</li> </ul>	

### **BUILDING AND LAND MANAGEMENT**

Managing agency buildings, structures and land. Includes planning, acquiring, conserving/restoring, constructing, maintaining, inspecting and disposing of agency property.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1188	Contaminated agency property – restoration	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:
	Records relating to the restoration of contaminated agency property in accordance with the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> . Includes contamination by both pollutants and waste.	This is a new record class for this activity. It is based on a record class previously developed and incorporated into the <i>Local Government Sector Retention and Disposal Schedule</i> (QDAN480). A contaminant can be a gas, liquid or solid, or an odour, or an organism (whether alive or dead), including a virus, or energy, including noise, heat, radioactivity and electromagnetic radiation or a combination of contaminants.  Regulatory requirements:  Environmental Protection Act 1994

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Disposal action -	Business requirements:
	Permanent.	It is important that records about contaminated property, and its restoration, are retained to
	Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	contribute to the existing knowledge of a place and to assist in its continued preservation.  Additionally, some contaminants do not break down and require ongoing management to ensure that they do not seep into the surrounding land or nearby waterways. These records could also be very important in understanding any impacts on the health of people and wildlife
		The retention period is consistent with all other jurisdictions with similar records.
		Permanent retention criteria:
		These records provide evidence of the following characteristic from the Queensland State Archives Appraisal Statement and should be retained as archival records for future research:
		<ul> <li>6 – Environmental Management and Change.</li> </ul>
1189	Agency property	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	management – significant	Background/business process:
	Records relating to the management of significant agency property.  Includes the acquisition, design, construction, commissioning, conservation,	The criteria for determining the significance of agency property has been expanded upon from GRDS v. 7. This expanded criteria has been based on criteria previously developed and incorporated into the <i>Local Government Sector Retention and Disposal Schedule</i> (QDAN480). In addition to this, the class has also been expanded to cover the activities of fit outs, inspections, conservation management plans, heritage property policies and reporting based on similar record classes in other jurisdictions.
	renovation, fit-out, inspection and disposal of significant property as well as heritage property policies and management plans.  Also includes:	Section 35 of the <i>Queensland Heritage Act 1992</i> lists eight criteria for identifying cultural heritage places in Queensland. Cultural heritage significance of a place includes the aesthetic, architectural, historical, scientific, social or other significance to the present, past or future generations. Any place that satisfies one or more of the criteria has cultural heritage significance, however, the level of significance must also be determined to recognise places that meet the thresholds of places of local or State significance.
		A brief summary of the different activities covered by this record class is provided below8:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> N.B. Some of the requirements mentioned in the below text apply only to State Government agencies.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	<ul> <li>agency property developments which meet the criteria for significance but which do not proceed</li> <li>buildings which were once heritage listed but are later removed from the register.</li> <li>Excludes records of routine maintenance which does not impact on the heritage value.</li> <li>Significant buildings, structures and land may include, but are not limited to:         <ul> <li>recognised heritage value, e.g. included on the local government heritage list, Heritage Register under the Queensland Heritage Act 1992, National Trust list, Australian Heritage Council list under the Australian</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Acquisition Prior to purchase agencies must:  • identify the service need that will be met by acquiring the site and how the provision of this service from this site links with the broader community and other government services  • consult the Government Land Register (GLR) to determine if suitable properties are available from the listing of essential, surplus and underperforming government properties  • obtain a current market valuation by qualified valuers.  Conservation The Burra Charter has been adopted by the Queensland Heritage Council as the best practice for managing Queensland's heritage places. The Burra Charter sets out the basic principles and procedures to be observed in the conservation of important heritage places and is used by owners, custodians and managers to guide decisions and work undertaken at heritage places. Property conservation includes the development of a conservation management plan.  Construction Building upgrades (e.g. renovations, refurbishments, alterations, extensions or improvements) are defined as government building projects and are governed by the Capital Works Management Framework. Upgrades aim to optimise the utility, amenity and functionality of a building and increase its useful life to meet future service delivery requirements. Prior to undertaking a building upgrade, agencies must develop evaluation criteria to assess the site for suitability for the intended purpose.  Disposal

<sup>9</sup> The Burra Charter was developed by the Australian chapter of the International Council on Monuments and Sites, a non-government professional organisation whose mission is to lead cultural heritage conservation in Australia by raising standards, encouraging debate and generating innovative ideas.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Heritage Council Act 2003, or with UNESCO on the World Heritage List  construction aroused controversy, e.g. public protests on a large scale and/or extensive media attention  environmental value, e.g. unique eco-friendly construction techniques  innovative value, e.g. the structure used or pioneered non- standard construction materials and methods  cultural value, e.g. the structure has strong or special association with the community or has high aesthetic attributes valued by the community  Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander importance receipt of an architectural or design award.  Disposal action —	Disposing of surplus property, in accordance with an asset disposal plan, ensures that they do not become a maintenance and/or financial burden. It may also free up funds required for capital works, influence decision-making and support the forward estimates and budget processes by enabling reinvestment of disposal revenue.  For state government, when determining whether property should be disposed of, the agency undertakes periodic reviews to assess how well buildings are performing to meet service delivery requirements and if there are buildings that are surplus to existing or future service delivery needs.  Buildings identified as surplus to requirements are generally recorded for disposal in a departmental asset register and included on the Government Land Register (for a minimum period of 30 calendar days) to facilitate interagency transfer. In accordance with the requirements of the Government Employee Housing Management Framework, departments, which own government employee housing must record their vacant properties in the Government Employee Housing Website Portal.  Disposal Policy 3: PMC Review of Certain Surplus Property Dealings outlines a number of special circumstance categories for properties in category one which include where the property has possible native title implications; where the property has significant environmental, heritage or social values and in south east Queensland where the property has koala habitat values; where the property has regional or state-wide dimensions associated with it; and where the determination of most appropriate use for the property requires resolution of significant competing land use issues; category two probity issues; and category three economic issues for properties with a market value over \$2 million. Prior to the disposal of properties in these categories, agencies should consult with the Property Management Committee (PMC) via the Secretariat provided by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning.  When a heritage building is surp
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Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Permanent.	Under the Sustainable Planning Act 2009, the Integrated Development Assessment System
	Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	(IDAS) requires agencies to obtain approval when proposing to alter a property entered on the Queensland Heritage Register or local government registers. State government authorities are also required to follow a number of design strategies when changing the design of an office fit out <sup>10</sup> .
		<u>Inspection</u>
		As a minimum, for maintenance and security purposes all Queensland Government buildings are to be assessed by site inspection at least every 3 years, depending on the nature of the facility. All buildings that have been adversely impacted by a natural disaster should be fully assessed as soon as practical after the event.
		<u>Maintenance</u>
		Agencies must produce an internal maintenance policy that complies with the Maintenance Management Framework. The policy should explain agency-specific processes and practices to enable personnel responsible for building maintenance to successfully manage their maintenance program.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Australian Heritage Council Act 2003 (Cwlth)
		Building Act 1975
		Environmental Protection Act 1994
		Queensland Heritage Act 1992
		State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971
		Sustainable Planning Act 2009
		Work Health and Safety Act 2011
		Business requirements:

<sup>10</sup> The design principles and supporting strategies include: design for standardisation not customisation; design for connectivity not integration; optimise hubs, nodes and zones; optimise multipurpose space usage; design for minimised impact on a building's structure, finishes and services; compliance and sustainability.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Records about property with community significance should be retained to contribute to the existing knowledge of a place and to assist in its continued preservation. Given the criteria for determining significant claims, there will be substantial and ongoing community interest in these records.
		The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by all other jurisdictions.
		Permanent retention criteria:
		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 and Programs of Government
		5 – Substantial Contribution to Community Memory
		6 – Environmental Management and Change.
		Other comments/factors for consideration:
		The Queensland Heritage Act 1992 states that the cultural heritage significance of a place or feature of a place, means its aesthetic, architectural, historical, scientific, social or other significance to the present generation or past or future generations.
		Heritage assets that are entered on the QH Register or a local heritage register will have continuing legislative protection after disposal. No approval is required to sell a State heritage asset, but the new owner must obtain the required approvals if any development is subsequently undertaken.
		All acquisitions undertaken by state government agencies must comply with the Queensland Procurement Policy.
1190	Agency property	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	management – other	Background/business process:
	Records relating to the management of other agency property.	
	Includes the acquisition, design, construction, commissioning, conservation,	

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	structural renovation and disposal of property.  Excludes restoration of contaminated agency property, routine maintenance work, property inspections and the management of hazardous materials including asbestos.  Disposal action —  12 years after disposal of property.	This record class merges existing GRDS v.7 record classes relating to varying aspects of agency property management. A brief summary of the different activities 11 covered by this record class is provided below.  Acquisition  Agencies must identify the service need that will be met by acquiring the site and how the provision of this service from this site links with the broader community and other government services.  The Government Land Register (GLR) contains essential, surplus and under-performing government properties. Agencies are required to review/consult the GLR to determine if suitable properties are available prior to any decision to seek property on the open market.  Valuations are required in support of an acquisition decision and must be at current market valuation as determined by qualified valuers.  Conservation  Major repairs and unplanned maintenance (may also be referred to as reactive) occurs when failure of a building component requires immediate attention. It is usually limited to rectification for health, safety or security reasons and may be a consequence of a natural disaster.  All State departments must comply with the requirements of the Maintenance Management Framework. Any departure from this policy should only occur after consultation and agreement with the Department of Housing and Public Works.  Construction  Evaluation criteria are to be developed by agencies to allow assessment of the site for suitability for the intended purpose. Criteria could include requirements for public transport, potential to meet future service demand, local support services, physical site requirements, size of site in proportion to service delivery strategies, financial benefits, government priorities and other government agencies current and future service requirements in proximity to the site and potential to collate or share facilities and services.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> This is based on requirements for State Government departments. Local governments, statutory authorities and government-owned corporations may follow slightly different processes.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		<u>Disposal</u>
		Disposing of surplus buildings, in accordance with an asset disposal plan, ensures that they do not become a maintenance and/or financial burden. It may also free up funds required for capital works, influence decision-making and support the forward estimates and budget processes by enabling reinvestment of disposal revenue.
		Departments undertake periodic reviews of building assets to assess how well buildings are performing to meet service delivery requirements and if there are buildings that are surplus to existing or future service delivery needs.
		Buildings identified as surplus to requirements will generally be recorded for disposal in a departmental asset register and included on the Government Land Register (for a minimum period of 30 calendar days) to facilitate interagency transfer. In accordance with the requirements of the Government Employee Housing Management Framework, departments which own government employee housing must record their vacant properties in the Government Employee Housing Website Portal.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Building Act 1975
		Environmental Protection Act 1994
		Limitation of Actions Act 1974
		Work Health and Safety Act 2011
		Business requirements:
		The retention period assigned to the management of other agency properties ensures that the records are available during the period of the agency's ownership of the building and in the event of a breach of contract which, under s.10 of the <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> , can be brought up to:
		<ul> <li>standard contracts – 6 years from the date of the cause of action</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>specialty contracts – 12 years for the date of the cause of action.</li> </ul>
		Section 13 of the <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> also may apply to the records within this class. Section 13 allows an action to recover land to be commenced within 12 years after the cause of action arose and the retention period takes this possible action into account.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		The retention period is also consistent with the approach taken by NSW and is consistent with the existing retention periods in 2 Queensland core schedules.
1191	Agency property – equipment and utility installation Records relating to the installation of equipment into agency property. Includes heating, plumbing, air conditioning, security and surveillance systems, cabling, alarms etc. Excludes routine maintenance of utilities and installation in significant properties.  Disposal action – 7 years after removal of equipment or disposal of property.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a revised and reworded record class from GRDS v.7 relating to records on the modification and installation of utilities.  Basic office building infrastructure will include air conditioning, a standard lighting system to provide average lighting levels that comply with legislation, a nominal number of power outlets per floor, primary cabling and centralised connection facilities for data and communication and generic fire safety systems.  Installations should provide ongoing flexibility for future adjustment or addition, which should be done with minimal disturbance to the fabric of the building.  Regulatory requirements:  Building Act 1975  Work Health and Safety Act 2011  Office Accommodation Management Framework-Office Accommodation Workspace and Fitout Standards  Business requirements:  The retention period has been increased from 5 years in GRDS v.7 to 7 years.  The retention period is consistent with Agency property management-other (1190) because installations often impact on the structure of the building. The retention period is also consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT, Commonwealth and NSW.  However, to prevent the unnecessary storage of records, the disposal trigger of "Retain for 7 years after disposal of property" has been expanded to also include the option of disposing of the records 7 years after the equipment has been removed.
1192	Agency property – inspections	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process: This is a new record class for this activity.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period
	Records relating to inspections of agency property that is not significant.
	Includes records of agency breaches of regulatory requirements.
	Excludes inspections and maintenance of significant agency property.
	Disposal action -
	7 years after business action completed.

#### Justification for retention period

As a minimum, all Queensland Government buildings are to be assessed by site inspection at least every 3 years, depending on the nature of the facility<sup>12</sup>. All buildings that have been adversely impacted by a natural disaster should be fully assessed as soon as practical after the event. The assessment should provide sufficient information on the condition of the building to support informed asset management decisions.

Inspections may also be undertaken to determine whether all building and structural work complies with the relevant legislation. Where an agency is found to be in breach they may be issued with an:

- infringement notice offences and penalties are set out in the State Penalties Enforcement Regulation 2000. The matter is not serious enough to proceed to court.
- restraint or enforcement order issued by a court for existing or potential unlawful activity.

#### Regulatory requirements:

Building Act 1975

State Penalties Enforcement Regulation 2000

Maintenance Management Framework: Policy for the maintenance of Queensland government buildings

#### **Business requirements:**

As inspections are required to be conducted at least every 3 years, the 7 year retention period will enable the records of 2 previous inspections to be consulted if an issue is identified. The 7 year retention period also provides a sufficient period of time for other agencies, which are not covered by the Maintenance Management Framework, to conduct property inspections and to follow up on any issues identified. It will also enable the inspection records to be consulted if there are any personal injury claims made against the agency (these must be brought within 3 years of the injury under s.11 of the *Limitation of Actions Act 1974*).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Department of Housing and Public Works Maintenance Management Framework: Policy for the maintenance of Queensland government buildings (applies to all departments as defined in section 8 of the Financial Accountability Act 2009) that control or administer buildings and have responsibility for maintenance).

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Schedules in other jurisdictions have varied retention periods and triggers for similar record classes but the retention period is consistent with Tasmania and WA. There is precedence in 4 existing Queensland core schedules.
1193	Acquisition, construction and maintenance not proceeded with Records relating to property acquisition, construction or maintenance that are not proceeded with.  Excludes records of agency property acquisition or developments which meet the criteria for significance but which do not proceed.  Disposal action — 7 years after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a new record class for this activity.  The acquisition of properties may not proceed due to a number of factors:  • the agency no longer wishes to proceed, as the acquisition will not further their service  • budgetary constraints.  Business requirements:  Acquisitions, constructions and maintenance may not proceed for a number of reasons. The retention period allows a sufficient reference time, if the agency decides to proceed with the acquisition, construction or maintenance proposal at a later date.  The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar record classes in the ACT, Commonwealth and Victoria. It is also consistent with Agency property management-other (1190) in the GRDS and with precedent in 3 existing Queensland core schedules.
2640	Deeds and certificates of title  Deeds and certificates of title of property held by an agency.  Excludes land, deed and title registers held by the Titles Registry.  Disposal action –  Until sale or transfer of property.	<ul> <li>Date authorised: 22 December 2023</li> <li>Class history: Disposal Authorisation 2640 replaces repealed Disposal Authorisation 1194. Background/business process: Possession of a paper certificate of title or deed of grant is not evidence of ownership of agency property. Amendments to the Land Title Act 1994 which came into effect from 1 October 2019 mean that existing paper certificates of title and deeds of grant will: <ul> <li>no longer have any legal effect</li> <li>cease to be evidence of indefeasible title for the property to which they relate</li> </ul> </li></ul>

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		<ul> <li>not need to be lodged with the Titles Registry in relation to any future dealings for the property to which they relate.</li> </ul>
		The Titles Registry will no longer issue paper certificates of title or deeds of grant: the only legal record of title for a property will be held electronically on the Freehold Land Register.  Queensland's Land Registry has been computerised since 1994 and these amendments to the Land Title Act 1994 further support the evolution of electronic conveyancing, improve efficiency for Titles Registry processes, and prevent unnecessary duplication of certificates of title and deeds of grant.
		Paper deeds of grant and certificates of title may provide the following information:
		reference to the title or deed by volume and folio and/or 8-digit title reference number
		estate or interest held (e.g. fee simple, life estate, estate in remainder)
		<ul> <li>the legal description of the land (identified by a lot on plan description and, for earlier documents, including location by country and parish)</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>chronological record of ownership based on time of lodgement of instruments (names and tenancy of registered proprietor/s)</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>chronological record of various transactions affecting the land, based on time of lodgement of instruments (e.g. mortgages and easements)</li> </ul>
		deeds of grant contain details of Crown rights, such as reserved mineral rights
		State leases include details of lease conditions.
		Although paper deeds of grant and certificates of title are no longer legal instruments, they contain details of property ownership and should be appropriately managed, and disposed of, by agencies.
		Business requirements:
		The proposed minimum retention period ensures that agencies will be able to dispose of any existing paper deeds of grant or certificates of title once the agency has no further business need for these records.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Land Title Act 1994

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Property Law Act 1974
		Comparison with other schedules' retention period:
		Territory Records (Records Disposal Schedule – Property Equipment & Fleet Records) Approval 2017 (No 1) Notifiable instrument NI2017–86 Reference 199.003.003 Acquisition – Destroy 6 months after property is disposed of or transfer to new owner.
		National Archives of Australia AFDA Express Version 2 Reference 62669 Property Management – Transfer to new owner when property is disposed of.
		State Archives and Records Authority of New South Wales General Retention and Disposal Authority: GA28 Reference 16.1.4 Acquisition – Retain until administrative or reference use ceases, then destroy.
		Records Disposal Schedule for Administrative Functions of the Northern Territory Government 2013/5 Reference 12.1.3 Acquisition – Transfer to new owner when property is disposed of.
		Tasmanian Archive + Heritage Office Disposal Schedule for Common Administrative Functions Disposal Authorisation No. 2157 Reference 13.01.02 Acquisition (Property Management) – Retain in agency until property is sold when documents should be transferred to new owner.
		Public Record Office Victoria Retention and Disposal Authority for Records of Common Administrative Functions PROS 07/01 VAR 7 Reference 14.2.2 Acquisition – Transfer to new owner when property is disposed of.
		State Records Office of Western Australia General Disposal Authority for State Government Information 2013-017/1 Reference 2.6 Acquisition/Disposal – After disposal of property, transfer documents to new owner.

## **MAINTENANCE**

Maintaining or repairing agency buildings, structures or land.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1195	Utilities – maintenance and	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	repair	Background/business process:
	Records relating to the maintenance and repair of utilities owned or leased by an	This is a new record class for this activity. It has been separated out from the routine maintenance of property due to the potential health impacts associated with the maintenance of utilities.
	agency.	Maintenance of an air conditioning system
	Includes air conditioning, lighting, water or gas etc.  Disposal action –  7 years after business action completed.	The maintenance procedure, including removing and cleaning/replacing the filter, should be outlined in the air conditioner's instruction manual. The return air filter should be cleaned (or replaced depending on the model) at least every 3 months as dirty filters can have an impact on energy efficiency. It is also generally recommended that an annual service be completed to maintain efficiency of the air conditioning system. This should be performed by a suitably qualified and licensed tradesperson.
		Lighting maintenance
		Adequate lighting from natural and/or artificial sources must be provided to ensure healthy and amenable working conditions for building occupants, appropriate to:
		the nature of the work
		the location of the work
		the times at which the work is performed.
		Water maintenance
		Agencies should regularly review the Water Service Provider (WSPs) websites to ensure that agency-built assets are compliant with current water restrictions.
		Agencies should submit required Water Efficiency Management Plan (WEMP) documentation to their WSPs to ensure compliance with water restrictions, where appropriate.
		Agencies should allocate resources for ongoing reporting and maintenance as well as for the installation of water consumption monitoring equipment in agency built assets, due to ongoing Water Efficiency Management Plan (WEMPs) and associated reporting requirements.
		Gas maintenance

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Gas appliances need to be regularly checked and have routine scheduled maintenance. This is important to maintain proper function and safety. Having a gas appliance inspected and cleaned periodically by an authorised service technician will benefit performance, help ensure safe operation, minimise any potential down time and extend the life of the appliance. Manufacturers typically recommend that gas appliances be serviced every one or two years. You need to refer to the owner's manual for the recommended maintenance schedule that is applicable to the make and model of each appliance.
		Regulatory requirements:
		AS.1668 The use of ventilation and air-conditioning in buildings
		Ventilation safely removes toxic fumes, gases, dusts and vapours from their points of origin in buildings and then disposes of them in a manner that does not adversely affect the rest of the community. Clears odour and moisture from indoor spaces to preserve their amenity and eliminate the risk of mould growth. Brings in outdoor air to dilute human odour and cleans that outdoor air to get rid of the nuisance of dust.
		AS.3666.3:2000 Air-handling and water systems of buildings
		Microbial control-performance-based maintenance of cooling water systems – Outlines a performance-based approach to the maintenance of cooling water systems with respect to the control of microorganisms, including Legionellae within such systems. This approach combines automatically regulated water treatment with monitoring, assessment and control strategies to help create a low-risk environment within the cooling water system.
		AS.1680.4:2001 Interior lighting-maintenance of electric lighting systems
		This standard describes the causes of light loss in indoor electric lighting systems, from environmental, operating and age related conditions, and recommends procedures for estimating maintenance factors for use in design calculations.
		AS.60079.29.2:2008 Explosive atmospheres-gas detectors-selection, installation, use and maintenance of detectors for flammable gases and oxygen
		Specifies general requirements for construction, testing and performance, and describes the test methods that apply to portable, transportable and fixed apparatus for the detection and measurement of flammable gas or vapour concentrations with air.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Business requirements:
		The 7 year retention period will enable the maintenance records to be consulted if there are any personal injury claims made against the agency (these must be brought within 3 years of the injury under s.11 of the <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> ). It is also consistent with the retention of property inspection records (1192) within the GRDS.
		The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT, Commonwealth, NSW and Tasmania. There is also precedent in an existing Queensland core schedule.
1196	Building and energy	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	management – monitoring	Background/business process:
	Records relating to the	This is a new record class for this activity.
	monitoring of building and energy management systems. Includes water based fire safety systems.  Disposal action –  3 years after business action completed.	The control and monitoring of building services and plant operation are critical to the provision of a habitable, comfortable and functional environment.
		A well designed and managed building management system (BMS) provides great opportunities for improvements in energy efficiency by:
		<ul> <li>enabling building managers to provide an optimal working environment consistent with maintaining a building's energy efficiency rating</li> </ul>
		early identification of equipment failure
		<ul> <li>identification of unusual patterns of energy usage, such as equipment left on during out of office hours</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>monitoring effectiveness of energy management plans.</li> </ul>
		Agencies, as building owners and managers, need to be aware of their statutory obligations to maintain building water based fire safety systems in accordance with the 'Fire hydrant and sprinkler system commissioning and periodic test' (Queensland Development Code Mandatory Part QDC MP 6.1).
		Building management systems (BMS) should be capable of providing comprehensive reports to adequately facilitate:
		building occupancy management

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		building performance management to meet service delivery needs
		<ul> <li>project progress for building upgrades.</li> </ul>
		Regulatory requirements:
		Building Act 1975
		Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, 2010, Building Management Systems
		Fire hydrant and sprinkler system commissioning and periodic test (Queensland Development Code Mandatory Part QDC MP 6.1)
		NABERS – National Australian Built Environment Rating System
		Business requirements:
		The retention period covers the requirement for building management system data to be retained for 1 year for all active control points based on the Building Management Systems guide. The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records in the ACT, Commonwealth and NSW.
1197	Routine maintenance	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
ro re ag Ro	Records relating to planned, routine maintenance and repair work carried out on agency property.  Routine maintenance includes, but is not limited to:  • external/internal cleaning  • pest control  • smoke/fire/security detection equipment/alarms	Background/business process:
		This record class is a merger of existing GRDS v.7 record classes relating to maintenance.
		Routine maintenance is at predetermined intervals to meet statutory, health and safety, technical or operational reliability considerations, and to preserve the asset and prolong its economic life. Planned maintenance consists of preventative, statutory, and condition-based maintenance. This record class only covers maintenance which does not affect the structure of the building such as:
		<ul> <li>pest control activities associated with the treatment and eradication of cockroaches, spiders and other pests should be conducted on a regular basis</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>landscaping activities (such as mowing grass, pruning and trimming trees/shrubs, tending to gardens and removing horticultural waste) should be undertaken as necessary to maintain the property to the required standard.</li> </ul>
• landsca	landscaping.	Heritage assets require a specific and regular maintenance program to avoid ad hoc repairs that, over time, can result in a loss of cultural heritage significance. It is best practice to prepare

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Excludes records relating to maintenance, which will affect	a maintenance plan for each heritage asset to show the work proposed to be undertaken each year for at least the following five years.
	the structure of the property, utilities maintenance and office fit outs.	Queensland government departments must comply with the requirements of the Maintenance Management Framework. Any departure from this policy should only occur after consultation and agreement with the Department of Housing and Public Works.
	Disposal action – 2 years after business action	Note: Reference to the maintenance of lifts has been removed from this record class as it is registered plant and covered by reference 1179.
	completed.	Regulatory requirements:
		AS.2201.2-2004 Intruder alarm systems
		Maintenance Management Framework: policy for the maintenance of Queensland Government buildings
		Business requirements:
		There has been no change to the retention period from GRDS v.7 for minor repairs, routine maintenance and cleaning arrangements. The retention period for pest control activities has been reduced from 7 years to 2 years in line with other routine maintenance (although an exclusion has been added for any records relating to the use of hazardous substances).
		Under AS.2201.2-2004 Intruder alarm systems, maintenance records are to be retained for 2 years.
		The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT, Commonwealth, NT, Tasmania and Victoria. There is also precedence in 4 existing Queensland core schedules.

## **OFFICE FACILITIES**

Maintaining and upgrading agency office/s including business units, workgroups or individuals.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1198	Office fitouts	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the fit outs of agency property that do not affect the structure of the building.  Includes painting, floor coverings, furnishings, furniture, fittings and equipment.  Excludes fitouts of significant property.  Disposal action —  7 years after business action completed.	Background/business process:  This is a revised and expanded record class from GRDS v.7 for records relating to alterations that do not affect the structure of the building.  Workspaces are to be fitted out according to the current government/local authority design principles and be safe for use.  Regulatory requirements:  Building Act 1975  Office Accommodation Management Framework-Office Accommodation Workspace and Fitout Standards <sup>13</sup> Work Health and Safety Act 2011  Business requirements:  The retention period has increased from 5 years in GRDS v.7 to 7 years.  The increased retention period means that, where contractors are used, office fitout records will be retained for the same length of time as contractual agreements (1004). A 7 year retention period also enables sufficient time for any legal action to be commenced where there is defective work.  The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT and with existing precedent in 3 existing Queensland core schedules.
1199	Office relocation  Records relating to the planning and preparation required to relocate an agency's business operations.  Disposal action –	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a new record class for this activity.  Agencies may initiate a relocation to alternative accommodation and/or propose to vacate existing accommodation for service delivery or economic reasons. The drivers for relocation can be broadly categorised as follows:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Applies to all departments (as defined in section 8 of the Financial Accountability Act 2009) that control or administer buildings and have responsibility for maintenance.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	2 years after business action completed.	<ul> <li>organisational restructuring as a consequence of changes in Ministerial portfolios and changed service delivery</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>new styles of management such as incorporating flatter structures and cross-functional teams</li> </ul>
		the demands of new technology
		the need for increased workplace efficiency and effectiveness
		<ul> <li>changes to work patterns (e.g. teleworking, part-time working, hot desking etc.)</li> </ul>
		the expectations of workers and the community.
		Business requirements:
		Relocations are a normal and routine part of doing business. A 2 year retention period provides sufficient time for these records to be referred back to and is consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT, Commonwealth, NSW, NT and Tasmania.
		Any related financial records (1099) will be retained for 7 years and be available, if required, for audit. Additionally, if a moving company is used these contractual records will be retained for 7 years (1004).

## **PROPERTY SECURITY**

Managing the security of agency property. Includes the provision of security for staff, equipment, systems and information located within the property.

Excludes records relating to security where this is a core function of a law enforcement agency or where the property itself is used for custodial purposes.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1200	Property access controls	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
		Background/business process:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Records relating to the	This is a revised record class from GRDS v.7 for records relating to property security.
	management of access controls to secure areas within agency property.	This record class relates to access to Government buildings by members of the public, contractors, and government employees. All premises have their own individual access requirements.
	Disposal action -	Regulatory requirements:
	5 years after arrangements	State Buildings Protective Security Act 1983
	have ceased or been	Business requirements:
	superseded.	The retention period has been increased from 2 years in GRDS v.7 to 5 years.
		A 5 year retention period is consistent with the retention of minor security breaches (significant breaches will capture details of any access issues as part of the investigation) and allows sufficient time to investigate any incidents/breaches. It also allows sufficient time for individuals to claim for any injuries they have sustained on agency property (3 years under s.11 of the <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> ).
		It is consistent with the retention of similar records by SA and Tasmania and there is precedence in 2 existing Queensland core schedules.
1201	Security operations	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to security operations undertaken on agency property. Includes guard duties and patrol operations.	Background/business process:
		This is a new record class for this activity.
		Security operations can encompass a wide range of services including static guards and mobile patrols.
		Regulatory requirements:
	Disposal action –  2 years after business action completed.	AS.2201.1 Intruder alarm systems
		State Buildings Protective Security Act 1983
		Business requirements:
		The retention period allows sufficient time for the rosters detailing who was on duty at the time of an incident to be referred back to if required.
		If there are any security breaches, these will be captured under security breaches-significant (1052) and security breaches-other (1053).

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT, Commonwealth and NSW. There is also precedence in an existing Queensland core schedule.

## **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Managing the identification, storage, removal and disposal of all waste, materials and substances from agency property.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1203	Hazardous substances – asbestos, lead and radioactive materials  Records relating to the identification, removal and disposal of hazardous substances (including asbestos, lead and radioactive materials) from agency property.  Includes maintenance which requires the use of hazardous materials or substances.  Disposal action –  100 years after removal or disposal of hazardous substance.	<ul> <li>Date authorised: 1 September 2016</li> <li>Background/business process:</li> <li>This is a revised record class from GRDS v.7 for records relating to hazardous materials.</li> <li>A hazardous substance is one that, following exposure, can have an adverse effect on health, e.g. poisons, substances that cause burns or may cause cancer.</li> <li>Dangerous goods are substances, mixtures or articles that, because of their physical, chemical or acute toxicity properties, present an immediate hazard to people, property or the environment including explosives, flammable liquids and gases and corrosives.</li> <li>Asbestos</li> <li>When inhaled, airborne asbestos fibres can cause mesothelioma, asbestosis and lung cancer.</li> <li>Asbestos-containing materials were used extensively between the 1950s-1970s and some uses, such as friction materials and gaskets, were only discontinued on 31 December 2003. On 17 October 2001, the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (NOHSC) declared a prohibition on all uses of chrysotile (white) asbestos from 31 December 2003. The only exceptions to this were for the removal, handling and storage of asbestos for disposal.</li> <li>Other requirements include:         <ul> <li>Workplace Health and Safety Queensland – How to safely remove asbestos code of practice 2011.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		<ul> <li>Department of Housing and Public Works – Asbestos Management and Control Policy for Government Buildings. All state government agencies must assess and document the condition of asbestos in accordance with this policy.</li> </ul>
		Lead
		Effective lead hazard management programs include:
		<ul> <li>Testing – to identify where lead is located and any potential problems. Testing techniques include portable x-ray fluorescence, laboratory analysis or colour change (chemical) field tests.</li> </ul>
		Agencies may choose to manage lead hazards through:
		<ul> <li>monitoring – where lead paint is in sound condition, will not be disturbed and is not directly accessible</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>stabilisation – over painting or by covering with an encapsulant</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>lead paint abatement – can include replacement of painted items, enclosure of painted surfaces or removal of lead paint.</li> </ul>
		Clean-up – if lead hazards have been effectively managed, clean-up of the work area can be as simple as using high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) industrial vacuum cleaners and wet cleaning. These two basic techniques properly used together will remove lead dust hazards.
		Clearance testing, in accordance with the lead paint management specifications (AS.4361), is the final step before the work area is released back to the property owner.
		Radioactive
		Radioactive material contains unstable elements that decay over time and this causes the emission of radiation in the form of charged particles and gamma rays. Radioactive waste contains radioactive elements that send out higher levels of radiation than natural background radiation. Radioactive waste can be classified into three main categories: low, intermediate and high.
		Radioactivity diminishes with time as radioactive elements decay into more stable elements. In some classes of radioactive waste, the radioactivity decays relatively quickly to a level low
		enough so the material can be reused or disposed of as normal domestic or industrial waste.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Radioactive waste is produced from the use of radioactive materials in scientific research, industrial, agricultural and medical applications and the production of radiopharmaceuticals. Naturally occurring radioactive material may also result from the mining and minerals industries. There are also relatively large amounts of 'historic' waste in storage that arose from various activities, such as CSIRO research into radioactive ores, or previously commonly used radioactive materials, such as radium used in luminous dials.
		Regulatory requirements:
		AS.4361.1-1995 Guide to lead paint management-industrial applications
		AS.4361.2-1998 Guide to lead paint management-residential and commercial buildings
		Building Act 1975
		Code of Practice for the Management and Control of Asbestos in Workplaces [NOHSC: 2018 (2005)]
		Code of Practice for the Safe Removal of Asbestos [NOHSC:2002 (2005)]
		Radiation Safety Act 1999
		Work Health and Safety Act 2011
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		The retention period enables an agency to monitor potentially harmful substances in the workplace which could have long-term impacts on employees. Given that reactions to hazardous substances may not become apparent until many years after the initial exposure, the 100 year retention period ensures that the agency can respond to any future claims for compensation.
		These records are not seen as being of ongoing State significance because asbestos was also a very common building material in Queensland up until the 1980s and there would be a large volume of records across the Queensland public sector. Queensland also currently has the longest retention period for these records out of all Australian jurisdictions.
		The retention period is also consistent with the retention of similar records in Victoria.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1204	Hazardous waste – excluding asbestos, lead and radioactive materials Records relating to the inspection, removal and disposal of hazardous waste from agency property (e.g. explosives, flammable liquids/solids, poisons, toxins, ecotoxins and infectious substances). Excludes the disposal of asbestos, lead and radioactive materials.  Disposal action – 30 years after removal of waste.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a revised record class from GRDS v.7 for records relating to hazardous materials.  This record class has been expanded to include inspection records as this shows a pattern of inspecting the hazard and actively managing it. Additionally, if a claim is made, an agency would be required to produce these inspection records.  Hazardous waste, as prescribed by regulation, includes waste with any of the following characteristics:  • explosive  • flammable liquids/solids  • poisonous  • toxins  • ecotoxic  • infectious substances.  These characteristics may be found in hazardous waste from:  • clinical wastes  • waste oils/water, hydrocarbons/water mixtures, emulsions  • wastes from the production, formulation and use of resins, latex, plasticizers, glues/adhesives  • wastes resulting from surface treatment of metals and plastics  • residues arising from industrial waste disposal operations  • wastes which contain certain compounds such as copper, zinc, cadmium and mercury.  Regulatory requirements:  Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989 (Cwlth)  Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2011  Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Business requirements:
		This retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		Under s.388(3) of the <i>Work Health and Safety Act 2011</i> , a person must keep the records for 30 years after the authorisation ends. The retention period is consistent with health monitoring-hazardous chemicals (1222).
		The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT, Commonwealth, NSW, Tasmania and Victoria.
1205	Rubbish removal and	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	recycling	Background/business process:
	Records relating to the	This is a revised record class from GRDS v.7 for records relating to maintenance.
	removal and/or recycling of non-toxic rubbish including classified waste.  Disposal action –  2 years after business action completed.	Waste management and recycling services must be managed effectively if buildings are to comply with hygiene and environmental requirements. Specialist and/or licensed service providers may be required.
		Agencies have a requirement to measure their performance of waste reduction under the <i>Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011</i> .
		Regulatory requirements:
		Environmental Protection (Waste Management) Regulation 2000
		National Waste Policy (2009)
		Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		Having a clean and tidy workplace for employees is the responsibility of all agencies and this retention period allows for the routine rubbish removal that takes place.
		The retention period is consistent with similar records by the ACT, Commonwealth and Victoria.

Title	Scope Note
STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT	Applying broad systematic management planning for the agency.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Implementing organisational plans, policies, procedures or instructions. Includes monitoring to ensure the implementation goes according to schedule and that standards are met.

Excludes the external implementation of policies developed by the agency for implementation across government and/or the wider community. Also excludes the monitoring of government-wide policy implementation undertaken by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1206	Disaster recovery – significant Records relating to the implementation of disaster recovery and business continuity plans following a major disaster or serious incident, e.g. cyclone, floods, etc. Disposal action – Permanent. Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  This is a new record class for this activity.  GRDS v.7 included the development and final version of the disaster recovery plan but did not include any records regarding the implementation of these plans. This class covers the implementation of disaster recovery and business continuity plans following a major disaster or serious incident.  Business requirements:  In Queensland we have natural disasters that bring widespread devastation, e.g. Cyclone Yasi. These disasters significantly impact on the people and environment of Queensland and the records relating to this are of ongoing value and interest.  There is also an ongoing need for these records to be retained for accountability so that they are available if a commission of inquiry is called (e.g. Grantham Floods). The records are useful for future reference so that lessons can be learned from past disasters.  The retention of these records is consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT, Commonwealth, NT, SA, Tasmania and WA.  Permanent retention criteria:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		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:
		4 – Significant Impact on Individuals
		5 – Substantial Contribution to Community Memory
		6 – Environmental Management and Change.
1207	Disaster recovery – other	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the	Background/business process:
	implementation of disaster	This is a new record class for this activity.
	recovery and business continuity plans following other disasters, e.g. burst water pipe or minor fire.	GRDS v.7 included the development and final version of the disaster recovery plan but did not include any records regarding the implementation of these plans. This class covers the implementation of disaster recovery and business continuity plans following incidents, which are not considered to be a major disaster or serious incident.
	Disposal action – 7 years after business action completed.	Business requirements:
		A 7 year retention period is a sufficient length of time for these records to be referred back to for evidence and accountability. It will allow for any investigations to occur following the incident and for the lessons learned to be incorporated into future disaster recovery plans.
		This retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by the ACT, Commonwealth, NSW and Tasmania and there is precedence in an existing Queensland core schedule.
1208	Government-wide policy	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	implementation	Background/business process:
	Records relating to agency implementation of government-wide corporate policies, standards, guidelines and procedures.	This is a revised record class from GRDS v.7 for records relating to government-wide policies.
		Government-wide policies need to be implemented to make sure that agencies are compliant with legislation, guidelines, policies or standards.
		An example of this is the Code of Conduct for the Queensland Public Service. The Code
	Government-wide policies include, but are not limited to:	contains the ethics principles and their associated set of values prescribed in the <i>Public Sector Ethics Act 1994</i> . It also contains standards of conduct for each ethics principle.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	<ul> <li>anti-discrimination</li> <li>equal employment opportunity</li> <li>right to information</li> <li>code of conduct.</li> <li>Disposal action –</li> <li>7 years after business action completed.</li> </ul>	Business requirements:  The retention period has been reduced from 10 years in GRDS v.7 to 7 years.  Records relating to the implementation of government-wide policies need to be retained for a sufficient period of time to support government accountability. A 7 year retention period will enable agencies to assess and report on how will government-wide initiatives have been delivered and implemented.  The retention period is consistent with the retention of similar records by NSW and with administrative policy (1034).
1209	Agency-wide policy implementation Records relating to agency implementation of corporate policies, standards, guidelines and procedures developed by the agency. Excludes the implementation of disaster recovery and risk management policies. Agency-wide policies include, but are not limited to:  • human resources • information management • financial management • records management. Disposal action — 3 years after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016 Background/business process: This is a revised record class from GRDS v.7 for records relating to standards. Agencies need to be transparent when implementing agency policies. Business requirements: The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7. Agencies should be able to demonstrate changes in policy implementation where government priorities have changed or where there have been complaints/investigations that have required a change in policy direction. A 3 year retention period should be sufficient for agencies to refer to these records in the short-term. It is also consistent with the retention of similar records in the ACT and the Commonwealth.  Note: the external implementation of policies developed by the agency for implementation across government and/or the wider community will be covered by a core or functional schedule.

## PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

Identifying and evaluating an agency's performance to ensure goals and objectives are achieved.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1210	Performance management	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	processes of identifying, developing, evaluating, and improving agency performance	Background/business process:
		This is a new record class for this activity.
		Performance management is a set of management processes, often supported by information technology, that help agencies define strategic objectives, measure performance, analyse results and report performance.
	Disposal action -	Performance management has three main activities involving selecting goals, determining how
	5 years after business action completed.	these goals will be measured, and actions by managers to improve future performance against these goals.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Queensland Government Performance Management Framework (PMF)
		Value chain and value model for the Queensland Public Sector
		Business requirements:
		Performance management often results in the preparation of reports and this retention period is consistent with reports – other (1044). A 5 year retention period will provide sufficient time for these records to be referred to for evaluating performance trends.
		Additionally, the retention period is consistent with other jurisdictions – such as ACT, Commonwealth, SA and Tasmania – which include performance management in their general schedules. There is also precedence in 2 existing Queensland core schedules.

## RESTRUCTURING

Reassessing agency activities, goals and structures. Includes consideration of staff numbers and position descriptions as well as the assets required. May also be known as machinery of government changes.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1211	Restructures – significant	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to significant	Background/business process:
	reviews and restructures of an	This is a revised record class from GRDS v.7 for records relating to significant restructures.
	entire agency or major functional sections of it.	Queensland Government departments
	Includes the establishment and development of a new agency structure as well as the sale, outsourcing or long-term leasing of government functions	The Public Service Commission, as specified within the <i>Public Service Act 2008</i> , prepares a departmental arrangements notice to amalgamate part or parts of departments, create an entity and add that entity to any department and matters of a like nature. These actions are endorsed by an Executive Council Minute and published in the Queensland Government Gazette.
		Local Governments
		In 2008, the Queensland Government amalgamated a number of councils throughout the state.
	Disposal action -	In 2013, there were 4 de-amalgamations including:
	Permanent.	<ul> <li>Noosa Shire Council de-amalgamating from the Sunshine Coast Regional Council</li> </ul>
	Transfer to QSA after business	Livingstone Shire Council de-amalgamating from the Rockhampton Regional Council
	action completed.	<ul> <li>Mareeba Shire Council de-amalgamating from the Tablelands Regional Council</li> </ul>
		Douglas Shire Council de-amalgamating from the Cairns Regional Council
		The new councils officially commenced operations on 1 January 2014.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Public Service Act 2008
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		Significant reviews and restructures of an agency directly influence how an agency's core business functions, activities, projects, programs and services are delivered to the community.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		These records help define the function and jurisdiction of government agencies and, as such, these records have an ongoing value and interest to the people of Queensland.
		The retention period is consistent with similar records in all other jurisdictions. It is also consistent with the retention period for significant agreements and contracts (1002).
		Permanent retention criteria:
		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:
		<ul> <li>1 – Authority, Foundation and Structure of Government</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>2 – Primary Functions and Programs of Government.</li> </ul>
1212	Restructures – transfer	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	arrangements	Background/business process:
	Records relating to transfer	This is a revised record class from GRDS v.7 for records relating to restructures.
	arrangements to move core functions and staff to other agencies as a result of the restructuring process.	Feedback from the whole-of-government consultation indicated that where a restructure resulted from the outsourcing or sale of government functions, these records should be retained permanently. As a result, these records have been excluded from this class and will now be sentenced under 1211.
	Includes transfer of equipment, custody/ ownership records, personnel files, etc.  Excludes arrangements resulting from outsourcing of functions or sale of	Regulatory requirements:
		Public Service Commission – Principles for the allocation of resources following a machinery of government change
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has been reduced from 10 years in GRDS v.7 to 7 years.
	government enterprises.	It is consistent with other jurisdictions which have similar record classes such as SA and Victoria
	Disposal action –	and ensures that, where there are any financial or contractual arrangements connected with the
	7 years after business action completed.	restructures, the supporting records are retained.
1213	Restructures - other	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
		Background/business process:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Records relating to minor	This is a revised record class from GRSD v.7 for records relating to restructures.
	reviews and restructures affecting only particular sections of the agency and have little effect on the overall function of the agency.  Disposal action –  5 years after business action completed.	Minor restructures are generally done after a review of operational processes (e.g. when a team has member/s move to another department).
		Regulatory requirements:
		Public Service Act 2008
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		Records of minor reviews and restructures, which have little effect on the function of the agency, need to be retained for a relatively short period of time for evidence and accountability. A 5 year retention period is a sufficient length of time for staff to refer back to these records if required.
		It is also consistent with the retention of similar records by NSW, SA and WA.

Title	Scope Note
WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY	Implementing work health and safety legislation internally throughout the agency. Includes the development and implementation of safety policies and the monitoring of safe work practices, procedures and preventive measures. Excludes the core business records of the Office of Fair and Safe Work.

## **Background:**

A full analysis of Work Health and Safety has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.

## **Activity**

#### **ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS**

Dealing with mishaps or hazards causing death or injury on an agency's premises. Includes injury or death to an employee travelling for the purposes of employment (while on duty or official business), or to members of the public, visitors or customers while on the agency's premises. Also includes hazards that may impact on a number of people.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1214	Notifiable incidents	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014
	Records relating to notifiable	Background/business process:
accidents, in	work health and safety accidents, incidents and	A notifiable incident is one that involves the death of a person, a serious injury or illness of a person or a dangerous incident.
	complaints including the death, serious injury or serious illness of a person or one that involves a dangerous incident. Includes notifications required under legislation e.g. <i>Work</i>	An employer must notify Workplace Health and Safety Queensland of the occurrence of a notifiable incident as a result of a business activity under section 38 of the Act.
		A person who conducts a business that provides recreational water activities must notify Workplace Health and Safety Queensland of a notifiable incident under section 29 of the Safety in Recreational
	Health and Safety Act 2011	Water Activities Act 2011.
	and the Safety in Recreational	Regulatory requirements:
	Water Activities Act 2011.	Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Disposal action -	Safety in Recreational Water Activities Act 2011
	80 years after business action	Business requirements:
	completed.	A record of each notifiable incident must be kept by the employer for at least 5 years from the day that notice of the incident is given to the regulator under section 38 (7) of the <i>Work Health</i> and <i>Safety Act 2011</i> and section 29 (7) of the <i>Safety in Recreational Water Activities Act 2011</i> .
		The 80 year retention period allows for compensation claims that could potentially be lodged at any time during the lifetime of a claimant. It ensures that the employer retains a record of a serious incident affecting an employee in the event of future compensation claims or information that may be required for future medical treatment.
		Records of investigations into work place deaths of all employees (including public servants) are held by other investigating agencies including Work Health and Safety Queensland, Queensland Police and the Coroner's Office and are, or likely to be, permanent in their core business schedules. These records are therefore not required permanently.
		The community would expect that records relating to incidents and accidents would be retained for a significant period of time to provide evidence of actions and decisions of an employer in the event of a claim. This is especially relevant in light of claims relating to exposure to harmful substances such as asbestos where symptoms may not present for many years after the exposure.
1215	Non-notifiable incidents	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014
	Records relating to work health and safety accidents, incidents and complaints that are not notifiable.	Background/business process:
		An employer must notify Workplace Health and Safety Queensland of the occurrence of a notifiable incident as a result of a business activity under section 38 of the Act. However an employer may also create records of incidents and accidents that are not required to be notified
	Disposal action -	to Workplace Health and Safety Queensland.
	7 years after business action	Regulatory requirements:
	completed.	Work Health and Safety Act 2011
		Safety in Recreational Water Activities Act 2011
		Business requirements:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		The retention period ensures that the records are available in the event that an incident becomes a notifiable incident which requires reporting to Workplace Health and Safety Queensland. A record of each notifiable incident must be kept by the employer for at least 5 years from the day that notice of the incident is given to the regulator under section 38 (7) of the Work Health and Safety Act 2011. It also ensures the records are available for potential legal action brought by or against the employer.
1216	Accidents and incidents registers	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014
		Background/business process:
	Registers of work health and safety accidents, incidents and complaints.  Disposal action –	These records consist of summary information compiled to detail incidents and accidents at an agency. Although there is not a legislative requirement to maintain a register, some agencies may maintain legacy accident registers or maintain accident registers as a way of capturing summary information.
	80 years after business action completed.	Business requirements:
		The 80 year retention period is based on an average working life expectancy and is consistent with the retention of similar work health and safety and personnel records in the GRDS. It ensures that the employer retains a record of a serious incident affecting an employee in the event of future compensation claims or information that may be required for future medical treatment.
		The community would expect that records relating to incidents and accidents would be retained for a significant period of time to provide evidence of actions and decisions of an employer in the event of a claim. This is especially relevant in light of claims relating to exposure to harmful substances such as asbestos where symptoms may not present for many years after the exposure.

## COMMITTEES

Managing formally established committees and task forces. Includes the committee's establishment, appointment of members, terms of reference, proceedings, minutes of meetings, agendas, reports etc.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1217	Work health and safety	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014
	committees	Background/business process:
	Records of proceedings of work health and safety committees.	It is a requirement of section 75 of the <i>Work Health and Safety Act 2011</i> for employers to have a health and safety committee. The committee facilitates cooperation between an employer and workers in developing and carrying out measures to ensure health and safety at work including
	Disposal action –	standards, rules and procedures.
	10 years after business action completed.	Regulatory requirements:
		Work Health and Safety Act 2011
		Business requirements:
		The 10 year retention period allows for the availability of records of actions taken and decisions made to address or prevent identified work health and safety risks in the event of a claim for compensation. The committee is generally not a decision making or strategic body nor does it investigate incidents and accidents. Records of incidents would be held elsewhere including records of investigations held by the regulator, Work Health and Safety Queensland. Any incidents or hazards identified and submitted to the committee would be addressed within the timeframe.

## **COMPLIANCE**

Compliance with mandatory or optional accountability, fiscal, legal, regulatory or quality standards or requirements to which the agency is subject.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1218	Workplace registers – asbestos, hazardous chemicals and hazardous substances	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014  Background/business process:  This record class covers records created to comply with section 346 of the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011 which states 'a register of hazardous chemicals used, handled or stored at the workplace must be prepared and maintained'. The should include:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Registers that document the use, presence, handling or storage of hazardous substances by the agency. Substances may include, but are not limited to, chemicals, asbestos, lead and radioactive materials.  Disposal action –  Permanent.  Retain in agency.	<ul> <li>a list of hazardous chemicals used, handled or stored; and</li> <li>the current safety data sheet for each hazardous chemical listed.</li> <li>Section 425 of the regulation requires a workplace to keep an asbestos register which must record any asbestos or Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) identified to be at the workplace or likely to be present at the workplace from time to time including— <ol> <li>(i) the date on which the asbestos or ACM was identified; and</li> <li>(ii) the location, type and condition of the asbestos or ACM; or</li> <li>(iii) state that no asbestos or ACM is identified at the workplace if the person knows that no asbestos or ACM is identified, or is likely to be present from time to time, at the workplace.</li> </ol> </li> <li>A hazardous substance is one that, following exposure, can have an adverse effect on health e.g. poisons, substances that cause burns or may cause cancer.</li> <li>Regulatory requirements:</li> <li>Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011</li> <li>Work Health and Safety Act 2011</li> <li>Radiation Safety Act 1999</li> <li>Business requirements:</li> <li>The retention period is based on the ongoing need of an agency to monitor potentially harmful substances in the workplace which could have long-term impacts on employees. Given that reactions to hazardous substances may not become apparent until many years after the initial exposure, the retention period 'permanent in the agency' ensures that the agency can defend any future claims for compensation or legal action. The register provides a summary of information about hazardous substances.</li> <li>The retention provides confidence to the community that the government is taking seriously the management of hazardous substances including asbestos.</li> </ul>
1219	Workplace monitoring – hazardous substances and dangerous goods	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014  Background/business process:

Disposal Authorisation

# Description of record and retention period

Records relating to the management of hazardous substances and dangerous goods in the work place including their use, presence, handling, monitoring and storage. Substances may include, but are not limited to, chemicals, asbestos, lead and radioactive materials.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- acquisition, storage and disposal of radioactive materials and radiation equipment (including xray equipment) in accordance with the Radiation Safety Act 1999
- exposure of individual employees to hazardous substances
- inspections to check compliance with legislation or standards
- monitoring of quality and safety procedures against approved plans
- neutralisation and removal of hazardous

## Justification for retention period

These records cover the requirements of several acts including the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* and the *Radiation Safety Act 1999*.

A hazardous substance is one that, following exposure, can have an adverse effect on health e.g. poisons, substances that cause burns or may cause cancer. Dangerous goods are substances, mixtures or articles that, because of their physical, chemical or acute toxicity properties, present an immediate hazard to people, property or the environment including explosives, flammable liquids and gases and corrosives.

#### Regulatory requirements:

Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011
Work Health and Safety Act 2011
Radiation Safety Act 1999

#### **Business requirements:**

The retention period is based on the ongoing need of an agency to monitor potentially harmful substances in the workplace which could have long-term impacts on employees. Given that reactions to hazardous substances may not become apparent until many years after the initial exposure, the 100 year retention period ensures that the agency can defend any future claims for compensation or legal action.

The retention period provides confidence to the community that the government is taking seriously the management of hazardous substances including asbestos.

During the development of the *Department of Housing and Public Works Retention and Disposal Schedule* (QDAN679), the department sought legal advice as to a suitable retention period for records relating to the management and removal of asbestos. The legal advice recommended a retention period of 100 years which was incorporated into the schedule.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	substances from workplaces registration or licensing requirements.	
	Disposal action –	
	100 years after business action completed.	
1220	Health monitoring –	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014
	radiation	Background/business process:
	Records relating to the personal monitoring of an employee's exposure to	This record class covers the requirements of section 38 of the <i>Radiation Safety Act 1999</i> which requires an employer that is licensed to possess a radiation source to provide users of the source with a personal monitoring device.
	radiation in accordance with	Regulatory requirements:
	the Radiation Safety Act 1999.	Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011
	Disposal action – 75 years from date of birth or 30 years after last assessment, whichever is later.	Work Health and Safety Act 2011
		Radiation Safety Act 1999
		Business requirements:
		Under section 38 (6) of the <i>Radiation Safety Act 1999</i> , personal monitoring records must be retained for:
		30 years after the day when the last assessment occurred
		<ul> <li>75 years after date of birth of the monitored person.</li> </ul>
1221	Health monitoring –	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	asbestos Records relating to the ongoing health monitoring of individuals engaged in the use, handling or storage of asbestos in accordance with	A full analysis of Work Health and Safety has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.  Background/business process:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	the Work Health and Safety	This is a new record class for this activity.
	Regulation 2011.	Regulatory requirements:
	Disposal action –	Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011
	40 years after business action	Work Health and Safety Act 2011
	completed.	Business requirements:
		The retention period is based on s.444(1) of the Work Health & Safety Regulation 2011. This requires that an agency must ensure that health monitoring reports, in relation to a worker carrying out work, are kept for at least 40 years after the record is made.  This is consistent with the retention of similar records by the NT.
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1222	Health monitoring – hazardous chemicals	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014
		Background/business process:
	Records relating to the ongoing health monitoring of individuals engaged in the use, handling, generating or storing of hazardous chemicals in accordance with the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011.	This record class covers the requirements of the Work Health & Safety Regulation 2011 for an employer to monitor individual employees engaged in ongoing work that requires the use, handling, generation or storage of hazardous chemicals.
		Under the Work Health & Safety Regulation 2011, a hazardous chemical is a substance, mixture or article that satisfies the criteria for a hazard class in the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).
		Regulatory requirements:
	Disposal action –	Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011
	30 years after business action	Work Health and Safety Act 2011
	completed.	Business requirements:
		Health monitoring records must be kept for at least 30 years after the record is made under section 378 of the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011.
1223	Airborne contaminants	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014
	Records relating to monitoring airborne contaminant levels.	Background/business process:
	Disposal action -	

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	30 years after business action completed.	This record class covers the requirements of the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011 for an employer to monitor airborne contaminant levels. Monitoring is only required to take place when an employer is using substances to which an exposure standard applies.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011
		Work Health and Safety Act 2011
		Business requirements:
		Airborne contaminant monitoring records must be kept for at least 30 years after the record is made under section 50 of the <i>Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011.</i>
1224	Safety data sheets	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014
	Safety data sheets (SDS) prepared by the manufacturers or importers of hazardous chemicals and covering the properties and uses of a substance. Previously known as Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS).	Background/business process:
		This record class covers the requirements of section 330 of the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011 which states that a manufacturer or importer of a hazardous chemical must prepare a safety data sheet for a hazardous chemical. These sheets are then provided to the person that has possession of the chemical.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011
	Disposal action –	Work Health and Safety Act 2011
	Until data sheet superseded or	Business requirements:
	until hazardous chemical disposed of.	These records are required to determine the suitable use and handling of hazardous chemicals. The sheets are amended whenever necessary to ensure they contain the most current and correct information. The information is only required by the agency while the chemical remains in their possession.

#### **INSPECTIONS**

Official examinations of facilities, equipment and items to ensure compliance with agreed standards and objectives.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1225	Routine inspections	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014
	Records relating to routine	Background/business process:
	inspections conducted either	This record class covers health and safety inspections.
	internally or externally to	Regulatory requirements:
	identify and monitor work health and safety risks or	Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011
	hazards.	Work Health and Safety Act 2011
	Disposal action –	Business requirements:
	7 years after business action completed.	The retention period allows sufficient time for the monitoring of the effectiveness of health and safety programs and provides sufficient time for issues identified during the inspection to be rectified.

#### **POLICY**

Developing and establishing decisions, directions and precedents which as a reference for future decision making, are the basis from which the agency's operating procedures are determined.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1226	Hazardous substances and dangerous goods policies	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014 Background/business process:
	Records relating to policies for the management of hazardous substances and dangerous goods including their use, presence, handling, monitoring and storage. Substances may include, but are not limited to,	This record class covers policies relating to the management of hazardous substances and dangerous goods. These records cover the requirements of several acts including the <i>Work Health and Safety Act 2011</i> and the <i>Radiation Safety Act 1999</i> .  A hazardous substance is one that can have an adverse effect on health following exposure e.g. poisons, substances that cause burns or may cause cancer. Dangerous goods are substances, mixtures or articles that, because of their physical, chemical or acute toxicity properties, present

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	chemicals, asbestos, lead and radioactive materials.	an immediate hazard to people, property or the environment including explosives, flammable liquids and gases and corrosives.
	Disposal action –	Regulatory requirements:
	100 years after business	Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011
	action completed.	Work Health and Safety Act 2011
		Radiation Safety Act 1999
		Business requirements:
		The retention period is based on the ongoing need of an agency to monitor potentially harmful substances in the workplace which could have long-term impacts on employees. Given that reactions to hazardous substances may not become apparent until many years after the initial exposure, the retention period ensures that the agency can defend any future claims for compensation or legal action including claims from the children of employees.
		The retention provides confidence to the community that the government is taking seriously the management of hazardous substances including asbestos.
		During the development of the <i>Department of Housing and Public Works Retention and Disposal Schedule</i> (QDAN679), the department sought legal advice as to a suitable retention period for records relating to the management and removal of asbestos. The legal advice recommended a retention period of 100 years which was incorporated into the schedule.
1227	Work health and safety	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014
	policies	Background/business process:
	Records relating to work health and safety policies.  Excludes policies relating to the management of hazardous substances and dangerous goods.	This record class covers the requirements of the Work Health and Safety Act 2011.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011
		Work Health and Safety Act 2011
		Business requirements:
	Disposal action –	The 80 year retention period allows for compensation claims that can potentially be lodged at any time during the lifetime of a claimant and is therefore intended to cover the average life expectancy of a claimant. It ensures that the employer retains a record of actions taken and

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	80 years after business action completed.	decisions made to address or prevent identified work health and safety risks in the event of a claim for compensation. It also addresses concern with substances such as asbestos which may take many years for symptoms to appear.
		The community would expect that records relating to work health and safety policies would be retained for a significant period of time to provide evidence of actions and decisions of an employer in the event of a claim. This is especially relevant in light of claims relating to exposure to harmful substances such as asbestos where symptoms may not present for many years after the exposure.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The identification of risks and hazards and the implementation of appropriate practices and procedures to reduce the number of incidents and the impact of incidents on the agency.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1228	High risk	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014
	Records relating to risk	Background/business process:
	management of work health and safety hazards where	This record class covers risk assessments of work health and safety hazards that potentially have a high risk of impact on life or death situations.
	assessments indicate:	Regulatory requirements:
	<ul> <li>a risk to employees and</li> </ul>	Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011
	health surveillance	Work Health and Safety Act 2011
	and/or monitoring of employees is	Business requirements:
	necessary and	The 80 year retention period allows for compensation claims that can potentially be lodged at
	the severity of the risk is high.	any time during the lifetime of a claimant and is therefore intended to cover the average life expectancy of a claimant. It ensures that the employer retains a record of actions taken and decisions made to address or prevent identified work health and safety risks in the event of a

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Disposal action –  80 years after business action completed.	claim for compensation. It also addresses concern with substances such as asbestos which may take many years for symptoms to appear.  The community would expect that records relating to the identification and assessment of work health and safety risks would be retained for a significant period of time to provide evidence of actions and decisions of an employer in the event of a claim. This is especially relevant in light of claims relating to exposure to harmful substances such as asbestos where symptoms may not present for many years after the exposure.
1229	Low risk  Records relating to risk management of work health and safety hazards where assessments indicate:  • a risk to employees and • health surveillance and/or monitoring of employees is necessary and • the severity of the risk is low.  Disposal action — 30 years after business action completed.	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014  Background/business process:  This record class covers risk assessments of work health and safety hazards that potentially have a low risk of impact on life or death situations.  Regulatory requirements:  Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011  Work Health and Safety Act 2011  Business requirements:  The 30 year retention period allows for other compensation claims or legal action that may be brought by the claimant soon after an incident occurs. It ensures that the employer retains a record of actions taken and decisions made to address or prevent identified work health and safety risks in the event of a claim for compensation.  The community would expect that records relating to the identification and assessment of work health and safety risks would be retained for a significant period of time to provide evidence of actions and decisions of an employer in the event of a claim.
1230	No risk  Records relating to risk management of work health and safety hazards where assessments indicate there is no risk to employees and no	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014  Background/business process:  This record class covers risk assessments of work health and safety hazards where there is no risk of impact on life or death situations.  Regulatory requirements:  Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	health surveillance and/or	Work Health and Safety Act 2011
	monitoring is required.	Limitation of Actions Act 1974
	Disposal action -	Business requirements:
	7 years after business action completed.	The 7 year retention period allows for other compensation claims or legal action that may be brought by the claimant in line with the <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> . It ensures that the employer retains a record of actions taken and decisions made to address or prevent identified work health and safety risks in the event of a claim for compensation.
		The community would expect that records relating to the identification and assessment of work health and safety risks would be retained for a period of time to provide evidence of actions and decisions of an employer in the event of a claim.

Title	Scope Note
WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT	Hiring and developing employees so that they become more valuable to the agency. An employee is someone directly employed by the agency including permanent, temporary, casual and part-time employees and people working under scholarships, traineeships and apprenticeships.

#### Background:

A full analysis of Workforce Management has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.

#### **Activity**

#### **EMPLOYEE COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT**

Issues or complaints raised by employees in relation to any work incident, action or decision which directly affects them and which they perceive to be unfair or unreasonable.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1231	Employee complaints Records relating to complaints lodged by an employee, either informally or formally, including complaints handled internally, referred to an external body or referred for external review. May be referred to as	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014  Background/business process:  This record class covers the employee complaint resolution process where an employee makes a complaint about an administrative decision, against another employee, agent or contractor or about behaviour regarded as sexual or workplace harassment. Historically this process has also been known as a grievance process.  Under section 218A of the <i>Public Service Act 2008</i> , the Chief Executive of the Public Service Commission can issue a directive about how departments must deal with complaints made by
	grievances.  Disposal action –  7 years after business action completed.	officers or employees of the department.  There are no specific requirements within the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> relating to the resolution of employee complaints.  Regulatory requirements:  Public Service Act 2008

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Limitation of Actions Act 1974
		Business requirements:
		The retention of records relating to the resolution of employee complaints must weigh up the requirements of the agency for measuring and dealing with complaints and the natural justice of the employees involved so that records are not used in the future against the employee.
		The retention period allows for a period of time within which further complaints may be made so that an employer can monitor the actions or behaviours of employees and address a pattern of behaviour.
		The retention also allows sufficient time for legal action to be commenced in line with the Limitation of Actions Act 1974 as well as the pursuance of any appeal or review processes by the employee.

#### **EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT**

Actions associated with the handling of employee misconduct. Includes investigations, charges, formal enquiries, findings, appeals and outcomes.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1248	Investigations by external bodies  Records relating to investigations of misconduct conducted by an external body e.g. the Crime and Misconduct Commission.  Disposal action —  15 years after business action completed.	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014  Background/business process:  This record class covers the misconduct process.  The Crime and Corruption Act 2001 regulates the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC) to help prevent major crime and corruption in the public sector in Queensland. Official misconduct is conduct that, if proved, could be a criminal offence or a disciplinary breach providing reasonable grounds for terminating the person's services if the person is or was the holder of an appointment.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		If a complaint involves or may involve serious or systemic corrupt conduct, the matter must be referred to the CCC. The CCC will then determine whether the matter will be investigated by the CCC or referred back to the agency for further investigation.
		Official misconduct covers departments, the Queensland Police Service, statutory authorities, government-owned corporations, universities, local governments and courts and prisons. Examples of official misconduct include:
		a public servant claiming travel allowances for which they are not entitled a residential-care officer assaulting a client a purchasing officer of a department accepting 'kickbacks' during a tendering process a public servant manipulating a selection panel decision to secure a relative a job.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Crime and Corruption Act 2001
		Public Service Act 2008
		Business requirements:
		Investigations into official misconduct involve serious breaches of the public's trust in the public service. The retention period reflects the importance of matters that require investigation by the CCC. The majority of records held by the agency will cover the initial allegation, evidence of the misconduct and the outcome.
		The retention period reflects the seriousness of the matter and allows the agency to remediate policies and procedures so that a similar situation does not occur in the future. It also allows for monitoring of the situation to ensure recommended actions by the CCC are implemented.
		As the CCC is the investigating agency, an agency can always refer to them for information regarding previous investigations regarding one of their employees within the approved retention periods.
		This retention period also allows sufficient time to identify complaints or trends which may at a later stage warrant a permanent retention by the CCC due to the seriousness of the allegation(s).
1249	Internal investigations	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014
		Background/business process:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	Records relating to investigations of misconduct investigated internally by the agency.	This record class covers investigations into misconduct which have been referred to the CCC and where the investigation has been referred back to the agency to conduct. Matters which are deemed to be of a less serious nature are usually referred back to the originating agency.  Regulatory requirements:
	Disposal action –	Crime and Corruption Act 2001
	7 years after business action	Public Service Act 2008
	completed.	Business requirements:
		This retention period allows sufficient time for the agency to implement whatever disciplinary action arises from the investigation e.g. demotion or salary penalty. The time period allows remedial action to be taken but also allows for natural justice so that the records cannot be referred to during future interactions with the employee and they cannot be used against them. The time period however does allow for the employer to monitor the situation in case of a recurrence of the same matter.
1250	Frivolous or vexatious	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014
	allegations	Background/business process:
	Records relating to allegations of misconduct where no investigation is required e.g. the allegations are declared	This record class covers investigations into misconduct that have no founding e.g. they are regarded as frivolous or vexatious. Section 44 of the <i>Crime and Corruption Act 2001</i> allows for the declaration of a complaint as frivolous or vexatious.
	frivolous or vexatious.	Regulatory requirements:
	Disposal action –  2 years after business action completed.	Crime and Corruption Act 2001
		Public Service Act 2008
		Business requirements:
		The retention period allows sufficient time for all reporting and documentation processes to be completed.

#### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

Managing the general conditions of employment for employees including their appointment, relocation, employment and medical history.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1232	Employment history – summaries  Records that summarise the employment of all employees of an agency.  Summary information may include, but is not limited to:  • appointment dates  • commencement and separation dates  • date of birth  • education  • employment/service dates  • name  • positions held  • qualifications  • superannuation contributions.  Disposal action –  Permanent.  Transfer to QSA after business action completed.	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014 Background/business process: This record class covers summary records of employment history. Business requirements: Although it is not a legislative requirement for the public service to create and keep a summary record of public servants, this record provides a useful summary of the employment history of public servants over time. Many agencies would create such a record in the normal course of business to manage their workforce.  Permanent retention criteria: 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 and Entitlements.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1233	Employee service history Records relating to the appointment and consolidated employment history of employees.  Disposal action — 80 years from date of birth or 7 years from date of separation, whichever is later.	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014  Background/business process:  This is a revised record class that includes records summarising leave taken by employees.  Regulatory requirements:  Public Service Act 2008  Industrial Relations Act 1999  Fair Work Act 2009 (Cwlth)  Business requirements:  These records are required to protect the rights and entitlements of employees especially in relation to superannuation and leave claims. This is especially relevant for temporary employees who may have to prove employment with several agencies over many years.  The retention period covers the increased working life of employees who may be required to make superannuation claims. From 1 July 2017, the qualifying age for the Age Pension will increase from 65 years to 65 and a half years. The qualifying age will then rise by six months every two years, reaching 67 years by 1 July 2023 (information from Department of Human Services).  The record class includes pecuniary/declarations of interest records which are required to be retained as part of the employee's personal file.
1234	Service history – contractors, volunteers and work placements  Records relating to contractors and other staff not directly employed by the agency e.g. staff sourced through an employment/recruitment agency, apprentices supplied by a group training organisation. Includes	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014  Background/business process:  This record class covers records created concerning contractors and other staff not directly employed through the agency.  Regulatory requirements:  Industrial Relations Act 1999  Fair Work Act 2009 (Cwlth)  Business requirements:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	volunteers and work experience placements.  Disposal action – 7 years after business action completed.	Agencies have no requirements to pay superannuation or leave payments to contractors or staff provided though an employment agency. However records relating to their service history may be required in the event that there is a dispute, legal action or a claim arising from their work history with the agency.
1235	Employee medical examinations  Records relating to the implementation and administration of medical	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014  Background/business process:  This record class covers records relating to medical examinations for reasons other than exposure to hazardous substances. Certain employees are required to undergo health and
	examinations of medical examinations of employees to determine fitness for duty.  Excludes medical examinations for exposure to hazardous substances.  Disposal action –  10 years after business action	fitness testing to ensure that they can continue to perform their duties. In some roles, a medical exam may be required prior to appointment.  Regulatory requirements:  Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011  Business requirements:  As these records will contain medical records, it is prudent to retain them for the same period of time as that associated with medical records created by Queensland Health.
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1236	Relocation expenses Records relating to expenses incurred as a result of the appointment, transfer or redeployment of an employee including expenses for the removal, storage or relocation of personal and household effects, travel and temporary accommodation.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  A full analysis of Workforce Management has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.  Background/business process:  Public Service Commission Directive 11/11 Transfer and Appointment Expenses stipulates that an employee that is transferred, redeployed or promoted can be assisted with costs incurred by the employee because of the transfer including:
	Disposal action -	

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	7 years after business action completed.	<ul> <li>expenses relating to conveying the employee and the employee's family and their effects to the new location</li> </ul>
		travel costs
		temporary accommodation.
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.
		The directive requires documentary evidence to be provided to support the claim for reimbursement, which will be subject to audit requirements.
		The payment of expenses has a taxation implication for the employee. Taxation records are required to be retained under Commonwealth taxation legislation for 5 years.
		Costs are required to be paid back by a permanent employee if they leave the position within 3 years of appointment. The retention period allows sufficient time for the amount to be paid back within the agreed timeframe.
1238	Work diaries – Chief Executive Officer – significant Diaries and appointment books	Date last reviewed: June 1997  A full analysis of Workforce Management has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included
	of Chief Executive Officers (or equivalent) that document information about significant issues.	from an earlier appraisal report.
		Background/business process:
		This record class covers diaries and appointment books of Chief Executive Officers (or equivalent) that document information about significant issues.
	Includes electronic diaries and calendars.	Agencies keep diary and appointment books as a record of appointments related to official duties. In the course of maintaining a diary or appointment book, information about significant
	Excludes:	issues and events may be recorded by the agency.
	<ul> <li>private appointments</li> </ul>	Business requirements:
	not related to official duties	Diaries and appointment books can include details about significant issues that are not documented in other records. In some instances, there may be limited records permanently

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	<ul> <li>diaries of Ministers,</li> <li>Assistant Ministers and</li> </ul>	retained about significant issues and the diary or appointment book helps agencies to provide evidence about the issue and its associated decisions.
	Mayors.	Permanent retention criteria:
	Disposal action – Permanent.	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:
	Transfer to QSA after business	<ul> <li>2 – Primary Functions and Programs of Government</li> </ul>
	action completed.	<ul> <li>4 – Significant Impact on Individuals.</li> </ul>
1239	Work diaries – Chief	Date last reviewed: February 2004
	Executive Officer – other	A full analysis of Workforce Management has not been done for this review. While classes have
	Diaries and appointment books	been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other
	of Chief Executive Officers (or equivalent) that document	jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.
	official duties.	Background/business process:
	Includes electronic calendars.	This record class covers diaries and appointment books of Chief Executive Officers (or
	Excludes:	equivalent) that document official duties.
	<ul> <li>private appointments not related to official</li> </ul>	Agencies keep diary and appointment books as a record of appointments related to official duties.
	duties	Business requirements:
	diaries of Local	Agencies may need to refer back to diary and appointment books over a period of time to track
	Government Councillors.	details of projects and other official duties that may require regular or ongoing appointments.  The retention period allows agencies to refer back to past diary and appointment books for a
	Disposal action –	sufficient time period to answer enquiries that may result from meetings or appointments relating
	7 years after business action completed.	to official duties. The retention period also allows agencies sufficient time to refer to these records should any legal action be commenced in line with the <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> .

## **EVALUATION**

Determining the suitability of positions, roles and duties of employees.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
2077	Position/role creation and evaluation Records relating to the creation, variation, abolition, transfer, review and evaluation of positions, roles and duties of employees against existing or planned organisational structures.  Disposal action — 7 years after business action completed.	Class history:  Record class 1243 retention period change from 5 years to 7 years. See change history table.  Background/business process:  This record class covers both the creation and evaluation of position descriptions, roles and duties of employees.  Business requirements:  This record class retention period has been amended due to legislative change. The Industrial Relations Act 2016 replaces the Industrial Relations Act 1999. The new Act establishes a reverse onus of proof requirement. This places the obligation on the employer, meaning that evidence of the relevant decision-maker will be crucial in proceedings before the Industrial Relations Commission.  The retention period has been changed to align with the new Act and the financial or calendar year.  The Industrial Relations Act 2016 section 306 establishes a reverse onus of proof relating to applications against alleged contraventions of that part of the Act. In the event of such an application, records in this class may prove relevant in relation to several sections of the Act, potentially including protection, coercion, and undue influence or pressure.  Applications act 2016. Under section 310, except in exceptional circumstances, applications relating to dismissal must be made within 21 days after the dismissal takes effect. Applications not relating to dismissal must be made within 6 years after the contravention of the Act occurs.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Agencies are required to evaluate employee positions and duties against the requirements of the organisation in order to ensure the continued efficiency of the organisation. The retention period allows sufficient time for future reviews of an organisation's structure.
		Under s.10 of the <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> , litigation must be brought within 6 years of a breach of contract.
		The 7 year retention period aligns with the new Act and allows for applications not relating to dismissal to be available after the financial or calendar year.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Public Service Act 2008
		Industrial Relations Act 2016
		Comparison with other schedules' retention period:
		Northern Territory Archives Service – Administrative Functions of the Northern Territory Government (November 2013) – 4.2.1 Destroy 7 years after position abolished or superseded.
		State Records Authority of New South Wales – GA28 Administrative Records (December 2015) – GA28-06.01.01 Retain minimum of 5 years after action completed, then destroy.
		State Records of South Australia – GDS30 V1.1 for State Government Agencies in South Australia (February 2016) – 5.4.1 Destroy 7 years after action completed.
		Tasmanian Government Information Strategy Unit – DA2157 Common Administrative Functions (May 2014) – 04.02.01 Destroy 5 years after action completed.
		Public Record Office Victoria – PROS 07/01 VAR 4 Common Administrative Functions (March 2017) – 12.13.1 Destroy 7 years after positions or assigned duties have been abolished or altered.
		State Records Office of Western Australia – General Disposal Authority for State Government Information 2013-017 (December 2013) – 40.4 (Significant sample) Permanent records. 40.5 (Remainder) Retained for 7 years after position abolished, then destroy.

#### **HEALTH AND WELLBEING PROMOTION**

Promoting agency programs which encourages a healthy and safe work environment.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1244	Health and wellbeing programs  Records relating to the promotion, development and implementation of programs, which encourage a healthy and safe work environment and safe work practices.  Programs may include but are not limited to:  • massages  • health screening, e.g. blood pressure & cholesterol testing  • immunisation  • counselling, e.g. bereavement, career, hardship relief, trauma, welfare  • professional coaching.  Disposal action —  7 years after business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  A full analysis of Workforce Management has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.  Background/business process:  This record class merges record classes from GRDS v.7 for records relating to health and wellbeing programs and employee support programs.  These 2 record classes have been merged because they are both about the health and wellbeing of employees – specifically physical and mental health.  Business requirements:  The retention period has not changed from GRDS v.7.  The retention period allows sufficient time for the monitoring of the effectiveness of such programs and ensures the records are available during the development of future programs. It ensures that records are retained in case of any disputes that may arise with service providers as well as information that may be required to advise and assist with further counselling sessions.  The retention period is consistent with attendance (1245), employee performance (1255) and employee separation (1259).

#### **LEAVE**

Administering leave and documenting attendance for employees. Includes unauthorised leave taken by employees.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1245	Attendance Records that document the attendance of all employees. Includes records relating to leave requests, approvals and refusals.  Disposal action – 7 years after business action completed.	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014  Background/business process:  This record class covers records that document attendance and leave requests (including approvals and refusals for leave) of employees by the agency. Agencies are required to document the attendance of their employees in order for the payment of salaries and wages to be made. Employees are required to request leave in accordance with their employment conditions and entitlements. Supporting documentation such as medical certificates is also required to validate a claim for leave.  Regulatory requirements:  Industrial Relations Act 1999  Public Service Act 2008  Business requirements:  Section 366 of the Industrial Relations Act 1999 states that an employer must keep a time and wages record for each industrial instrument employee for 6 years.  The retention period allows processed leave and time sheets to be consulted and/or audited in the event of a dispute or a claim for workers compensation.

#### Activity

#### PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

Identifying, evaluating and developing employee work performance so that the agency's goals and objectives are achieved. Helps benefit employees through recognition, performance feedback, catering for work needs and offering career guidance.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1254	Employee performance management programs Records relating to the development, implementation and management of employee performance management programs including reward and recognition schemes.  Disposal action –  5 years after business action completed.	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014  Background/business process:  This record class covers employee performance management programs.  The Public Service Commission supports a number of performance and development frameworks designed to expand the knowledge and skills of public servants to deliver a world class public sector. Each agency is responsible for implementing its own program or framework.  Business requirements:  The retention of these records allows for reference to development material during future reviews of performance management programs. It also allows a period for reference back to previous programs by the employer or employee to answer queries.
1255	Employee performance Records relating to the assessment, evaluation and review of an employee's work performance including annual assessments and performance improvement.  Disposal action – 7 years after business action completed.	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014  Background/business process:  This record class covers the performance improvement and assessment programs implemented by agencies.  The Public Service Commission supports a number of performance and development frameworks designed to expand the knowledge and skills of public servants to deliver a world class public sector.  Business requirements:  The retention of these records supports an employer's monitoring of the performance of its employees over time at both an individual employee level and across the workforce. It allows for the monitoring of improvements as well as evidence of the completion of agreed performance targets or training.
1256	Employee awards, honours and prizes  Records relating to the conferring of awards, honours and prizes, either internally or externally, on individuals,	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014  Background/business process:  This record class covers the conferring of awards on employees.  Business requirements:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	employees and teams in recognition of their achievements or service. Includes awards given as part of reward and recognition programs.  Disposal action –	The retention of these records supports the implementation of reward and recognition schemes and allows the employer to keep track of who received an award and when.
	5 years after business action completed.	

#### RECRUITMENT

Employing suitable staff to fill vacant agency positions. Includes permanent, temporary, contracted staff and consultants.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
2641	Recruitment and selection – shortlisted applicants	Date authorised: 22 December 2023 Class history:
	Records relating to applicants chosen to be shortlisted by the	Disposal Authorisation 2641 and Disposal Authorisation 2642 replace repealed Disposal Authorisation 2078.
	agency, or by a third-party service provider acting on	Background/business process:
behalf of an agency, during recruitment and selection processes.	Agencies are required to undergo recruitment processes in order to select the most suitable applicants for employment and to demonstrate that a transparent process has been undertaken by the agency or by a third-party service provider acting on behalf of the agency.	
	Excludes:  • records where the shortlisted applicant is	Chapter 8 of the <i>Industrial Relations Act 2016</i> outlines the rights and responsibilities of employees, employers, organisations, and others for the purpose of:  • protecting workplace rights

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# Description of record and retention period

successful in securing a position during recruitment and selection processes

 records where the applicant is not shortlisted during recruitment and selection processes.

#### Disposal action -

7 years after recruitment is finalised.

#### Justification for retention period

- protecting freedom of association by ensuring that persons are:
  - o free to become, or not become, members of industrial organisations
  - o free to be represented, or not represented, by industrial organisations
  - o free to participate, or not participate, in lawful industrial activities
- provide protection from workplace discrimination
- provide effective relief for persons who are adversely affected, discriminated against, or victimised.

Workplace rights and workplace protections under the *Industrial Relations Act 2016* are extended to prospective employees, such as shortlisted applicants who were unsuccessful in securing the position, in certain instances.

There is a reverse onus of proof requirement under the *Industrial Relations Act 2016* which means that, in a dispute brought by an employee or prospective employee, the obligation is on the respondent (i.e. the employer or prospective employer) to disprove adverse action was taken. The rationale for this is that employees and prospective employees cannot be in a position to discover the intent of the relevant decision maker (i.e. their employer or prospective employer). This is because the reason why the action was taken is within the knowledge of the person who took the action. Without the reverse onus of proof, it could be disproportionately difficult for a prospective employee to establish the reason(s) why adverse action has been taken against them by the respondent.

It follows that, the evidence of the decision maker will be crucial in proceedings before the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (QIRC) as employers will need to establish that there were lawful reason(s) for taking any action that may constitute adverse action under the *Industrial Relations Act 2016* if they are to successfully defend such claims. Accordingly, agencies are required to maintain records relating to recruitment and selection decisions in the event that an adverse action claim is made regarding a recruitment matter. Applications can be made relating to recruitment decisions under section 309 of the *Industrial Relations Act 2016*. Under section 310 of the *Industrial Relations Act 2016*, applications relating to contraventions of the Act may be made within 6 years of the contravention occurring (other than where the alleged contravention relates to a dismissal, in which case an application must be made within 21 days after the dismissal took effect – with possibility of extension of time at the Commission's

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		discretion). Under s.10 of the <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> , litigation must be brought within 6 years of a breach of contract.
		The <i>Information Privacy Act 2009</i> requires agencies to act in accordance with the Information Privacy Principles regarding the collection, storage and security, access and amendment, use and disclosure of personal information, including information contained within identity documents.
		Specifically, agencies should not record and retain more customer information than is necessary to fulfil the particular agency purpose for collecting the information as part of an agency business transaction.
		Business Requirements:
		The proposed minimum retention period of 7 years after recruitment is finalised will meet the business and legislative needs of agencies to:
		<ul> <li>retain evidence of recruitment decisions for a sufficient length of time to defend future claims of adverse action that may be brought</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>demonstrate that a fair and transparent recruitment and selection process was undertaken to decide on the successful candidate for the position</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>retain shortlisted applications to meet the standard 12 months period of time that applications remain current for identical or similar vacancies that may become available.</li> </ul>
		Regulatory requirements:
		Public Sector Act 2022
		Industrial Relations Act 2016
		Information Privacy Act 2009
		Comparison with other schedules' retention period:
		Records Disposal Schedule for Administrative Functions of the Northern Territory Government 2013/5 Reference 11.18.1 – Destroy 1 year after recruitment process finalised.
		National Archives of Australia AFDA Express Version 2 Reference 62638 Personnel Management – Destroy 7 years after action completed.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		State Archives and Records Authority of New South Wales General Retention and Disposal Authority: GA28 Reference 15.10.1 Recruitment – Retain minimum of 2 years after recruitment is finalised, then destroy.
		State Records of South Australia General Disposal Schedule No. 30 Version 2 for State Government Agencies in South Australia Reference 5.12.4 Recruitment – Destroy 2 years after action completed.
		Tasmanian Archive + Heritage Office Disposal Schedule for Common Administrative Functions Disposal Authorisation No. 2157 Reference 12.22.01 Recruitment (Personnel) – Destroy 2 years after action completed.
		Public Record Office Victoria Retention and Disposal Authority for Records of Common Administrative Functions PROS 07/01 VAR 7:
		Reference 12.14.1 Recruitment – Destroy 2 years after administrative use has concluded
		Reference 12.14.2 Recruitment – Destroy 6 months after recruitment has been finalised.
		State Records Office of Western Australia General Disposal Authority for State Government Information 2013-017/1:
		Reference 80.4 Recruitment – Retain 7 years after action completed, then destroy
		<ul> <li>Reference 80.5 Recruitment – Retain 1 year after action completed, then destroy.</li> </ul>
1319	Recruitment/employment	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014
	schemes	Background/business process:
	Records relating to the administration of recruitment and employment schemes intended to attract or recruit employees into the workforce including migration schemes, volunteer, apprentice, trainee or work experience programs.	This record class covers the administration of various employment/recruitment schemes.
		Business requirements:
		Agencies develop schemes to attract and employ suitable employees into the workforce. These records are only required to be retained while the scheme is in place.
	Disposal action –	

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
	2 years after business action completed.	
2642	Recruitment and selection – all other unsuccessful applicants  Records relating to recruitment and selection processes where the applicant does not proceed to shortlisting or appointment.  Disposal action –  1 year after expiry of any related appeals process.	Class history:  Disposal Authorisation 2641 and Disposal Authorisation 2642 replace repealed Disposal Authorisation 2078.  Background/business process:  Agencies are required to undergo recruitment processes in order to select the most suitable applicants for employment and to demonstrate that a transparent process has been undertaken by the agency or by a third-party service provider acting on behalf of the agency. In certain circumstances, decisions relating to employment can be appealed within 21 days of the decision under the Industrial Relations Act 2016 and within 28 days of the decision under the Public Sector Act 2022.  There is a reverse onus of proof requirement under the Industrial Relations Act 2016 which means that, in a dispute brought by an employee or prospective employee, the obligation is on the respondent (i.e. the employer or prospective employer) to disprove adverse action was taken. The rationale for this is that employees and prospective employees cannot be in a position to discover the intent of the relevant decision maker (i.e. their employer or prospective employer). This is because the reason why the action was taken is within the knowledge of the person who took the action. Without the reverse onus of proof, it could be disproportionately difficult for a prospective employee to establish the reason(s) why adverse action has been taken against them by the respondent.  It follows that, the evidence of the decision maker will be crucial in proceedings before the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (QIRC) as employers will need to establish that there were lawful reason(s) for taking any action that may constitute adverse action under the Industrial Relations Act 2016 if they are to successfully defend such claims. Accordingly, agencies are required to maintain records relating to recruitment and selection decisions in the event that an adverse action claim is made regarding a recruitment matter.  The Information Privacy Act 2009 requires agencies to act in accordance with the Inf

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		and disclosure of personal information, including information contained within identity documents.
		Specifically, agencies should not record and retain more customer information than is necessary to fulfil the particular agency purpose for collecting the information as part of an agency business transaction.
		Business Requirements:
		The proposed minimum retention period of 1 year after expiry of any related appeals process will meet the business and legislative needs of agencies to:
		<ul> <li>retain evidence of recruitment decisions for a sufficient length of time to defend future claims or appeals that may be brought</li> </ul>
		demonstrate that a fair and transparent recruitment and selection process was undertaken to decide on the successful candidate for the position
		<ul> <li>retain applications of those who are identified as suitable to meet the standard 12 months period of time that applications remain current for identical or similar vacancies that may become available.</li> </ul>
		Regulatory requirements:
		Public Sector Act 2022
		Industrial Relations Act 2016
		Information Privacy Act 2009
		Comparison with other schedules' retention period:
		Records Disposal Schedule for Administrative Functions of the Northern Territory Government 2013/5 Reference 11.18.1 – Destroy 1 year after recruitment process finalised.
		National Archives of Australia AFDA Express Version 2 Reference 62638 Personnel Management – Destroy 7 years after action completed.
		State Archives and Records Authority of New South Wales General Retention and Disposal Authority: GA28 Reference 15.10.1 Recruitment – Retain minimum of 2 years after recruitment is finalised, then destroy.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		State Records of South Australia General Disposal Schedule No. 30 Version 2 for State Government Agencies in South Australia Reference 5.12.4 Recruitment – Destroy 2 years after action completed.
		Tasmanian Archive + Heritage Office Disposal Schedule for Common Administrative Functions Disposal Authorisation No. 2157 Reference 12.22.01 Recruitment (Personnel) – Destroy 2 years after action completed.
		Public Record Office Victoria Retention and Disposal Authority for Records of Common Administrative Functions PROS 07/01 VAR 7:
		Reference 12.14.1 Recruitment – Destroy 2 years after administrative use has concluded
		Reference 12.14.2 Recruitment – Destroy 6 months after recruitment has been finalised.
		State Records Office of Western Australia General Disposal Authority for State Government Information 2013-017/1:
		<ul> <li>Reference 80.4 Recruitment – Retain 7 years after action completed, then destroy</li> </ul>
		Reference 80.5 Recruitment – Retain 1 year after action completed, then destroy.

#### **REHABILITATION**

Supporting the return to work of an injured employee to ensure the employee's earliest possible return to work and/or maximise the employee's independent functioning. The process aims to assist the worker to achieve their pre-injury status and includes early intervention with appropriate, adequate and timely services through the use of a rehabilitation and return to work coordinator or other assigned officer.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1258	Rehabilitation programs	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the workplace rehabilitation of employees following injury or illness.	A full analysis of Workforce Management has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.

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	Disposal action –	Background/business process:
	55 years after business action completed.	Employers have a responsibility to employees that are entitled to worker's compensation to secure the rehabilitation and early return to work of the employee under the <i>Workers'</i> Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003. Some agencies implement rehabilitation programs for injured or ill workers even though they may not have been injured at work.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has been increased from 50 years under GRDS v.7 to 55 years.
		The rehabilitation process is often implemented in conjunction with a worker's compensation claim. It is therefore prudent to retain these records for a similar period – which is 55 years for WorkCover Queensland rehabilitation records (QDAN484 1.3.1 Rehabilitation assessment and treatment).
		In the event that rehabilitation is not related to a claim, the retention period allows sufficient time for an employer to monitor the progress and trends of such rehabilitation schemes either across the workforce or for individual employees.

#### **SEPARATIONS**

Managing the departure of employees from the agency due to resignation, retirement, redeployment, redundancy, termination or death.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1259	Employee separation	Date last reviewed: 26 March 2014
	Records relating to the administration of employee separation schemes including resignation, retirement,	Background/business process:  This record class covers the administration of various employee separation schemes. Agencies may operate a number of schemes to reduce the number of employees required by the organisation e.g. voluntary redundancy schemes.

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	redeployment, redundancy (including voluntary redundancy), termination,	Regulatory requirements:
		Industrial Relations Act 1999
		Business requirements:
	dismissal and retrenchment.	The retention period allows for the efficient administration of such schemes as well as potential legal action or union activity arising from the impacts of such schemes.
	<b>Disposal action –</b> 7 years after business action completed.	

## **TRAINING**

All types of training to develop the skills and knowledge of agency employees and volunteers.

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1262	Registered Training Organisation (RTO) status Records relating to an agency where they have attained Registered Training Organisation (RTO) status. Disposal action — 30 years after registration ceases.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  A full analysis of Workforce Management has not been done for this review. While classes have been consolidated to improve usability, no additional research into comparisons with other jurisdictions or legislation has been undertaken. Business requirements have been included from an earlier appraisal report.  Background/business process:  This is a new record class for this activity. An RTO is an organisation, registered in accordance with the Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF) Standards for National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (NVR) Registered Training Organisations, to provide specific vocational education and training and/or assessment services.  To become registered an organisation must comply with the Standards for Registered Training Organisations and must submit to audits, as required by the registering body. The organisation must:

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		<ul> <li>self assess all of its operations against the Standards for Registered Training Organisations</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>complete relevant application forms and pay fees as required by the registering body</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>undergo an evaluation by a registering body, including an audit process across all of its operations and types of delivery, to ensure compliance with the Standards for Registered Training Organisations.</li> </ul>
		A registered training organisation may offer vocational education and training to overseas students in Australia, but must first be approved for listing on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS). These requirements are additional to the AQTF.
		Once an agency becomes a registered RTO, the registration lasts 5 years and can be renewed.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Standards for NVR Registered Training Organisations 2012
		Business requirements:
		This retention period is based on the Standards for NVR Registered Training Organisations 2012. Section 12.3 of the standard requires that an RTO must retain client records of attainment of units of competency and qualifications for a period of 30 years. Given this requirement to retain student records for 30 years, agency RTO registration records have also been set at 30 years.
		This retention period ensures any relevant registration records are available in the event of an audit and is consistent with the retention of similar records by the Commonwealth.
2079	Training provision	Date authorised: 20 February 2018
	Records relating to the development and delivery of training programs, seminars and workshops organised by the agency where the agency	Class history:
		Revoked record class 1261 retention period change from 5 years to 7 years. See change history table.
		Background/business process:
	is not a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).	This record class covers records created by agencies when providing training. It does not cover records of agencies that are Registered Training Organisations (RTO) that have specific

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	Includes training for employees for Code of Conduct, Fraud and Corruption, Information	requirements under the National Skills Standards Council Policy: Application of the Australian Qualifications Framework Qualifications Issuance Policy within the VET Sector to retain records of qualifications issued and statements of attainment for 30 years.
	Privacy and Information	Business requirements:
	Security.  Disposal action –	This record class retention period has been amended due to legislative change. The <i>Industrial Relations Act 2016</i> replaces the <i>Industrial Relations Act 1999</i> . The new Act establishes a
	7 years after business action completed.	reverse onus of proof requirement. This places the obligation on the employer, meaning that evidence of the relevant decision-maker will be crucial in proceedings before the Industrial Relations Commission.
		The retention period allows for the efficient administration of training schemes and allows for reference back to training material during the development of future schemes.
		The <i>Industrial Relations Act 2016</i> section 306 establishes a reverse onus of proof relating to applications against alleged contraventions of that part of the Act. In the event of such an application, records in this class may prove relevant in relation to several sections of the Act, potentially including coercion, pressure and misrepresentations.
		Applications can be made relating to certain employer actions under section 309 of the <i>Industrial Relations Act 2016</i> . Under section 310, except in exceptional circumstances, applications relating to dismissal must be made within 21 days after the dismissal takes effect. Applications not relating to dismissal must be made within 6 years after the contravention of the Act occurs.
		Under s.10 of the <i>Limitation of Actions Act 1974</i> , litigation must be brought within 6 years of a breach of contract.
		The 7 year retention period aligns with the new Act and allows for applications not relating to dismissal to be available after the financial or calendar year.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Industrial Relations Act 2016
		National Skills Standards Council Policy: Application of the Australian Qualifications Framework Qualifications Issuance Policy within the VET Sector.
		Comparison with other schedules' retention period:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		Northern Territory Archives Service – Administrative Functions of the Northern Territory Government (November 2013) – 14.5.5 Destroy when material is superseded.
		National Archives of Australia – Administrative Functions Disposal Authority (AFDA) (March 2010) – 2017 Destroy when course is superseded or when training material is no longer relevant.
		State Records Authority of New South Wales – GA28 Administrative Records (December 2015) – GA28-18.11.06 (Approved training material) Retain until course or training material is superseded, then destroy. GA28-18.11.08 (Administrative arrangements) Retain until administrative or reference use ceases, then destroy.
		State Records of South Australia – GDS30 V1.1 for State Government Agencies in South Australia (February 2016) – 5.17.4 Destroy 7 years after action completed.
		Tasmanian Government Information Strategy Unit – DA2157 Common Administrative Functions (May 2014) – 15.13.01 Destroy 7 years after action completed.
		Public Record Office Victoria – PROS 07/01 VAR 4 Common Administrative Functions (March 2017) – 17.7.2 (Training material) Destroy after course is superseded. 17.7.4 (Staff attendance) Destroy 2 years after administrative use has concluded.
		State Records Office of Western Australia – General Disposal Authority for State Government Information 2013-017 (December 2013) – 97.2 (Administrative arrangements) Retain 7 years after action completed, then destroy. 97.4 (Course materials) Retain 5 years after action completed, then destroy.

Title	Scope Note
TRANSITORY AND SHORT TERM	Transitory and short term records are created as part of routine transactional business practices and are only required to be kept for a short period of time.
	Agencies remain responsible for:
	<ul> <li>determining their specific legal obligations for the retention of records relating to their business activities.</li> <li>Where a disposal requirement under this schedule does not meet an agency's specific regulatory requirement, please refer to your agency's core business or sector schedule</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>ensuring records being disposed of are covered by the classes and not listed in the specific exclusions provided in each record class</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>determining when 'business use ceases' within its context (i.e. this is when any business, accountability, community or cultural requirements have ceased, or were never evident)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>before destroying records, identifying those records that may be required for longer, including where:</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>they are or may be required for judicial and litigation proceedings, Commissions of Inquiry, or legal action, whether or not the State is a party to that litigation</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>there is any other law or policy requiring the records be retained, for example, a current disposal freeze or retained in accordance with the Evidence Act 1977 and the Criminal Code Act 1899.</li> </ul>
	Transitory and short term records described in this schedule do not require formal destruction documentation as per the Records governance policy (RGP). Depending on your business requirements, they also do not need to be formally captured into an agency's recordkeeping solution (e.g. eDRMS, business application with appropriate recordkeeping functionality).

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1268	Administrative arrangements Records relating to administrative arrangements undertaken by agencies in the course of daily business.  Disposal action —	<ul> <li>Date authorised: 1 September 2016</li> <li>Background/business process:</li> <li>All agencies create records of administrative arrangements for daily business activities. This record class covers routine records for administrative arrangements that do not relate to: <ul> <li>financial transactions</li> <li>training course materials, including training in hazardous substances</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	Until business action completed.	travel authorisations and travel approvals
		planning and management of marketing campaigns
		recruitment and employment programs
		visit reports
		<ul> <li>other administrative records covered separately in the schedule.</li> </ul>
		Business requirements:
		There are no ongoing legal or accountability requirements for these records. Each agency will have the flexibility to determine how long administrative arrangement records should be retained for.
1269	Appointment diaries,	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	calendar entries and duty rosters  Records relating to scheduling meetings and organising and planning work during a given period.	Background/business process:
		This record class covers records relating to scheduling meetings and otherwise organising or planning work in an agency. It does not cover records that relate to:
		work diaries of Ministers, Assistant Ministers and Chief Executive Officers (or equivalent)
		diaries required for evidence of particular functions
	Disposal action –	<ul> <li>diaries, calendars or rosters required as evidence of attendance.</li> </ul>
	Until business action completed.	Business requirements:
		Employee work diaries, excluding those of CEOs, have been assigned a business use ceases retention period. Given that there are no ongoing legal or accountability requirements for these records, QSA has adopted the approach of other jurisdictions in classifying these as short term value records.
1102	Cardholder data	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Cardholder data information captured as part of a financial transaction, including information processed,	Background/business process:
		Agencies may receive customer credit card details (cardholder data) as a method of payment for goods, services or for other purposes, such as the payment of fines. These details may be received in electronic or paper format, or over the telephone.

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	transmitted or stored in any form.	Regardless of the format in which the cardholder data is received, each agency should have in place a documented business process for processing of the payment, including:
	Disposal action –	where the data resides
	Until business action	who has access to it (including any redaction procedures)
	completed.	<ul> <li>timing of disposal based on when business use ceases.</li> </ul>
		Agencies must ensure their process follows the requirements of the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS). This standard states that storage is only permitted for certain data, with redaction of some information required. Permitted data is:
		<ul> <li>primary account number (PAN) (rendered unreadable)</li> </ul>
		cardholder name
		expiration date
		service code.
		The standard also identifies some data elements, which are not to be stored at all. The latter is covered in a separate disposal class below (1103).
		Regulatory requirements:
		Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS)
		The Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard can be downloaded at
		https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/security_standards/documents.php
		Business requirements:
		Under section 3.1 of the PCI DSS, storage of cardholder data must be kept to a minimum by implementing data retention and disposal policies, which will limit [the] "data storage amount and retention time to that, which is required for legal, regulatory and/or business requirements".
		Changing the disposal action to "Retain until business use ceases" will allow agencies to determine when these records are no longer required and undertake disposal as appropriate.
		QSA has no specific need for agencies to capture and retain the data, nor document the disposal of it – this is a business decision for them, and they can choose to dispose of immediately if that suits their business need.

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		Where there is a need to keep other parts of the record for a certain period of time after the card transaction has occurred, for example to show payment has been received, orders sent etc., the cardholder data must be stored or redacted in some way, in accordance with the requirements of the PCI DSS. Whether these records take the form of paper or will be stored in their native electronic format, how this is managed will form part of the overall business process developed and implemented by the agency.  Queensland Treasury agree with the disposal action.
1061	Collections – control and	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	management	Background/business process:
	Records relating to the control	Cataloguing:
	and management of general collections including:	The majority of collecting institutions will have an online management system listing the items that are held within the collection.
	<ul><li>cataloguing</li><li>inventories and stocktakes</li></ul>	Library cataloguing is governed by Resource Description and Access (RDA) which is the successor of AACR2 (Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules). The two main classification systems used are Dewey and Library of Congress.
	<ul> <li>item preservation, including book binding</li> </ul>	The standard for subject heading classification is the Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH).
	and repairs.	The standard for name heading classification is the Library of Congress Name Authorities
	Disposal action –	(LCNA).
	Until business action completed.	Preservation:
		Library materials will gradually deteriorate due to high use. The main preservation activities done in libraries are repairs, e.g. replacing a cover or gluing a spine back onto a book.
		Inventories:
		<u>Libraries</u>
		Libraries need methods, such as inventories, to determine whether their collections are in good shape, or whether some preservation or conservation activities are necessary. Agencies use inventories to check they are acquiring materials against the standard for acquisitions in relation to population in the Queensland Public Library Standards and Guidelines: Library Collections

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		Standard. Inventories can also identify anomalies in the catalogue and provide an opportunity to correct catalogue records and labelling of items.
		<u>Museums</u>
		An inventory is an itemised list of objects that the museum has accessioned or received via loan(s) and must be physically located by an examiner. A complete or random inventory of the collection must be carried out periodically to ensure the museum is operating under best practices and for security purposes. The museum is legally responsible and ethically obligated for the maintenance of up-to-date information detailing the location of all objects within the collection, including loaned items and objects that have yet to be accessioned.
		Art Collection
		Collection inventory is the physical verification of the presence, location and condition of the objects for which the gallery has assumed responsibility. By conducting annual inventories of designated parts of the collection, the gallery fulfils its legal and ethical responsibilities. The inventory provides accountability, location updates and ensures the accuracy of collection records and documentation. It also provides the opportunity to check the condition of each work, and aids in maintaining the security of the collections.
		Stocktakes:
		A library, museum or art collection policy should be in place to outline the cycle of stocktakes. Some libraries stocktake the entire collection yearly, but others will stocktake the most used collections yearly and the remaining collections every 2 years. Regular stocktakes result in more accurate catalogue data.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Resource Description & Access (RDA)
		MARC21
		Queensland Public Library Standards and Guidelines: Library Collections Standard
		International Guidelines for Museum Object Information: the CIDOC Information Categories
		Business requirements:
		The retention period has been amended from GRDS v.7 to be in line with the transitory section.

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		A majority of existing schedules, both within Queensland and interstate, have a minimal retention period for these records. Given that many control and management records for general collections have a limited need to be referred back to after an action (e.g. stocktake, catalogue, etc.) is completed or updated, a decision has been made to allow each agency to determine how long these records need to be retained to meet their individual needs.
		This approach is consistent with the retention of similar records by NSW, NT, Victoria and WA.
		Other comments/factors for consideration:
		<u>Stocktake</u>
		Doing an inventory of all collections in the library will identify the collections for inclusion in the stocktake. Using the catalogue reporting system, record the number of missing or lost items prior to the stocktake so that the statistics can be used for comparison on completion of the stocktake.
		Prior to the stocktake, items should be shelved in the correct location and a shelf check is undertaken. This will reduce errors resulting from incorrect shelving. The shelf check will also provide the opportunity to remove items requiring repairs, relabelling or consideration for weeding.
		Ideally, prior to the stocktake the collection should be weeded.
1270	Routine computer	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	operations	Business requirements:
	Covers records supporting the agency's routine operation of computer applications,	This class was modified on 22/12/2016 for editorial amendment purposes to provide further examples and make the scope clearer. The intent of the class has not changed and a new disposal authorisation was not required.
	including:	Based on an existing ephemeral record class.
	<ul> <li>records documenting access to the agency's data and information</li> </ul>	This record class has been significantly expanded based on feedback received through the GRDS review consultation process. This record class has also been reviewed by the Digital Archives team.
	application output or	Comparison with other schedules' retention period:
	input records required for checking, matching and control purposes	State Records Regulation 2015 (New South Wales) Schedule 2 Guidelines on what constitutes normal administrative practice Reference 13 Computer record that may be disposed of

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	<ul> <li>moving of data from one storage device to another (e.g. hierarchical storage management)</li> <li>routine data recovery processes (e.g. from a back-up tape or where information is restored by the end user)</li> <li>erasing or overwriting data stored on digital media prior to disposal (i.e. sanitisation)</li> <li>records/data with no requirement for ongoing evidence of actions or decisions</li> <li>transient and intermediate data that assists with the prime functions of an application, where it:         <ul> <li>is derivative in nature, or</li> <li>has no currency beyond processing need</li> </ul> </li> <li>Disposal action –</li> </ul>	Archives Office of Tasmania Disposal Schedule for Short-Term Value Records DA2158 Reference 01.01.12 Back-up copies – Destroy when reference ceases State Records Office of Western Australia General Disposal Authority for State Government Information Reference 39.6 Computer test records – Destroy when reference ceases Previous schedules:  QDAN249 v.7:  Reference 13.6.2 Records relating to routine operation of information and communications technology, including administration of user access/permissions – Retain for 2 years after last action  Reference 16.1.12 Manuals and instructions – superseded – Retain until reference ceases  Reference 16.1.14 Superseded computer logs – Retain until reference ceases

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	Until business action completed.	
1069	Contact centre recordings	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the recording of customer and	Background/business process:
	client calls created/ maintained	This is a new record class for this activity. This record class can be used by any agency that have a contact/call centre.
	to support the provision of customer services and monitoring of service	A contact centre is a central or distributed contact point in an organisation from which customer contacts are primarily managed. Workers in a contact centre may:
	standards and quality.	<ul> <li>respond to inbound and initiate outbound telephone contact or electronic requests</li> </ul>
	Excludes call centre	engage in face-to-face interaction
	recordings created as the	<ul> <li>use telephone and/or computer technology.</li> </ul>
	official record of advice	Call monitoring may be used as a coaching, performance assessment and development tool.
	provided.  Disposal action –  Until business action completed.	The development of the process and outcomes of call monitoring should involve a cooperative and collaborative approach between employees and contact centre management. Recording of calls also allows for reinforcement of good performance as well as acknowledging areas for improvement.
		Employees should be given reasonable notice if their calls are monitored for performance purposes and over what period of time. It should include a feedback process and should not occur without the knowledge of the following parties, which can include but not be limited to employees, their representative, union, the contact centre and customers.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Queensland Government Code of Practice for Contact Centres 2011
		Business requirements:
		This retention period is consistent with NSW. This retention allows for contact centres to retain client calls for training purposes.
1271	Copies	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Copies, in any format, of a master record where:	Background/business process:

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	<ul> <li>nothing has been added, annotated, changed or deleted</li> <li>the copies have been created, distributed, and used only for convenient reference.</li> <li>Disposal action – Until business action completed.</li> </ul>	Agencies create copies of records in the course of their everyday business. This record class covers records that do not relate to:  • records where no master copy exists  • carbon copies kept as the agency's evidential record  • cabinet papers  • copies created during the production, drafting and distribution of agency publications  • copies of records (created externally to the agency) which have affected decision-making, policy or operations  • copies created during the migration of public records.  Business requirements:  Based on an existing ephemeral record class, this class covers copies of an existing master document. These records have no legal or evidentiary requirements and this approach is consistent with that taken by other jurisdictions.
1150	Corporate style Records relating to agency style manuals and guidelines on the use of corporate identity objects, including consistency of written style, graphic design, etc.  Disposal action — Until business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process: This is a revised record class from GRDS v.7 for records relating to style manuals used by agencies. The source of style for all Queensland Government agencies is the <i>Style manual for authors</i> , editors and printers by Commonwealth of Australia. Some agencies will also have a supplementary in-house guide for agency-specific terminology and conventions. Additionally, in the online environment, Queensland Government agencies are required to comply with the Consistent User Experience (CUE) standard, which sets out requirements for the presentation of web pages.  Regulatory requirements: Consistent User Experience (CUE) Standard Business requirements:

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
		This retention has not changed from GRDS v.7 and is consistent with the retention of similar records by Tasmania. These records have no legal or evidentiary requirements and any assigned retention period would be purely nominal.
1272	Drafts, working notes and calculations  Drafts, of any type of record and in any format, created as preliminary versions or outlines that:  • do not contain significant or substantial changes or annotations that provide insight into the evolution of the final version  • are created and used only for convenient reference.  Includes drafts which do not proceed to final records and working notes, calculations and research which have been incorporated into more substantial drafts or final documents.  Disposal action —  Until business action	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  Drafts are created by agencies during the process of developing public records. This record class covers records that do not relate to:  drafts which provide evidence of processes and/or significantly more information than the final approved version, including drafts that are required as evidence  records documenting the drafting process for agency publications  research conducted or commissioned by an agency to support its functions  working papers that form a substantive record of a project or investigation  papers in an unofficial filing system where a full record has not been maintained in a recordkeeping system.  Business requirements:  Based on existing ephemeral record classes, this class has been expanded to cover drafts of documents which do not proceed. These records have no legal or evidentiary requirements and any assigned retention period would be purely nominal. QSA will follow the lead of other jurisdictions in classifying these as short term value records.
	completed.	

Disposal Authorisation	Description of record and retention period	Justification for retention period
1273	External reference	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	information	Background/business process:
	Solicited and unsolicited information and items received by the agency from external	This record class covers information and items received by the agency that are used for reference purposes only. This record class excludes information and items created outside of the agency that have affected decision-making, policy or operations of the agency.
	sources and kept solely for	Business requirements:
	reference. Includes responses acknowledging receipt of information/ documents.  Disposal action –  Until business action completed.	Created by merging existing ephemeral record classes, the description of this class has been expanded to cover solicited and unsolicited material received from external sources. These records have no legal or evidentiary requirements and any assigned retention period would be purely nominal. QSA will follow the lead of the NT, Tasmania and WA in classifying these as transitory or short term value records.
1182	Moveable assets (allocation,	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	distribution and use)	Background/business process:
	Records relating to the	This record class merges record classes from GRDS v.7 for records relating to the allocation and
	delivery, allocation, distribution, usage and storage	distribution of equipment and stores and the selection of storage areas.
	of moveable assets. Includes	Business requirements:
	the allocation of voicemail facilities, mobile phones,	For clarity, an exclusion has been added for records required under the <i>Fringe Benefits Tax</i> ( <i>FBT</i> ) Assessment Act 1986. Fringe Benefit tax records are covered under taxation (1100).
	telephone numbers and laptops.	Vehicle booking forms have also been excluded from this class as they may be required to prove who is responsible for a traffic infringement and these infringements can be prosecuted up to one
	Excludes records required under the <i>Fringe Benefits Tax</i> (FBT) Assessment Act 1986.	year after the date of the offence.
	Disposal action –	
	Until business action completed.	

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1274	Moveable assets controls	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	and stocktakes	Background/business process:
	Records relating to the control and accessibility of moveable property, including safes and filing cabinets. Includes stocktakes.	This class can be used for all agency stocktakes regardless of function (e.g. equipment and stores, publications, etc.). The existing record class has been expanded to cover the control of combinations and/or keys for accessing items of moveable property (e.g. key registers). The records created under this class have a short term value as the information changes frequently and once it changes the previous information is generally irrelevant.
	Disposal action –	Business requirements:
	Until business action completed.	There are no ongoing legal or accountability requirements for these records because stocktakes are generally performed every 1–2 years and the information provided is generally of low value. Additionally, property control information changes frequently and once it changes the previous information is usually irrelevant. By combining property controls and stocktakes into a single short term value record class, agencies will have the flexibility to set the retention period to suit the business needs of the agency.
1062	Reference and lending	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	services	Background/business process:
	Records relating to reference and lending services provided by staff.	Access The public, schools and other institutions will contact agencies to gain access to their collections for loans, research or exhibition purposes.
	Includes information on users and facilitating access to collections.	The Australian Library & Information Association (ALIA) has a Statement on public library services stating that "each member of the Australian community has an equal right to public library and information services regardless of age, race, gender, religion, nationality, language,
	Includes reference and access	disability, geographic location, social status, economic status and educational attainment".
	services for heritage and high- value collections.	A public library services its community through the provision of access to knowledge, information and works of imagination through a range of resources and services. It does this through access
	Disposal action -	to materials in all formats in order to meet the needs of individuals and groups for education,
	Until business action completed.	information and personal development through learning, including recreation and leisure. <u>Lending</u>

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		Libraries will set out criteria on lending of materials. This will include:
		how many items can be borrowed at one time
		how long the loan period is
		if items can be returned to any branch or back to the same location
		if items can be renewed.
		Some libraries will also allow users to renew items that are overdue and may or may not charge a small fee for overdue items.
		If an item is not listed on the library catalogue, a library can attempt to obtain the item on the borrower's behalf from another library service on inter-library loan.
		<u>Reservations</u>
		Users will place a hold on items that are currently out on loan or are still on order that they wish to borrow. When items are either returned or added to the catalogue, a hold slip is generated by the collection management system to be placed in the item and held until the requestor comes to collect it. Collection management systems will also generate notifications that the item is ready to pick up either by email or printed letter.
		Reference desk
		Library users can consult the staff at the reference desk for help in finding information. Using a structured reference interview, the librarian works with the library user to clarify their needs and determine what information sources will fill them.
		Typically, a reference desk can be consulted either in person, by telephone, through email or online chat. Although a library user may be asked to come to the library in person to help with more involved research questions.
		The services that are provided at a reference desk may vary depending on the type of library, its purpose, its resources, and its staff.
		The same principles apply to museum and art gallery reference desks.
		<u>Membership</u>
		In public libraries, new users need to prove their current address usually with a rates notice or two forms of identification, e.g. drivers licence and telephone account. For under 18s, a parent or

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		guardian will need to sign them up with the same identification. Users will be given a membership card and PIN to access online services.
		Museums and art galleries will have memberships that could give a member discount in the retail shop and/or eateries, discount tickets to paid-entry exhibitions, invitations to member-only events, newsletters and other benefits that a museum or art gallery may have. These benefits will change from year-to-year depending on budget. Members will receive a membership card.
		Theatres will have memberships that could give members one free complimentary ticket to a show, discounted tickets, discount on food and beverage, invitations to member-only events, newsletters. Members will receive a membership card.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Libraries Act 1988
		Each Queensland Council has a local law for libraries and various councils have local laws for entertainment venues, i.e. museums and art galleries
		Each Queensland council will have a local law for libraries that outlines library membership
		Queensland Public Library Standards and Guidelines: Library Collections Standard
		Queensland Public Library Standards and Guidelines: Inter-Library Loans Standard
		Business requirements:
		The retention period is based on a merger of existing record classes in the Local Government Sector and University Sector schedules.
		A majority of existing schedules, both within Queensland and interstate, have a minimal retention period for these records (with retention periods ranging from "reference ceases" to "2 years"). A decision has been made to allow each agency to determine how long these records need to be retained to meet their individual needs for the following reasons:
		<ul> <li>general lending records only need to be retained until the record is returned (or to follow up on its loss)</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>reference service queries have a limited length of time, which they may need to be referred back to – e.g. to follow up on a subsequent query or for reference in case a similar query is received in the future.</li> </ul>

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	Routine communication Routine communication of advice and information that is:  • readily available to the public, or  • authorised for unlimited public access. Includes:  • routine enquiries and suggestions  • circulated information of low importance which requires no action from the recipient  • routine promotional addresses made by agency employees regarding services or products  • social media and instant messaging communications created for promotional	Date authorised: 1 September 2016 Background/business process:  A wide range of routine communication records are created by agencies. This record class covers records that do not relate to:  • work health and safety accidents, incidents or complaints  • employee complaints and misconduct complaints  • significant addresses  • documents with a high level of sensitivity or accountability  • planning and management of marketing campaigns, including social media posts that require follow up or form part of a formal business channel  • significant enquiries, complaints or suggestions.  Business requirements:  This record class is a merger of existing GRDS v.7 record classes relating to routine communication. The description of this class has been expanded to cover all routine communication, which is readily available or where the advice/information is authorised for unlimited public access. It also clearly states that social media communications, which do not form part of the direct business of the agency can be disposed of as routine communications. These records have no legal or evidentiary requirements and any assigned retention period would be purely nominal. QSA will follow the lead of the NT, Tasmania and WA in classifying these as short term value records. Each agency will then have the flexibility to determine how long routine communication records should be retained.
	or informational purposes.  Disposal action –  Until business action completed.	

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1276	Routine recordkeeping operations Records relating to routine operation of the agency's recordkeeping programs and systems, including mail processing, file storage and retrieval and the maintenance of metadata in electronic systems. Also includes secondary control, processing or reference records (in all formats).  Disposal action — Until business action completed.	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  Agencies create records during routine recordkeeping operations that are of short term value. This record class covers records that do not relate to:  • master control records or disposal documentation  • secure document handling  • intellectual control tools  • metadata included within Appendix B and Appendix D of the Queensland recordkeeping metadata standard.  Business requirements:  There is no ongoing legal or accountability requirements for these records. By including routine recordkeeping operations as part of the short term value schedule, each agency will have the flexibility to determine how long these records should be retained.
1277	Surveillance and monitoring Regular ongoing surveillance of environments, premises and resources for the detection of crime, public safety, traffic control or to enhance the protection and security of people or property not required as evidence or requested by investigative and law enforcement bodies. Excludes footage taken under a surveillance warrant issued	Date authorised: 1 September 2016  Background/business process:  Many Queensland government agencies protect their premises and property through ongoing regular surveillance using security devices such as Closed Circuit Television (CCTV).  Advice received from Brisbane City Council and South Bank Corporation was that, unless there is an incident, the CCTV footage is overwritten automatically after 30 days. Footage is not reviewed or verified.  Business requirements:  Records related to regular ongoing surveillance of premises and property not required by investigative or law enforcement bodies into a single class of short term value, each agency has the flexibility to determine how long these records should be retained for to meet their own business requirements. This will remove the requirement for agencies to review and verify tapes prior to disposal which is no longer practical with the widespread adoption of this technology.

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	Disposal action -	
	Until business action completed.	
1103	Sensitive authentication	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	data	Background/business process:
	Sensitive authentication data received as part of a financial transaction.	Agencies may receive customer credit card details (cardholder data) as a method of payment for goods, services or for other purposes, such as the payment of fines. These details may be received in electronic or paper format, or over the telephone.
	Disposal action –	Sensitive authentication data may be included with the cardholder data.
	Do not store or capture.  Destroy received data immediately after transaction authorised.	Sensitive authentication data is:
		<ul> <li>card verification code or value (CAV2, CID, CVC2 or CVV2), which is the three or four digit number printed on the front or back of a payment card</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>magnetic stripe data (or equivalent on a chip), known as full track data</li> </ul>
		personal information number (PIN)/PIN block.
		Regulatory requirements:
		Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS)
		Business requirements:
		The Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) specifically states that sensitive authentication data is not to be stored, as this data is very valuable to malicious individuals as it allows them to generate counterfeit payment cards and create fraudulent transactions.
		Because of this, agencies need to be able to dispose of cardholder data, which has sensitive authentication data as soon as the transaction to which it relates has been authorised.
		Where there is a business need to keep records for a certain period of time once the card transaction has occurred, for example to show payment has been received, orders sent etc., this information would need to be removed in some way, in accordance with the requirements of the PCI DSS. Whether these records take the form of paper or will be stored in their native electronic

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		format, how this is managed will form part of the overall business process developed and implemented by the agency.
		QSA has no specific need for agencies to document disposal of this data.
		Queensland Treasury agree with the disposal action.
1064	Space management	Date authorised: 1 September 2016
	Records relating to the assessment and management of repository storage space and storage needs.	Background/business process:
		All cultural and collecting institutions are accountable for their holdings and must be able to show that they have proper procedures in place for storage and handling. Storage areas must be organised and managed to ensure the safekeeping and good order of collections.
	Disposal action -	Business requirements:
	Until business action completed.	Records relating to the space required to house collections, both existing and for planned, are an important planning tool for agencies. However, these records can also be very dynamic as acquisitions and de-accessing can frequently change the amount of space available. It is for this reason a decision has been made to allow each agency to determine how long these records need to be retained to meet their individual needs and business processes.