## Children's Rights, Protection and Promotion Retention and Disposal Schedule

Responsible public authority: Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian

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#### Scope of Retention and Disposal Schedule

This Schedule provides coverage of the core business records generated by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian, and the Child Death Case Review Committee relating to Child Death Reviews, Child Guardianship, Strategic Policy Direction and Working with Children Checks. It also includes personnel records for community visitors.

This Schedule is to be used in conjunction with the <u>General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records</u> (GRDS).

References to repealed legislation within this Schedule may be taken to be a reference to current legislation if the context permits.

In the event of an administrative change, or the transfer of a function from one public authority to another, this retention and disposal schedule will continue to apply to the records covered by the schedule. For further advice on the currency of approved retention and disposal schedules following administrative change, please contact Agency Services at Queensland State Archives on (07) 3131 7777.

#### **Record Formats**

This Schedule applies to records created in all formats, unless otherwise specified in the class description. This includes, but is not limited to, records in business systems, maps, plans, photographs, motion picture and records created using web 2.0 media.



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#### **Authority**

Authorisation for the disposal of public records is given under s.26 of the *Public Records Act 2002* (the Act).

No further authorisation is required from the State Archivist for records disposed of under this schedule. However, the disposal of all public records must be endorsed by the public authority's Chief Executive Officer, or authorised delegate, in accordance with *Information Standard 31: Retention and Disposal of Public Records*, and recorded in the public authority's disposal log.

Public records that are not covered by an approved retention and disposal schedule cannot be disposed of by a public authority.

Disposal of public records not covered by an approved retention and disposal schedule is a contravention of s.13 of the Act.

#### Revocation of previously issued disposal authorities

Any previously issued disposal authority which covers disposal classes described in this retention and disposal schedule is revoked. The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian should take measures to withdraw revoked disposal authorities from circulation. This includes, but is not limited to:

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Public records sentenced under revoked retention and disposal schedules should be re-sentenced prior to disposal.

For further advice on the currency of approved retention and disposal schedules, please contact Agency Services at Queensland State Archives on (07) 3131777.

#### **Retention of records**

All of the retention periods in this schedule are the minimum period for which the sentenced records must be maintained. Public records cannot be disposed of prior to the expiration of the appropriate retention period. However, there is no requirement for public records to be destroyed at the expiration of a minimum retention period.

Public records must be retained for longer if:

- i. the public record is or may be needed in evidence in a judicial proceeding, including any reasonably possible judicial proceeding
- ii. the public records may be obtained by a party to litigation under the relevant Rules of Court, whether or not the State is a party to that litigation
- iii. the public record must be retained pursuant to the Evidence Act 1977
- iv. there is a current disposal freeze in relation to the public record, or
- v. there is any other law or policy requiring that the public record be retained.

This list is not exhaustive.

Public records which deal with the financial, legal or proprietorial rights of the State of Queensland or a State related Body or Agency regarding another legal entity and any public record which relates to the financial, legal or proprietorial rights of a party other than the State are potentially within the category of public records to which particular care should be given prior to disposal.

Records which are subject to a Right to Information application are to be retained for the period specified in section 9 – INFORMATION MANAGEMENT of the <u>General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records</u> in addition to their required retention period according to an approved retention and disposal schedule. The two periods run concurrently, and may result in a longer required retention period overall. This is in order to cover all appeal and review processes. Even though the records subject to an application may be ready for disposal according to an approved retention and disposal schedule at the time of the Right to Information application, the additional Right to Information retention requirements must still be applied. See section 9 – INFORMATION MANAGEMENT of the <u>General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records</u> for records of Right to Information applications.

The disposal of public records should be documented in accordance with the requirements of *Information Standard 31: Retention and Disposal of Public Records*.

For further advice on the retention and disposal of public records under an approved retention and disposal schedule, please refer to the Queensland State Archives website or contact Agency Services at Queensland State Archives on 07 3131 7777.

#### Records created before 1950

Records described in QDAN 636 version 2 that were created before 1950 should be referred to Queensland State Archives for further appraisal before any disposal action is taken by the public authority. For further advice please refer to the Public Records Brief: <u>Pre-1950s public records</u> which is available from the Queensland State Archives' website.

#### Transfer of public records to Queensland State Archives

Records covered by a class with the disposal action of 'Retain permanently' should be transferred to Queensland State Archives with the approval of the State Archivist. Records covered by a class with the disposal action of 'Retain permanently by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian are not eligible for transfer to Queensland State Archives unless re-appraised and assigned a disposal action of 'Retain permanently'.

Agencies are required to submit a transfer proposal containing details of the records under consideration for transfer. Queensland State Archives will assess the transfer proposal before formal approval to transfer is issued. Please refer to the Guideline on <u>Transferring Public Records to Queensland State</u> <u>Archives</u> available from the Queensland State Archives' website. The State Archivist reserves the right to revise any previous decisions made with regard to the appraisal and transfer of records. Contact Agency Services at Queensland State Archives on (07) 3131 7777 for further details.

#### **Revision history**

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### 1. CHILD DEATH REVIEW

The function of providing independent analysis, research and comment on child deaths in Queensland: particularly in regard to the deaths of children known to the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services. Includes providing Secretariat support to the Child Death Case Review Committee which reviews child death investigations carried out under Chapter 7A of the Child Protection Act 1999, maintaining a Child Death Register, conducting research into child deaths and making recommendations on how child deaths and injuries can be avoided.

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action	
1.1	ACCESS  The activity of controlling access to information in the Child Death Register in accordance Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000.	with s.144b of the Co	ommission for Children and	
1.1.1	Access – granted/revoked  Records relating to requests for access to information in the Child Death Register for research purposes where approval is granted. Records include request forms and agreements as well as instances where access has been revoked.	Temporary	Retain for 6 years after expiry or revocation of agreement.	
1.1.2	Access – not granted  Records relating to requests for access to information in the Child Death Register for research purposes where approval is not granted.	Temporary	Retain for 3 years after last action.	
1.2	CHILD DEATH REGISTRATION  The process of maintaining a register of all child deaths in Queensland (the Child Death Register) based on notifications from the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages and the Office of the State Coroner. Includes the registration of reportable deaths under 10(A) of the Coroners Act 2003.			
1.2.1	Child death register  Register of all deaths of children and young people under the age of 18 required to be kept under s.143 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000. Information may include:	Permanent	Retain permanently by the Commission.	

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
	child identifier (BDM number)		
	child name		
	• gender		
	date of birth		
	place of birth		
	address		
	indigenous status		
	geographical descriptor		
	date of death		
	age at death		
	cause of death (Coronial, BDM)		
	international Coding Description		
	details of siblings known to child protection agencies.		
	For original source documentation used for maintaining the Child Death Register (e.g. statutory notifications) see reference 1.3.1 Child death case reviews.		
1.2.2	Child death reviews - other registers and lists	Permanent	Retain permanently by the
	Other lists, spreadsheets and registers relating to child deaths created for reporting and analysis purposes. Includes list of Child Death Case Review Committee cases, list of Child Death Case Review Committee recommendations, etc.		Commission.
	See also section 1.5 Research for other records relating to child death research.		

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
1.3	CHILD DEATH CASE REVIEW COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES		
	The activity of reviewing original reviews undertaken by the Department of Communities, C children who die within 3 years of the child becoming known to the Department. Includes the Child Death Case Review Committee's recommendations.		
1.3.1	Child death case reviews	Permanent	Retain permanently.
	Child Death Case Review Committee (CDCRC) records relating to individual child death case reviews conducted under Chapter 6, Part 1 of the <i>Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000.</i> Records include, but are not limited to:		
	<ul> <li>review reports provided by the Department under sections 246D and 246G of the Child Protection Act 1999</li> </ul>		
	copies of records provided by other entities, including the Queensland Police Service and the Department relating to the child and their family and other people and entities involved in the case		
	CDCRC final report (including the review brief and draft report and subsequent versions		
	additional documents identifying individual children provided by the CDCRC under s.135 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000		
	• statements provided under s.141 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 documenting the relevant entity's response to adverse comments to be made in annual reports of the CDCRC.		
	See section 1.4 Committee Management for records relating to the administration of the Committee.		
1.3.2	Implementation monitoring	Permanent	Retain permanently.
	Records relating to the monitoring of follow-up actions implemented by the Department. Records may include, but are not limited to:		

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
	reports under s.136 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000		
	monthly implementation reports provided by and to the Department		
	records of discussions and negotiations with the Department		
	escalation reports made by the Committee to the Minister to whom the Chief Executive (Child Safety) is responsible under s.137		
	<ul> <li>notifications sent to the Department advising that Committee is/is not satisfied with the Department's response.</li> </ul>		
1.3.3	Review criteria	Permanent	Retain permanently.
	Records relating to the development, approval and review of child death case review criteria described in s.133 of the <i>Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000</i> and used by the CDCRC for assessing the adequacy of Departmental original reviews. Includes records of consultation, significant drafts and supporting documentation.		
1.4	COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT  The activity of providing secretariat support to the Child Death Case Review Committee.		
1.4.1	Child Death Case Review Committee	Permanent	Retain permanently.
	Records associated with the management of the Child Death Case Review Committee. Includes membership, agendas, minutes, and associated correspondence.		
	For reports and supporting documentation relating to case reviews completed by the Committee see reference 1.3.1.		
	See also General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for records of a purely administrative nature.		

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
1.5	RESEARCH		
	The activity of investigating or enquiring into child deaths in order to discover facts, princip Queensland.	les etc., aimed at pre	eventing child deaths in
	See also section 2.10 Research for research into broader child protection issues.		
	See also section 3. Strategic Policy Direction for research on broader issues affecting child	dren and young peop	ole.
	See also General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for records	relating to:	
	legal deposit requirements for publications		
	informational material, drafts and working papers.		
1.5.1	Original research – summary/final reports and evaluations	Permanent	Retain permanently.
	Records of original research into child deaths covered by s. 145 of the <i>Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000</i> . Includes research reports developed or commissioned by the agency.		
1.5.2	Original research – other records	Temporary	Retain for 25 years after
	Other records relating to original research into child deaths (published and unpublished) performed by the agency.		completion of research.
	Records may include, but are not limited to:		
	research plans		
	interim reports		
	primary research data		
	raw data in all formats		
	stakeholder submissions		
	surveys and/or interview responses		
	data collection authorisation forms		

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
	modelling diagrams.  Evaluates data comprising the Child death register.		
	Excludes data comprising the Child death register.  See the General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for informational material, drafts and working papers.		

### 2. CHILD GUARDIANSHIP

The function of overseeing the services provided to Queensland children and young people in the child protection and youth justice systems. Includes monitoring and reporting on the effectiveness of the child safety and youth justice systems; monitoring and reviewing laws, policies and practices impacting on the services provided to children and young people; administering a state-wide Community Visitor function for children and young people in alternative care – including foster care; and receiving, reviewing and investigating complaints about services provided to, or not provided to, children and young people in the child safety or youth justice system.

See General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for records relating to:

- Communications Management
- Enquiries
- Legislation
- Marketing
- Policy
- Publications.

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
2.1	ADVICE		
	The activity of working with government and non-government organisations who deliver seimprove their capacity to safeguard the safety of children in their care. Includes the provision etc.		
	See section 2.8 Policy and Guidance Products for guidelines and other material aimed at service providers.		
	See section 2.5 Education and Training for training provided to service providers.		
	See also General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for arrange external committees and minutes of meetings.	ments for staff excha	nges, participation in

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action		
2.1.1	Detailed advice	Temporary	Retain for 7 years		
	Records documenting detailed information and advice provided to service providers to enable them to deliver a higher standard of care.		after last action.		
	See section 2.7 Monitoring for the monitoring and audit of service providers.				
	See General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for routine enquiries received by the agency.				
2.2	CLIENT MANAGEMENT				
	The provision of assistance and advocacy to children in Queensland receiving services or care under s.17 and s.25 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000. Includes the monitoring of children through community visitations and the resolution of issues arising from these visits.				
	Excludes advocacy and assistance to children in Queensland who are not in the child safety or youth justice systems the records of which are covered in section 2.4 Complaints Management.				
	For the investigation of complaints see section 2.6 Investigations.				
2.2.1	Child/young person case files	Temporary	Retain for 100 years		
	Records relating to individual children and young people who receive visits from community visitors.		after last action.		
	Records may include, but are not limited to:				
	personal details of child				
	child progress reports completed by community visitor				
	<ul> <li>rcords of the child's views and wishes (s.103(3))</li> </ul>				
	completed visit checklists				
	corrective action plans				
	referral of information to other agencies (s. 25)				

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action		
	placement history				
	copies of child protection orders				
	rehabilitation records				
	<ul> <li>details of parties and service providers who raise issues with community visitors or are subject to a matter being handled by a community visitor.</li> </ul>				
	Also includes copies of records and information received and requested from other jurisdictions and other government and non-government service providers.				
2.3	COMMUNITY VISITATION AND SUPPORT				
	The activity of making regular visits to children and young people in out-of-home care to provide information and support and to ensure that the child or young person's needs are being met. Community visitors are accessible to children in residential facilities, foster care, disability respite centres, mental health facilities and youth detention centres.				
	See also section 5.1 Employment Conditions for records relating to the employment history of community visitors.				
	For records relating to the monitoring and audit of child service providers see section 2.7 Monitoring.				
	For records relating to the payment of community visitors see the General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records.				
2.3.1	Entry warrants	Temporary	Retain for 5 years		
	Warrants obtained under s. 96 of the <i>Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000</i> authorising a community visitor to enter a visitable site or home.		after last action.		
2.3.2	Visitable sites and homes - inactive	Temporary	Retain for 50 years		
	Inactive data sets held in the Jigsaw information system recording sites and homes no longer visitable for the purposes of s.86 of the <i>Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000</i> . Information includes, but is not limited to:		after last action.		
	address of visitable site				

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
	name of community visitor assigned to the site		
	dates of visits completed.		
	For visitable site and home reports see reference 2.3.5.		
2.3.3	Community visits – child issues log	Temporary	Retain for 100 years
	Datasets held in the Jigsaw information system recording issues relating to children identified by community visitors requiring follow-up action.		after last action.
	Information includes, but is not limited to:		
	date logged		
	details of issue		
	section 25 referrals		
	details of how issue handled/resolved by Community Visitor.		
	Includes hard copy serious issue notifications (previously issued under section 20 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000).		
	For detailed child case files see reference 2.2.1.		
2.3.4	Community visitor – visiting schedules and observations	Temporary	Retain for 100 years
	Records prepared by community visitors such as visiting schedules, interviews, notes and observations relating to the visit. Includes Community Visitor (CV) Notebooks.		after last action.
	For detailed child case records see reference 2.2.1.		
2.3.5	Visitable homes and visitable sites reports	Temporary	Retain for 100 years
	Records relating to visitable homes and sites reports submitted to the Commissioner under s. 92 of the <i>Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000.</i> Includes comments on the appropriateness of the service, facility or		after last action.

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
	accommodation, and feedback from children and young people.		
	Records may include, but are not limited to:		
	copies of documents obtained at a visitable site or home (s.101(4))		
	completed visit checklist		
	consent acknowledgement books		
	CV notebooks		
	covering email.		
	See section 2.2 Client Management for records relating to progress reports submitted by community visitors relating to individual children.		
2.4	COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT		'
	The process of handling expressions of dissatisfaction received by the Commission under Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 about a service a child or young person in the child safety or juvenile justice systems. Includes the activities monitoring and resolving those complaints. Also includes the making of complaints by the Children and young people in care.  For complaints dealt with through a formal investigation see section 2.6 Investigations.	that the provider has s associated with re	s, or is not providing, to ceiving, assessing,
2.4.1	Complaints – initiated by the Children's Commissioner	Permanent	Retain Permanently.
	Records relating to complaints initiated by the Commissioner under s.59 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 on the basis that the matter:		
	adversely affects the rights or wellbeing of a child or children		
	raises issues of public interest		
	<ul> <li>raises a significant issue about a law, policy or practice or the need for a law, policy or practice.</li> </ul>		

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
	Records may include, but are not limited to:		
	details of complaint		
	<ul> <li>details of parties and service providers relevant to the complaint management process</li> </ul>		
	details of communication with relevant parties and service providers		
	<ul> <li>documentation received or requested from relevant parties or service providers, including written correspondence, court material, reports, or notes or outcome information.</li> </ul>		
	For records relating to the investigation of these complaints see section 2.6 Investigations.		
2.4.2	Complaints – referred to complaints agency or service provider	Temporary	Retain for 100 years after last action.
	Records relating to complaints and allegations that are formally referred to the relevant complaint agency or service provider under s. 61 (a) or 62 (b) or s.25 of the <i>Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000</i> .		
	Records may include, but are not limited to:		
	details of complaint		
	<ul> <li>details of parties and service providers relevant to the complaint management process</li> </ul>		
	assessment reports or notes		
	notice of referral.		
2.4.3	Complaints – conciliated	Temporary	Retain for 100 years
	Records relating to complaints and allegations dealt with by negotiation and conciliation by the Commission under s.61 (c) of the <i>Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000</i> . Excludes complaints initiated by the Commissioner.		after last action.

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
	Records may include, but are not limited to:		
	details of complaint		
	assessment reports or notes		
	notice of outcome		
	details of communication with relevant parties and service providers		
	<ul> <li>documentation received or requested from relevant parties or service providers, including written correspondence, court material, reports, notes or outcome information.</li> </ul>		
	For complaints dealt with by the Commission as an investigation see section 2.6 Investigations.		
2.4.4	Complaints – not accepted as complaints	Temporary	Retain for 25 years after last action.
	Records relating to complaints and allegations lodged with the Commission, but not dealt with as complaints, in accordance with s. 61(e) of <i>Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000</i> . Complaints may not be accepted on the grounds that they:		
	are determined to be frivolous, or otherwise lack substance		
	the subject matter had already been adequately dealt with		
	the subject matter was already decided by the Queensland Civil and Administration     Tribunal or other legal proceedings		
	further dealing in the matter was deemed unnecessary or unjustifiable		
	the subject of the complaint was not related to the interests of the child or children		
	the complainant withdrew the complaint or failed to cooperate in the resolution of the complaint		
	any other reason given under s. 62 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000.		

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
	Records may include, but are not limited to:		
	details of complaint		
	details of communication with relevant parties or service providers		
	assessment reports or notes		
	notice of decision not to continue dealing with complaint.		
2.5	EDUCATION AND TRAINING		
	The activity of providing information and training to individuals and organisations providing responsibilities for fostering safe service environments for children. It also includes the procommunity to build awareness of child safety issues. Includes organising workshops, and to See General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for legal deposit	vision of information the development of r	to the broader newsletters, FAQs, etc.
2.5.1	Master copies of capacity development material	Temporary	Retain for 10 years after last action.
	Master copies of capacity development tools and materials, for example, educational kits, newsletters and planning models or frameworks.		
2.5.2	Development records	Temporary	Retain for 2 years
	Records supporting the development of capacity initiatives. Includes circulated drafts, research and associated correspondence.		after last action.
2.5.3	Event management	Temporary	Retain for 5 years
an	Records relating to arrangements for capacity development events. Includes bookings and attendance lists, agendas, training materials, flyers, speaking notes and audio visual materials.		after last action.
2.6	INVESTIGATIONS	1	
	The activity associated with the investigation of complaints and other matters relating to the a child in the child safety system in accordance with the Commission of Children and Youn	•	•

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
	Includes investigations into complaints made by the Children's Commissioner and matters conciliation.	which could not be	resolved through
	For records relating to the lodgement and management of complaints see section 2.4 Comp	plaint Managemen	t.
2.6.1	Investigations – significant	Permanent	Retain permanently.
	Records relating to formal investigations into complaints or allegations which are significant. Factors which indicate a permanent retention include investigations:	. Gillianom	retain permanently.
	<ul> <li>initiated by a complaint made by the Children's Commissioner under sections 59 or 64 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000; and</li> </ul>		
	where the complaints and allegations were substantiated.		
	Records may include, but are not limited to:		
	notices of investigation		
	investigation reports		
	police reports		
	meeting/conferencing notes		
	referrals (for investigation)		
	notifiers' information.		
	For the investigations into child death cases see reference 1.3.1 Child death case reviews.		
	See the General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for drafts and working papers.		
2.6.2	Investigations – unsubstantiated	Temporary	Retain for 50 years
	Records relating to formal investigations into complaints or allegations, except those		after last action.

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action		
	covered by reference 2.6.1, where the allegations are found to be unsubstantiated.				
	Records may include, but are not limited to:				
	notice of Investigation				
	investigation reports				
	police reports				
	meeting/conferencing notes				
	referrals (for investigation)				
	notifiers' information.				
	See the General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for drafts and working papers.				
2.7	MONITORING				
	The activity of monitoring the systems, policies and practices of the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services and other licensed organisations providing services to children in the child protection system in accordance with sections 17-18 and Chapter 3 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000. Includes audits of specific aspects of, or matters directly related to the service.				
	See section 2.2 Client Management for records relating to the monitoring, review and audit of individual child protection cases.				
	See section 4.5 Monitoring for the monitoring of employment screening compliance.				
	See section 2.6 Investigations for records relating to investigations into issues raised as a result of the Commission's monitoring role.				
	For records relating to matters referred to the responsible referral agency see section 2.4 Complaint Management.				
	For records of reviews of decisions made by the Department in relation to individual child protection cases see section 2.11 Reviews.				
	For records of visits by Community Visitors see section 2.3 Community Visitation and Supp	oort.			

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
2.7.1	Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services and other departments – significant	Permanent	Retain permanently.
	Records documenting the monitoring and audit of the Department and other departments as mentioned in s. 39 of the <i>Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000</i> where <b>significant outcomes</b> result.		
	Factors which may determine a permanent retention include:		
	machinery of government changes occur		
	major procedural reforms are triggered		
	a major public inquiry is triggered (e.g. CMC investigation, Commission of Inquiry, etc.).		
	Records may include, but are not limited to:		
	audit reports		
	monitoring plans (s. 23(d))		
	progressive reports		
	requests for information notices		
	documentation provided to the Commission about the Department's provision of care		
	documentation provided to the Commission about the Department's internal complaints management system		
	project documentation.		
2.7.2	Department of Child Safety and other departments – other	Temporary	Retain for 100 years after last action.
	Records documenting the monitoring and audit of the Department and other departments as mentioned in section 39 of the <i>Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000</i> <b>other</b> than those cases described in reference 2.7.1.		
	Records may include, but are not limited to:		

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
	audit reports		
	monitoring plans (s. 23(d))		
	progressive reports		
	requests for information notices		
	documentation provided to the Commission about the Department's provision of care		
	documentation provided to the Commission about the Department's internal complaints management system		
	project documentation.		
2.7.3	Licensed service providers	Temporary	Retain for 50 years after expiry or cancellation of licence.
	Records relating to the monitoring and audit of service providers licensed under the <i>Child Protection Act 1999</i> to provide services directly to children in the child safety system.		
	Records may include, but are not limited to:		ncence.
	inspection reports		
	audit reports		
	monitoring plans (s. 23(d))		
	progressive reports		
	requests for information notices		
	documentation provided to the Commission about a service provider's provision of care		
	documentation provided to the Commission about the service provider's internal complaints management system		
	project documentation.		
	For the monitoring of compliance with employment screening requirements see section		

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action		
	4.5 Monitoring.				
2.8	POLICY AND GUIDANCE PRODUCTS				
	The activity of drafting and releasing policies, standards, instructions and guidelines relating mandatory or voluntary procedures, instructions and guidelines.	g to child protectior	n issues. Includes		
	See the General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for records r of internal operating policies and procedures.	elating to the formu	llation and promulgation		
	See also the General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for lega	l deposit requireme	ents for publications.		
2.8.1	Master set of policy and guidance material	Permanent	Retain permanently.		
	Master set of policies and guidance products relating to child protection issued by the Commission. Includes final versions of compliance indicators, frameworks and risk assessment tools.				
2.8.2	Development records	Temporary	Retain for 10 years		
	Records relating to the development of policies and guidance products. Includes significant drafts and records of stakeholder consultation.		after last action.		
2.9	REPORTING				
	The activities involved in investigating or enquiring into child safety matters in order to discover facts, principles etc, aimed at promoting the wellbeing of children and young people and protecting them from harm. Excludes research specifically relating to causes and prevention of child deaths.				
	See also section 3. Strategic Policy Direction for research on broader issues affecting children and young people.				
2.9.1	Reports to the Minister	Permanent	Retain permanently.		
	Reports to the Minister made under s. 395 of the Commission for Children and Young				
	People and Child Guardian Act 2000 relating to the child protection system. Includes reports on specific matters requested by the Minister.				
	Refer to the General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for the				

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
	retention of annual reports of the agency.		
2.10	RESEARCH		
	The activities involved in investigating or enquiring into child safety matters in order to disconnecting the wellbeing of children and young people and protecting them from harm.	over facts, principle	s etc, aimed at
	Excludes research specifically relating to causes and prevention of child deaths.		
	See also section 3. Strategic Policy Direction for research on broader issues affecting child	ren and young peo	ple.
2.10.1	Original research – summary/final reports and evaluations	Permanent	Retain permanently.
	Records of original research into child protection system issues. Includes research reports developed or commissioned by the agency.		
	See section 1.5 Research for research into child deaths.		
	See the General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for:		
	legal deposit requirements for published material		
	informational material, drafts and working papers.		
2.10.2	Original research – other records	Temporary	Retain for 25 years
	Other records relating to original research (published and unpublished) performed by the agency into child protection system issues.		after completion of research.
	Records may include, but are not limited to:		
	research plans		
	interim reports		
	primary research data		
	raw data in all formats		
	stakeholder submissions		

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action	
	surveys and/or interview responses			
	data collection authorisation forms			
	modelling diagrams.			
	See the General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for informational material, drafts and working papers.			
2.11	REVIEWS			
	The process of making and supporting an application by the Commission to the Queenslate Chapter 10 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 200 Department of Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services.	00 for the review of a		
	See section 4.1 Appeals for defending appeals against decisions made by the Commissio	<i>n.</i>		
2.11.1	Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal reviews	Permanent	Retain permanently.	
	Records associated with applications for reviews made to the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal.			
	Records may include, but are not limited to:			
	notices provided under s.370 and Part 2 s.371 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000			
	written judgement or findings.			
2.12	SUBMISSIONS			
	The preparation and submission of a formal statement (e.g. report, statistics, etc.) supporting a case or opinion held by the Commission which is submitted to another organisation, or within the Commission.			
	For submissions from external organisations in relation to a Commission function refer to the relevant function.			
2.12.1	Submissions	Permanent	Retain permanently	
	Submissions and supporting documents (other than Cabinet and Executive Council		by the Commission.	

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
	Submissions) made to the external agencies on significant child safety issues.		
	See the General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for:		
	submissions to Commissions of Inquiry and similar bodies		
	drafts and working papers.		

## 3. CHILD POLICY STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The function of providing independent, strategic policy advice and responses to issues affecting children and young people. Includes undertaking research on issues affecting children and young people, developing publications and responding to local, national and international initiatives impacting on the rights and well being of children.

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
3.1	EDUCATION AND TRAINING  The activities associated with increasing awareness of issues relating to the rights and wells state-wide education and capacity building programs.	being of children a	nd young people through
3.1.1	Master copies of capacity development material  Master copies of capacity development tools and materials, for example, educational kits, newsletters and planning models or frameworks.	Temporary	Retain for 10 years after last action.
3.1.2	Development records  Records supporting the development of capacity initiatives. Includes circulated drafts, research and associated correspondence.	Temporary	Retain for 2 years after last action.
3.1.3	Event management  Records relating to arrangements for capacity development events. Includes bookings and attendance lists, agendas, training materials, flyers, speaking notes and audio visual materials.	Temporary	Retain for 5 years after last action.
3.2	POLICY AND GUIDANCE PRODUCTS  The activity of drafting and releasing policies, standards, instructions and guidelines relating to the employment screening program.  See General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for records relating to the formulation and promulgation of internal operating policies and procedures.		

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
3.2.1	Master set of policy and guidance material  Master set of policies and guidance products issued by the Commission.  See General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for legal deposit requirements for published material.	Permanent	Retain permanently.
3.2.2	Development records  Records relating to the development of policies and guidance products. Includes drafts and records of stakeholder consultation.	Temporary	Retain for 10 years after last action.
3.3	RESEARCH  The activities involved in investigating or enquiring into a subject or area of interest in order See section 1.5 Research for research into child deaths.	to discover facts, <sub>l</sub>	orinciples, etc.
3.3.1	Original research – summary/final reports and evaluations  Records of original research into child protection system issues. Includes research reports developed or commissioned by the agency.  See the General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for:  Iegal deposit requirements for published material  drafts and working papers.	Permanent	Retain permanently.
3.3.2	Original research – other records  Other records relating to original research (published and unpublished) performed by the agency into issues affecting the rights or wellbeing of children and young people. Includes the identification of trends and emerging and ongoing issues.  Records may include, but are not limited to:  research plans  interim reports	Temporary	Retain for 25 years after completion of research.
	· interior reports		

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
	raw data in all formats		
	stakeholder submissions		
	surveys and/or interview responses		
	data collection authorisation forms, and		
	modelling diagrams.		
	See the General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for informational material, drafts and working papers.		
3.4	SUBMISSIONS		
	The preparation and submission of a formal statement (e.g. report, statistics, etc.) supporting Commission which is submitted to another organisation for the purpose of either gain or su		held by the
3.4.1	External submissions	Permanent	Retain permanently
	Submissions and supporting documents (other than Cabinet and Executive Council Submissions) made to external agencies on issues affecting the rights and well-being of children and young people.		by the Commission.
	See the General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for:		
	submissions to Commissions of Inquiry and similar bodies.		
	drafts and working papers.		

## 4. WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

The function of screening individuals operating regulated businesses and persons looking to work or volunteer in regulated employment under Chapter 8 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000. Includes conducting checks of police and disciplinary information for individual applicants criminal history and disciplinary checks, issuing notices and monitoring changes to criminal histories. Also includes activities supporting reviews and appeals initiated either by the Commissioner or an applicant.

For records of speeches and presentations on issues relating to employment screening see section 4.3 Education and Training.

For records of audits and monitoring of individuals and businesses see section 4.5 Monitoring.

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
4.1	APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW		
	The activity of defending applications for review of the Commissioner's decisions relating to before the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT). Also potentially relates to whether information released by the Queensland Police Services is investigative information includes subsequent appeals to the QCAT Appeal Division or the Court of Appeal.	challenges by app	licants who contest
	file. Where appea on 4.2 Blue Card A	records form part of the oplications or the	
4.1.1	Queensland Court of Appeal matters	Permanent	Retain permanently.
	Records relating to appeals made from the QCAT to the Court of Appeal relating to a negative notice - irrespective of the outcome.		
	Records may include, but are not limited to:		
	notice of intention to appeal		
	notice of outcome.		
4.1.2	Other appeals	Temporary	Retain for 100 years
	Records relating to reviews/appeals made to QCAT or Magistrates Court regarding either a positive or negative notice. Includes where the Commission's decision was overturned		from date of birth.

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
	(so that the applicant receives a positive notice) or upheld (so that the applicant receives a negative notice).		
	Records may include, but are not limited to:		
	notice of intention to appeal		
	notice of outcome.		
4.2	BLUE AND EXEMPTION CARD APPLICATIONS		
	This section relates to the processing of applications for blue and exemption cards required accordance with Chapter 8 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child G. 1999, the Child Safety (Carers) Amendment Act 2006 and other related legislation.	, ,	•
	For the monitoring of notice holders see section 4.5 Monitoring.		
	See General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for draft lists of a checking and audit purposes and the retention of master control records.	approved applicants	s used for quality
4.2.1	Blue and exemption card applications – summary records	Temporary	Retain for 100 years
	Datasets recorded in the Employment Screening Service (ESS) database ('bluebox',		from date of birth.
	previously known as 'greybox'), forming an historical summary of applications lodged by an applicant (employees and employers). Information to be captured includes:		
	• name		
	name changes		
	aliases		
	date of birth		
	applicant ID		
	business process ID		
	business process		
	applicant type		

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
	employer type		
	current employer yes/no		
	employer letter sent to		
	changes in employer type		
	governing body impact yes/no		
	governing body letter sent to		
	exemption body yes/no		
	exemption body letter sent to		
	application date		
	criminal history yes/no		
	changes in criminal history		
	application outcome(s)		
	applicant status		
	date notice sent		
	outcome date/date finalised.		
4.2.2	Court orders	Temporary	Retain for 100 years
	Court orders received under s. 357 of the <i>Commission for Children and Young People</i> and <i>Child Guardian Act 2000</i> disqualifying individuals from holding positive notices.		from date of birth.
	Where these notices are kept on an application file, retain as per the relevant application file.		
4.2.3	Blue card applications – negative notices and discretionary decisions	Temporary	Retain for 100 years from date of birth.
	Master memorandum or Minute of positive/negative notice signed by the Commissioner and summarising the application outcome and decision rationale in relation to		nom date of pirth.

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
	discretionary matters dealt with under s. 226, 227 or 228 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000.		
4.2.4	Blue card applications – cancelled negative notices  Master memorandum or Minute of negative notice where the negative notice is later cancelled under s. 236 or 238 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000.  See also section 4.1 for appeals against negative notices.	Temporary	Retain for 100 years from date of birth.
4.2.5	<ul> <li>Blue card applications – disqualifying information</li> <li>Records associated with blue card applications which do not proceed due to the:</li> <li>applicant being charged with a disqualifying offence while application is in progress (withdrawn under either s.208 or s.217 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000)</li> <li>Commissioner being satisfied the applicant is a disqualified person and the application is therefore invalid (discontinued pursuant to section 175 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000).</li> <li>Includes withdrawal of consent notices.</li> <li>Excludes details of the application held in the Employment Screening Services (ESS) database ('bluebox').</li> <li>For summary records of Blue and Exemption Card applications, retain in accordance with reference 4.2.1.</li> </ul>	Temporary	Retain for 100 years from date of birth.

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
4.2.6	Blue card applications – positive notices	Temporary	Retain for 25 years after date of decision.
	Master memorandum or Minute of positive notice signed by the Commissioner and summarising the application outcome and decision rationale. Includes signed internal batch memorandum generated for all simple positive notices.		
	Includes positive notices which are cancelled due to loss or theft.		
	Excludes positive notices issued using discretionary powers under s. 220 and 221 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000.		
	For applications resulting in a positive notice which are subsequently replaced by a negative notice, retain in accordance with reference 4.2.3.		
4.2.7	Blue card applications – other records	Temporary	Retain for 7 years after date of decision.
	Other records associated with the processing of blue card applications, excluding minutes/memoranda of positive/negative notices and records covered by reference 4.2.6.		
	Records may include, but are not limited to:		
	original application/renewal forms as submitted by the applicant		
	requests for further information and responses		
	consent forms		
	applicant submissions		
	statutory notifications		
	copies of court dossiers		
	change of details advices		
	individual notifications sent to or received from other agencies		
	statutory declarations		
	details of replacement notices issued		
	<ul> <li>information relating to an individual application captured in the 'bluebox' system not covered by reference 4.2.1.</li> </ul>		

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
	See the General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for records relating to the processing of application fees.		
4.2.8	Blue card applications – do not proceed	Temporary	Retain for 1 year after
	Records associated with blue card applications which do not proceed due to any of the following:		last action.
	applicant is employed in exempt category		
	applicant is a minor		
	<ul> <li>failure to provide additional information (Notices deemed withdrawn under s. 205 - 207 or 215 (d) and 216 (d) of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000)</li> </ul>		
	failure to provide payment		
	failure to meet minimum lodgement requirements (rejected)		
	the application duplicates an existing (undecided) application		
	current approval has not yet expired		
	applicant deceases while application in progress.		
	Records also include withdrawal of consent notices made under sections 209 or 214-217 or 203-209 of the <i>Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act</i> 2000.		
	Excludes details of the application held in the Employment Screening Services (ESS) database ('bluebox').		
	For summary records of Blue and Exemption Card applications, retain in accordance with reference 4.2.1.		
4.2.9	Third party provider notifications	Temporary	Retain for 6 months
	Notifications from ABNote in relation to confirming the quantity of applications they have received within a given batch.		after last action.

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action		
4.2.10	Returned notices and cards  Current positive and positive exemption notices and Blue / exemption cards returned to	Temporary	Retain for 6 months after last action.		
	the Commission as required under sections 240, 245, 246, 303, 304, 322, 347, 348, 349 and 350 of the <i>Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act</i> 2000.				
4.3	EDUCATION AND TRAINING				
	The activity of providing information and training to regulated employers and employees regall 8 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000. Also includes organized community to build awareness of the employment screening program. Includes organized the General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for the market	udes the provisior anising workshops	of information to the s, and the development of		
4.0.4	events and the production of published material.	T	Datais for 40 season		
4.3.1	Master copies of capacity development material  Master copies of capacity development tools and materials, for example, educational kits, newsletters and planning models or frameworks.	Temporary	Retain for 10 years after last action.		
4.3.2	Development records  Records supporting the development of capacity initiatives. Includes circulated drafts, research and associated correspondence.	Temporary	Retain for 2 years after last action.		
4.3.3	Event management  Records relating to arrangements for capacity development events. Includes bookings and attendance list, agendas, training materials, flyers, speaking notes and audio visual materials.	Temporary	Retain for 5 years after last action.		
	FEES AND CHARGES		'		
4.4	1 220 / 117 017 11 020	The activity of setting and managing regulatory fees and charges for processing Blue or Exemption Card applications.			
4.4		emption Card appl	ications.		

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action		
	Schedule of fees and charges.		superseded.		
4.4.2	Fee setting	Temporary	Retain for 5 years		
	Records relating to the setting of fees and charges.		after last action.		
4.5	MONITORING				
	The activity of monitoring regulated employers and employees for compliance with employment screening requirements under Chapter 8 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000. Includes the referral of serious breaches to the Queensland Police Service.				
	See section 4.2 Blue and Exemption Card Applications for the processing of applications from regulated employees and employers.				
	See section 2.7 Monitoring for monitoring and auditing of services provided by licensed se	rvice providers and g	government bodies.		
4.5.1	Monitoring – matters referred for prosecution	Temporary	Retain for 50 years		
	Compliance audits of individual employers and employees where a serious breach was referred to the Queensland Police Service for prosecution.		after last action.		
4.5.2	Monitoring – other	Temporary	Retain for 7 years		
	Compliance audits of individual employers and employees not covered by reference 4.5.1.		after last action.		

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
4.5.3	Prosecutions register	Permanent	Retain permanently.
	Historical summary of all individuals referred to the Queensland Police Service for prosecution. Also includes all prosecutions initiated by the QPS.		
	Information includes, but is not limited to:		
	• name		
	employment Screening applicant file number		
	date referred		
	penalty imposed.		
4.5.4	Persons of interest register	Temporary	Retain for 100 years
	Entries in the Persons of interest register relating to individuals for whom a notification has been received regarding their disciplinary or complaint history. Includes applicants who have submitted an application for employment screening and individuals for whom no application for employment screening has been received.		from date of birth.
4.6	POLICY AND GUIDANCE PRODUCTS		
	The activity of drafting and releasing policies, standards, instructions and guidelines relating	g to the employme	nt screening program.
	See General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for records relating to the formulation and promulgation of internal operating policies and procedures.		
4.6.1	Master set of policy and guidance material	Permanent	Retain permanently.
	Master set of policies and guidance products relating to the employment screening program issued by the Commission. Includes final versions of compliance indicators, frameworks and risk assessment tools.		
4.6.2	Development records	Temporary	Retain for 10 years
	Records relating to the development of policies and guidance products. Includes drafts and records of stakeholder consultation.		after last action.

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action	
4.7	<b>REPORTING</b> The activity of providing a formal response to a situation, request or legislative requirement. Includes reports on individual employment screening cases.			
4.7.1	Reports to the Minister	Permanent	Retain permanently.	
	Reports to the Minister made under s. 395 of the <i>Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000</i> regarding the employment screening program. Includes reports requested by the Minister.			
	See the General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for retention requirements for annual reports, drafts and working papers.			
4.8	REVIEWS			
	The activity of re-evaluating or re-examining all aspects of the employment screening program, including policies, processes, procedures, standards and systems, to assess how well it meets the strategic goals of the Commission. Includes the formulation of recommendations and advice resulting from such reviews.			
	For records relating to other reviews, including client service reviews, see the General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records.			
4.8.1			Schedule for	
4.8.1		Permanent	Schedule for  Retain permanently.	
4.8.1	Administrative Records.	Permanent		

# 5. CHILDREN'S RIGHTS, PROTECTION AND PROMOTION PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

The function of managing the personnel of the Commission.

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
5.1	EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS  The activity associated with managing the general conditions of employment of employees.		
5.1.1	Community visitors – employment records  Records relating to the employment history of community visitors.  Records may include, but are not limited to:  contact details  appointment/commencement advice  separation advice  identification photograph  training history  records of disciplinary action.  Excludes criminal history and investigative information obtained under Chapter 8 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000.  See the General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for records relating to recruitment, position descriptions and remuneration.	Temporary	Retain for 25 years from date of separation.
5.1.2	Community visitors - returned identity cards  Community visitor identity cards surrendered in accordance with s. 111 of the  Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000.	Temporary	Retain for 5 years after last action.

# 6. CHILDREN'S RIGHTS, PROTECTION AND PROMOTION PUBLICATIONS

The function of having works, irrespective of format, issued for general distribution to the public.

Reference	Description of records	Status	Disposal action
6.1	MEDIA RELATIONS  The activity of releasing information to the media by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.		
6.1.1	Media releases – issued  Media releases issued by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian, which are not captured as part of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's ministerial media statements solution.	Permanent	Retain permanently.
	See the General Retention and Disposal Schedule for Administrative Records for copies of media releases.		