

GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE 4.2: Information Access and Protection Records

This schedule covers records created in the course of agencies (1) responding to requests for access to Government information and (2) protecting information that is classified or controlled unclassified, or contains personal data that is required by law to be protected.

Item	Records Description	Disposition Instruction	Disposition Authority
001	<p>FOIA, Privacy Act, and classified documents administrative records. Records on managing information access and protection activities. Records include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • correspondence related to routine implementation of the FOIA and Privacy Act and administration of security classification, control, and accounting for classified documents • associated subject files • feeder and statistical reports <p>Exclusion: This item does not cover records documenting policies and procedures accumulated in offices having agency-wide responsibilities for FOIA, Privacy Act, and classified documents. These records must be scheduled by the agency on an agency-specific schedule.</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy when 3 years old, but longer retention is authorized if needed for business use.</p>	<p>DAA-GRS-2016-0013-0003</p>
010	<p>General information request files. Requests for information, publications, photographs, and other information involving no administrative action, policy decision, or special compilations or research. Also includes acknowledgements, replies, and referrals of inquiries to other offices for response.</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy when 90 days old, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.</p>	<p>DAA-GRS-2013-0007-0001</p>
020	<p>Access and disclosure request files. Case files created in response to requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR) process, Privacy Act (PA), Classification Challenge, and similar access programs, and completed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • granting the request in full • granting the request in part • denying the request for any reason including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ inability to fulfill request because records do not exist ○ inability to fulfill request because request inadequately describes records ○ inability to fulfill request because search or reproduction fees are not paid 	<p>Temporary. Destroy 6 years after final agency action or 3 years after final adjudication by the courts, whichever is later, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.</p>	<p>DAA-GRS-2016-0002-0001</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • final adjudication on appeal to any of the above original settlements • final agency action in response to court remand on appeal <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • requests (either first-party or third-party) • replies • copies of requested records • administrative appeals • related supporting documents (such as sanitizing instructions) <p>Note 1: Record copies of requested records remain covered by their original disposal authority, but if disposable sooner than their associated access/disclosure case file, may be retained under this item for disposition with that case file.</p> <p>Note 2: Agencies may wish to retain redacted copies of requested records for business use after the rest of the associated request case file is destroyed.</p>			
030	Information access and protection operational records.	Information access and protection tracking and control records. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • records documenting receipt, internal routing, dispatch, and destruction of unclassified records • tracking databases and other records used to manage overall program • requests and authorizations for individuals to have access to classified files 	Temporary. Destroy 2 years after last form entry, reply, or submission; or when associated documents are declassified or destroyed; or when authorization expires; whichever is appropriate. Longer retention is authorized if required for business use.	DAA-GRS-2016-0002-0002
031		Access control records. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • safe and padlock combinations • names or other personal identifiers of individuals who know combinations • comparable data used to control access into classified document containers 	Temporary. Destroy when superseded or obsolete, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.	DAA-GRS-2013-0007-0020

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032	<p>Records relating to classified or controlled unclassified document containers. Includes forms placed on safes, cabinets, or vaults that record opening, closing, and routine checking of container security, such as SF-701 and SF-702.</p> <p>Note: Forms involved in investigations are not covered by this item. They are instead retained according to the schedule item for records of the investigation.</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy 90 days after last entry on form, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.</p>	<p>DAA-GRS-2016-0002-0003</p>
040	<p>Accounting for and control of access to classified and controlled unclassified records and records requested under FOIA, PA, and MDR. Records documenting identity, internal routing, and final disposition of classified documents. Also, records documenting control points and accountability for information relating to access requests. Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • forms, registers, ledgers, logs, and tracking systems documenting requester identity and contact information, request date, and nature or purpose of request • inventories of controlled records • forms accompanying documents to ensure continuing control, showing names of people handling the documents, inter-office routing, and comparable data • agent and researcher files 	<p>Temporary. Destroy or delete 5 years after date of last entry, final adjudication by courts, or final action by agency (such as downgrading, transfer or destruction of related classified documents, or release of information from controlled unclassified status), as may apply, whichever is later; but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.</p>	<p>DAA-GRS-2016-0002-0004</p>
050	<p>Privacy Act accounting of disclosure files. Files maintained under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. §552a(c) for an accurate accounting of the date, nature, and purpose of each disclosure of a record to any person or to another agency. Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • forms with the subject individual's name • records of the requester's name and address • explanations of the purpose for the request • date of disclosure • proof of subject individual's consent 	<p>Temporary. Dispose of in accordance with the approved disposition instructions for the related subject individual's records, or 5 years after the disclosure for which the accountability was made, whichever is later.</p>	<p>NC1-64-77-1 item 27</p>

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060	<p>Erroneous release records. Files relating to the inadvertent release of privileged information to unauthorized parties, containing information the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • requests for information • copies of replies 	<p>Records filed with the record-keeping copy of the erroneously released records.</p>	<p>Temporary. Follow the disposition instructions approved for the released record copy or destroy 6 years after the erroneous release, whichever is later.</p>	DAA-GRS-2015-0002-0001
061		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all related supporting documents <p>May include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • official copy of records requested or copies 	<p>Records filed separately from the record-keeping copy of the released records.</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy 6 years after the erroneous release, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.</p>
070	<p>Agency reports to the Congress, Department of Justice, or other entities regarding FOIA, MDR, PA, and similar access and disclosure programs.</p> <p>Note: This item does not apply to summary reports incorporating government-wide statistics. These must be scheduled separately by the summarizing agent.</p>		<p>Temporary. Destroy 2 years after date of report, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.</p>	DAA-GRS-2013-0007-0006
080	<p>Legal and regulatory compliance reporting records. Reports prepared in compliance with Federal laws and regulations, such as the E-Government Act (Public Law 107-347), Title III (Federal Information Security Management Act), and Title V (Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act), as codified in 44 U.S.C. §101.</p>	<p>Annual reports by agency CIO, Inspector General, or Senior Agency Official for Privacy.</p> <p>Legal citation: OMB M-07-16.</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy 5 years after submission of report, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.</p>	DAA-GRS-2013-0007-0022
081		<p>All other agency reports and internal reports by individual system owners to the Senior Agency Official for Privacy (SAOP).</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy 2 years after submission of report, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.</p>	DAA-GRS-2013-0007-0023

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090	<p>Privacy Act amendment request files. Files relating to an individual’s request to amend a record pertaining to that individual under 5 U.S.C. §552a(d)(2), to the individual’s request for review of an agency’s refusal to amend a record under 5 U.S.C. §552a(d)(3), and to any civil action or appeal brought by the individual against the refusing agency under 5 U.S.C. §552a(g). Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • requests to amend and to review refusal to amend • copies of agency’s replies • statement of disagreement • agency justification for refusal to amend a record • appeals • related materials 	<p>Temporary. Destroy with the records for which amendment was requested or 4 years after close of case (final determination by agency or final adjudication, whichever applies), whichever is later. Longer retention is authorized if required for business use.</p>	DAA-GRS-2013-0007-0007	
100	<p>Automatic and systematic declassification review program records. Files related to the review of permanent records in anticipation of automatic declassification at 25, 50, or 75 years per Executive Order 13526, and the periodic review of records exempted from automatic declassification. Files include program records documenting declassification decisions.</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy or delete 30 years after completion of review, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.</p>	DAA-GRS-2013-0007-0008	
110	<p>Fundamental classification guidance review files. Reports, significant correspondence, drafts, received comments, and related materials responding to “fundamental classification guidance review” as required by Executive Order 13526 Section 1.9.</p> <p>Note: This item does not cover reports and correspondence received at the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO).</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy 5 years after report is submitted to ISOO, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.</p>	DAA-GRS-2013-0007-0011	
120	<p>Classified information nondisclosure agreements. Copies of nondisclosure agreements, such as SF 312, Classified Information Nondisclosure Agreement, signed by civilian and military personnel with access to information that is classified under standards put forth</p>	<p>Records maintained in the individual’s official personnel folder.</p>	<p>Apply the disposition for the official personnel folder.</p>	
121	<p>information that is classified under standards put forth</p>	<p>Records maintained separately from the</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy when 50</p>	DAA-GRS-

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	<p>by executive orders governing security classification.</p> <p>individual’s official personnel folder.</p> <p>Legal citations: ICD 703, Protection of Classified National Intelligence; 32 CFR 2001.80(d)(2)(vii).</p>	years old.	2015-0002-0003
130	<p>Personally identifiable information extracts. System-generated or hardcopy print-outs generated for business purposes that contain Personally Identifiable Information.</p> <p>Legal citation: OMB M-07-16 (May 22, 2007), Attachment 1, Section C, bullet “Log and Verify.”</p>	Temporary. Destroy when 90 days old or no longer needed pursuant to supervisory authorization, whichever is appropriate.	DAA-GRS-2013-0007-0012
140	<p>Personally identifiable information extract logs. Logs that track the use of PII extracts by authorized users, containing some or all of: date and time of extract, name and component of information system from which data is extracted, user extracting data, data elements involved, business purpose for which the data will be used, length of time extracted information will be used. Also includes (if appropriate): justification and supervisory authorization for retaining extract longer than 90 days, and anticipated disposition date.</p>	Temporary. Destroy when business use ceases.	DAA-GRS-2013-0007-0013
150	<p>Privacy Act System of Records Notices (SORNs). Agency copy of notices about the existence and character of systems of records, documenting publication in the Federal Register when the agency establishes or revises the system, per the Privacy Act of 1974 [5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(11)], as amended. Also significant material documenting SORN formulation, other than Privacy Impact Assessment records (see item 161).</p>	Temporary. Destroy 2 years after supersession by a revised SORN or after system ceases operation, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.	DAA-GRS-2016-0003-0002

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160	<p>Records analyzing Personally Identifiable Information (PII). Records documenting whether certain privacy and data security laws, regulations, and agency policies are required; how the agency collects, uses, shares, and maintains PII; and incorporation of privacy protections into records systems as required by the E-Government Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-347, section 208), the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), and other applicable privacy laws, regulations, and agency policies. Includes significant background material documenting formulation of final products.</p>	<p>Records of Privacy Threshold Analyses (PTAs) and Initial Privacy Assessments (IPAs). Records of research on whether an agency should conduct a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA).</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy 3 years after associated PIA is published or determination that PIA is unnecessary, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.</p>	DAA-GRS-2016-0003-0003
161		<p>Records of Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs).</p>	<p>Temporary. Destroy 3 years after a superseding PIA is published, after system ceases operation, or (if PIA concerns a website) after website is no longer available to the public, as appropriate. Longer retention is authorized if required for business use.</p>	DAA-GRS-2016-0003-0004
170	<p>Computer matching program notices and agreements. Agency copy of notices of intent to share data in systems of records with other Federal, state, or local government agencies via computer matching programs, and related records documenting publication of notice in the Federal Register per the Privacy Act of 1974 [5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(12)], as amended. Also agreements between agencies, commonly referred to as Computer Matching Agreements, prepared in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Final Guidance. Includes documentation of Data Integrity Board (DIB) review and approval of matching programs and agreements, and significant background material documenting formulation of notices and agreements.</p>		<p>Temporary. Destroy upon supersession by a revised notice or agreement, or 2 years after matching program ceases operation, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.</p>	DAA-GRS-2016-0003-0005
180	<p>Virtual public access library records. Records published by an agency on line to fulfill the requirement in 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(2)(A) through 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(2)(D) and 5 U.S.C. 552(g)(1) through 5 U.S.C. 552(g)(3) that agencies must make those records available for public inspection and copying. Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • final concurring and dissenting opinions and orders agencies issue when adjudicating cases 		<p>Temporary. Destroy when no longer needed.</p>	DAA-GRS-2016-0008-0001

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • statements of policy and interpretations the agency adopts but does not publish in the <i>Federal Register</i> • administrative staff manuals and instructions to staff that affect a member of the public • copies of records requested under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) which, because of the nature of their subject matter, the agency determines are, or are likely to become, the subject of subsequent requests for substantially the same records or which have been requested three or more times • indexes of agency major information systems • descriptions of agency major information and record locator systems • handbooks for obtaining various types and categories of agency public information <p>Exclusion: This item refers only to copies an agency publishes on line for public reference. The agency record copy of such material may be of permanent value and the agency must schedule it.</p> <p>Not media neutral. Applies to electronic records only.</p>		