**This schedule applies to: [Agency Name]**

**Scope of records retention schedule**

This records retention schedule authorizes the destruction/transfer of the public records of the [Agency Name] relating to the unique functions of [insert brief description of functions and activities of the agency]. The schedule is to be used in conjunction with the *State Government General Records Retention Schedule (SGGRRS),* which authorizes the destruction/transfer of public records common to all state agencies.

**Disposition of public records**

Public records covered by records series within this records retention schedule (regardless of format) must be retained for the minimum retention period as specified in this schedule. Washington State Archives strongly recommends the disposition of public records at the end of their minimum retention period for the efficient and effective management of agency resources.

Public records designated as “Archival (Permanent Retention)” must not be destroyed. Records designated as “Archival (Appraisal Required)” must be appraised by the Washington State Archives before disposition. Public records must not be destroyed if they are subject to ongoing or reasonably anticipated litigation. Such public records must be managed in accordance with the agency’s policies and procedures for legal holds. Public records must not be destroyed if they are subject to an existing public records request in accordance with chapter 42.56 RCW. Such public records must be managed in accordance with the agency’s policies and procedures for public records requests.

**Revocation of previously issued records retention schedules**

All previously issued records retention schedules to the [Agency Name] are revoked. The [Agency Name] must ensure that the retention and disposition of public records is in accordance with current, approved records retention schedules.

**Authority**

This records retention schedule was approved by the State Records Committee in accordance with RCW 40.14.050 on [Month Date, Year].

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Revision History

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| 1.0 | [Month Date, Year] | Consolidation of all existing disposition authorities (with some minor revisions). | |

For assistance and advice in applying this records retention schedule,

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1. [FIRST FUNCTION NAME]

This section covers records relating to [insert function description here].

| * 1. [FIRST ACTIVITY NAME]   *The activity of [insert activity description here].* | | | |
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| **DISPOSITION AUTHORITY NUMBER (DAN)** | **DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS** | **RETENTION AND**  **DISPOSITION ACTION** | **DESIGNATION** |
| XX-XX-XXXXX  Rev. X | ***[Records Series Title] (example of Archival – Permanent Retention Series)***  Records relating to [insert records series description].  Includes, but is not limited to:   * [example of records covered by this series]; * [another example]; * [another example].   Excludes records covered by [Records Series Title] (DAN XX-XX-XXXXX).  *Note: [insert relevant note].* | **Retain** for X years after [cut-off]  *then*  **Transfer** to Washington State Archives for permanent retention. | **ARCHIVAL**  **(Permanent Retention)**  NON-ESSENTIAL  OPR |
| XX-XX-XXXXX  Rev. X | ***[Records Series Title] (example of Archival – Appraisal Required Series)***  Records relating to [insert records series description].  Includes, but is not limited to:   * [example of records covered by this series]; * [another example]; * [another example].   Excludes records covered by [Records Series Title] (DAN XX-XX-XXXXX).  *Note: [insert relevant note].* | **Retain** for X years after [cut-off]  *then*  **Transfer** to Washington State Archives for appraisal and selective retention. | **ARCHIVAL**  **(Appraisal Required)**  NON-ESSENTIAL  OPR |
| XX-XX-XXXXX  Rev. X | ***[Records Series Title] (example of Non-Archival Series)***  Records relating to [insert records series description].  Includes, but is not limited to:   * [example of records covered by this series]; * [another example]; * [another example].   Excludes records covered by [Records Series Title] (DAN XX-XX-XXXXX).  *Note: [insert relevant note].* | **Retain** for X years after [cut-off]  *then*  **Destroy**. | NON-ARCHIVAL  NON-ESSENTIAL  OPR |
| XX-XX-XXXXX  Rev. X | ***[Records Series Title] (example of Series with no retention after cut-off)***  Records relating to [insert records series description].  Includes, but is not limited to:   * [example of records covered by this series]; * [another example]; * [another example].   Excludes records covered by [Records Series Title] (DAN XX-XX-XXXXX).  *Note: [insert relevant note].* | **Retain** until [cut-off]  *then*  **Destroy**. | NON-ARCHIVAL  NON-ESSENTIAL  OFM |
| XX-XX-XXXXX  Rev. X | ***[Records Series Title] (example of Essential Series)***  Records relating to [insert records series description].  Includes, but is not limited to:   * [example of records covered by this series]; * [another example]; * [another example].   Excludes records covered by [Records Series Title] (DAN XX-XX-XXXXX).  *Note: [insert relevant note].* | **Retain** for X years after [cut-off]  *then*  **Destroy**. | NON-ARCHIVAL  **ESSENTIAL**  OPR |

| * 1. [SECOND ACTIVITY NAME]   *The activity of [insert activity description here].* | | | |
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| **DISPOSITION AUTHORITY NUMBER (DAN)** | **DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS** | **RETENTION AND**  **DISPOSITION ACTION** | **DESIGNATION** |
| XX-XX-XXXXX  Rev. X | ***[Records Series Title]***  Records relating to [insert records series description].  Includes, but is not limited to:   * [example of records covered by this series]; * [another example]; * [another example].   Excludes records covered by [Records Series Title] (DAN XX-XX-XXXXX).  *Note: [insert relevant note].* | **Retain** for X years after [cut-off]  *then*  **Destroy**. | NON-ARCHIVAL  NON-ESSENTIAL  OPR |

1. [SECOND FUNCTION NAME]

This section covers records relating to [insert function description here].

| * 1. [FIRST ACTIVITY NAME]   *The activity of [insert activity description here].* | | | |
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| **DISPOSITION AUTHORITY NUMBER (DAN)** | **DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS** | **RETENTION AND**  **DISPOSITION ACTION** | **DESIGNATION** |
| XX-XX-XXXXX  Rev. X | ***[Records Series Title]***  Records relating to [insert records series description].  Includes, but is not limited to:   * [example of records covered by this series]; * [another example]; * [another example].   Excludes records covered by [Records Series Title] (DAN XX-XX-XXXXX).  *Note: [insert relevant note].* | **Retain** for X years after [cut-off]  *then*  **Destroy**. | NON-ARCHIVAL  NON-ESSENTIAL  OPR |
| XX-XX-XXXXX  Rev. X | ***[Records Series Title] (example of Essential Series)***  Records relating to [insert records series description].  Includes, but is not limited to:   * [example of records covered by this series]; * [another example]; * [another example].   Excludes records covered by [Records Series Title] (DAN XX-XX-XXXXX).  *Note: [insert relevant note].* | **Retain** for X years after [cut-off]  then  **Destroy**. | NON-ARCHIVAL  **ESSENTIAL**  OPR |
| XX-XX-XXXXX  Rev. X | ***[Records Series Title] (example of Archival – Appraisal Required Series)***  Records relating to [insert records series description].  Includes, but is not limited to:   * [example of records covered by this series]; * [another example]; * [another example].   Excludes records covered by [Records Series Title] (DAN XX-XX-XXXXX).  *Note: [insert relevant note].* | **Retain** for X years after [cut-off]  *then*  **Transfer** to Washington State Archives for appraisal and selective retention. | **ARCHIVAL**  **(Appraisal Required)**  NON-ESSENTIAL  OPR |

1. LEGACY RECORDS

This section covers records no longer being created/received by [Agency Name], but the existing records have not yet reached their minimum retention period.

| **DISPOSITION AUTHORITY NUMBER (DAN)** | **DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS** | **RETENTION AND**  **DISPOSITION ACTION** | **DESIGNATION** |
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| XX-XX-XXXXX  Rev. X | ***[Records Series Title]***  Records relating to [insert records series description].  Includes, but is not limited to:   * [example of records covered by this series]; * [another example]; * [another example].   Excludes records covered by [Records Series Title] (DAN XX-XX-XXXXX).  *Note: [insert relevant note].* | **Retain** for X years after [cut-off]  *then*  **Destroy**. | NON-ARCHIVAL  NON-ESSENTIAL  OPR |

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| ***Appraisal*** |
| The process of determining the value and disposition of records based on their administrative, legal, and fiscal use; their evidential and informational or research value; and their relationship to other records. |
| ***Archival (Appraisal Required)*** |
| Designation for public records that may possess enduring legal and/or historical value and must be appraised by the Archives. Such records are to be evaluated, sampled, and weeded according to archival principles by Archives staff. Records appraised as non-archival may be destroyed after their retention has been met. |
| ***Archival (Permanent Retention)*** |
| Designation for public records that possess enduring legal and/or historical value and must not be destroyed. State government agencies must transfer these records to the Archives at the end of their minimum retention period. Local government agencies must either transfer these records to the Archives or retain and preserve them according to archival best practice until transferred to the Archives. Other than removing and disposing of duplicates, the Archives will not sample, weed, or otherwise dispose of records with this designation. |
| ***Disposition*** |
| Actions taken with records when they are no longer required to be retained by an agency. Possible disposition actions include transfer to the Archives and destruction. |
| ***Disposition Authority Number (DAN)*** |
| Control number for a specific records series in a retention schedule that authorizes a retention period and disposition action for records belonging to that series. |
| ***Essential Records*** |
| Public records that agencies must have in order to maintain or resume business continuity or to document the legal standing and rights of individuals and organizations. While the retention requirements for essential records may range from very short-term to archival, these records are necessary for an agency to resume its core functions following a disaster. Security backups of these public records should be created and may be deposited with the Archives in accordance with chapter 40.10 RCW. Copies of master indexes, lists, registers, tracking systems, databases, and other finding aids should also be transferred with the records. |
| ***Local Records Committee*** |
| Committee established by RCW 40.14.070 to review and approve disposition of local government records through records retention schedules. The Committee’s three members include the State Archivist and one representative each from the Office of the Attorney General and the State Auditor. |
| ***Non-Archival*** |
| Designation given to public records that do not possess sufficient historical value to be designated as “Archival.” Agencies must retain these records for the minimum retention period specified by the appropriate current records retention schedule. Agencies should destroy these records after their minimum retention period expires, provided the records are not required for litigation, public records requests, or other purposes required by law. |
| ***Non-Essential Records*** |
| Public records which are not required in order for an agency to resume its core functions following a disaster, as described in chapter 40.10 RCW. |
| ***OFM (Office Files and Memoranda)*** |
| Public records not defined and classified as official public records in RCW 40.14.010 and other documents or records as determined by the records committee to be office files and memoranda. |
| ***OPR (Official Public Records)*** |
| Public records necessary to document transactions relating to public property, public finances, and other agency business, or records determined by the records committee to be official public records. |
| ***Public Records*** |
| Records that have been created or received by any government agency in Washington State in connection with the transaction of public business regardless of physical form or characteristics. |
| ***Records Series*** |
| A group of records performing a specific function, which is used as a unit, filed as a unit, and may be transferred or destroyed as a unit. A records series may consist of a single type or a number of different types of documents that are filed together to document a specific function. |
| ***State Records Committee*** |
| Committee established by RCW 40.14.050 to review and approve disposition of state government records. Its four members include the State Archivist and one representative each from the Office of the Attorney General, Office of the State Auditor, and the Office of Financial Management. |

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