

SW#	Title	Description	Retention	End Action	Date of Last Action
SW01	Accounting Journal Vouchers and Deposit Slips	Documents Relating to Accounts Receivables and Deposits with Supporting Documentation EXAMPLES: AG - Agency Only Approval Journals, AL - Allocation Process, AM - Assets Management, AP - Accounts Payable, AR - Accounts Receivable, BA - Balances from STARS, BI - Billing, CL - Closing Process, CM - Cash Management, CN - Contracts, DA - Division of Accounts Approval, EX - External Application, FM - Fleet Management, GM - Grants, IN - Inventory, IU - Inter-Unit Transaction, JV - Online Journal Voucher, KK - Commitment Control Journals, LA - Accrued Liabilities, LM - Enterprise Learning Management, MU - Mult-Unit Transactions, PM - Plant Management, PR - Project Closing, PY - Payroll, RA Accrued Revenue, RV - PS exp to STARS, TR - Transactions from STARS, TV - Travel (Expenses), YA - Year End Adjustments.	5	Destroy	May-20
SW02	Accounting Reports	Data and documents relating to accounting reports.	5	Destroy	Sep-24
SW03	Human Resources Employee Documentation	Documents pertaining to the proof of eligibility to work, included in this record series is human resource documentation kept in agency. Examples: Cards or sheets showing name, address, telephone number, and similar data for each office employee; performance evaluations, liens, garnishments, wage-related child support orders, employment verifications. Records covered under SW19 Active Employee Files shall not be destroyed under this RDA.	5	Destroy	Oct-21
SW04	Employee Medical Records	Documents relating to confidential employee medical records. Examples: Documentation of physicals and health status, treatment programs, injured in the line of duty and workers' compensation claims. May include diagnostic items such as test results, pictures, and x-rays. Records covered under SW19 Active Employee Files, SW09 Attendance and Leave Records, or SW03 Human Resources Employee Information Documents shall not be destroyed under this	30	Destroy	Sep-24
SW05	Retired: Administrative Documents	Documents previously under this RDA are now maintained under SW20 Fiscal Administrative Documents and SW23 Credit Card & Procurement Card	retired	retired	Sep-14
SW06	Boards and Commission Documents	Documents or recordings related to meetings of Boards, Commissions, Councils, and Committees in the transaction of official business. Examples: Official correspondence, memorandums, final reports, official policies, current & obsolete directives, minutes/accounts of proceeding actions taken, agenda, copies of reports, and announcements of the Boards, Commissions, Councils, and Committees.	5	Permanent	Oct-25
SW07	Travel Authorization Files	Documents relating to requests and authorizations for in-state and out-of-state travel and related correspondence, including cost estimates for travel.	5	Destroy	Oct-25
SW08	Agency Executive Subject Files	Documents relating to agency heads (Constitutional Officers, Commissioners, & Executive Directors) in the transaction of official business. Examples: Official correspondence, memorandums, final reports, current & obsolete directives.	5	Permanent	Oct-25
SW09	Attendance and Leave Records	Documents relating to attendance and leave, including correspondence such as notice of holidays and hours worked. Records covered under SW19 Active Employee Files, SW04 Employee Medical Records, or SW03 Human Resources Employee Information Documents shall not be destroyed under this RDA.	5	Destroy	Sep-24
SW10	Real Property Lease Files	Documents relating to the lease space in which various state agencies and departments are housed excluding the lease agreement. Examples: space action request documentation, request for proposals, and other related correspondence/documentation.	5	Destroy	Oct-25
SW11	Internal Audit Reports and Internal Audit Working Papers	Documents relating to an agency's internal audit reports and working papers generated by internal auditors to document investigations and/or audit reports conducted internally that are submitted to the commissioners, the Comptroller of the Treasury, and other parties. This RDA is not applicable to the Comptroller of the Treasury and its divisional offices.	10	Destroy	Sep-24
SW12	Contracts	Documents relating to contracts between state agencies and contractors. Records includes a copy of the final contract, Contractor's solicitation documents (e.g., Requests for Proposals (RFP) documents, Requests for Information (RFI) documents), response evaluation documents, statements of work, deliverable documentation, change order documentation, correspondence, and other related documents. Former RDA S2272	6	Destroy	Apr-23
SW13	Voter Registration Declination Files	Forms and documentation to implement federal national voter registration act of 1993 and TCA 2-2-201 through TCA 2-2-207. The form has been established as a statewide form for the use of all agencies involved. Each voter registration agency clientele is provided this form when declining to register to vote.	5	Destroy	Oct-21
SW14	Discrimination and Harassment Investigation files	Documents relating to discrimination and workplace harassment investigations. Records may include but not limited to; Correspondence, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission charges/documents, the Civil Rights Enforcement Division of the Tennessee Attorney General's Office charges/documents photographs, interviews, criminal report, medical files, State employee's files, decisions, orders or disciplinary actions and any collateral documentation created or received for the investigation.	10	Destroy	Oct-25
SW15	Annual Report Working Papers	Working Paper documents relating to the annual reports prepared by all agencies. Examples include: budget reports, emergency management reports, etc.	5	Destroy	Apr-18

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SW16	Temporary Records	Temporary Records are defined in T.C.A 10-7-301(13) as: "material which can be disposed of in a short period of time as being without value in documenting the functions of an agency. Temporary records will be scheduled for disposal by requesting approval from the public records commission [PRC] utilizing a records disposition authorization [RDA]." Temporary Records may include notes and communication media, including correspondence. These documents are only considered records of short term administrative value. (Examples: drafts, notes, voice mail, text messages, and email messages). Drafts, notes, voice mail, text messages and email messages are presumed to be temporary records unless they are governed by another RDA. Under no circumstances are documents of Fiscal, Legal, or Historic Value to be considered Temporary Records. Such records are to be covered by specific RDAs.	0	Destroy	Oct-25
SW17	Working Papers	Working Papers are defined in T.C.A. 10-7-301(14) as: "those records created to serve as input for final reporting documents, including electronic data processed records, and/or computer output microfilm, and those records which become obsolete immediately after agency use or publication." Working Papers are used to produce a record in its final form. Working papers, as covered by this RDA, include those records that have evidentiary or informational value once their preparation has been completed and that relate to significant steps taken in preparing the final record - for example, substantive drafts that provide significant context for the development of the final record. The final record resulting from the working papers is governed by the appropriate RDA. This RDA does not apply to Annual Reports (SW15), Budget (SW18), or Internal Audit (SW11) working papers. This RDA covers all other working papers unless superseded by another specific RDA.	1	Destroy	Oct-25
SW18	Budget Papers and Budget Working Paper	Documents relating to an agency's budget, budget working papers and budget requests. The records are documents used to assist the agency in the preparation of budgets and to justify requests to the Department of Finance and Administration as well as copies of official budget requests submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration for recommendations to be presented for final approval. Records include correspondence, instructions, tabulations, reports, cost estimates, budget request forms, program objectives, strategies, budget revisions and other related documents.	5	Destroy	Sep-24
SW19	Active Employee Files	These files consist of Departmental Employee Human Resources (HR) information and contains documentation that includes Department of Human Resources (DoHR) Form 0307. Records covered under SW03 Human Resources Employee Documentation shall not be maintained or destroyed under this RDA.	.5 years (6 Months)	Transfer to DoHR	Sep-24
SW20	Fiscal Administrative Documents	Files may include documents of Fiscal Value not covered by another Statewide RDA or Agency Specific RDA. (Examples: receipt documents, invoices, purchase orders, inventory records, payment documentation, payroll processing documentation, space assignment documentation, warranties, internal bookkeeping documentation, & balance sheets).	5	Destroy	May-20
SW21	Grant Files	Files included in this record series may include any documents pertaining to grants, such as applications, Contracts, Invoices, Asset Documentation, Monitoring Documentation, Evaluations, Photographs, Reports, Close-out Documents and Correspondence. This RDA may apply to any Grant Files not covered by a specific agency RDA.	5	Destroy	Sep-24
SW22	Internal Policies and Procedures	Official record copy of the policies and procedures. One copy of the policy, procedure, or rule will be kept by the issuing entity for retention/reference. Records series will include interim policies and procedures as well.	10	Destroy	Oct-21
SW23	Credit Card and Purchasing Card (p-Card) Documents	Documents relating to the use of state issued credit cards and Purchasing cards (p-Cards). Records series includes training tests, Edison security form, transaction logs, exception logs, fiscal officer's memos, account statements, and receipts.	5	Destroy	Sep-23
SW24	Hazardous Material Files	Documentation of hazardous materials purchased, shipped, stored, or utilized by state agencies. Documents may include: inventories, shipping papers, safety documentation, utilization logs/registers, Federal or state compliance documentation (EPA, OSHA, TDEC, etc.), disposal documentation, and correspondence. Annual training documentation shall be stored with and covered by RDA SW25, Administrative Documents - Internal Policies and Procedures. This RDA does not replace specific RDAs by an agency on specific hazardous materials or programs covered by an agency RDA.	5	Destroy	Sep-24
SW25	Administrative Documents - Internal Policies and Procedures	Documents that relate to the day-to-day administration of internal policies, procedures, and rules. Record series includes, but not limited to: employee agreement forms, annual employee trainings (not covered by RDA SW19, Personnel Files), training material, security forms, databases, frequently asked questions, and related forms. (This does not include the official record copy of the policies, procedures or rules which is covered by SW22.)	5	Destroy	Sep-24
SW26	Incident Reports	Records of incidents/accidents occurring on State controlled property, involving state personnel or members of the general public or state owned materials. A copy of incident reports involving injuries to state employees are to be included in the employee's medical file and covered under SW04 Employee Medical Records.	10	Destroy	Apr-25
SW27	Request For Proposal (RFP) Documents - Not Selected	Final submitted bid documents that were not awarded the contract. These fall under three categories: Unsuccessful - bids met criteria but were not selected, Non-responsive - bids that did not follow directions and thus disqualified, and Rejected - bids that were not submitted by the set deadline for submission.	5	Destroy	Oct-21

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SW28	Employment Applications - Not Selected Candidates	Application documents, hiring information, job registers, and resumes of candidates that were not selected for the position. Records include applications for full-time, part-time, temporary, and unpaid such as internships. These fall under three categories: Unsuccessful - applicant met criteria but were not hired, Non-responsive - applicants that did not submit required material or respond back to attempted communication, and Rejected - applications that were not submitted by the set deadline for submission or failed to meet minimum requirements.	5	Destroy	Apr-25
SW29	Affirmative Action Compliance Records	Affirmative Action Program records and any supporting documentation related to recruitment, selection, and advancement of employees that may be used to show compliance with federal Affirmative Action rules and regulations.	5	Destroy	Apr-25
SW30	Internal Investigation Files	Records of investigation resulting from a complaint against an employee of the State. Records include but not limited to; Correspondence, photographs, interviews, criminal report, medical files, State employee's files, decisions, orders or disciplinary actions and any collateral documentation received for the investigation.	10	Destroy	Apr-25
SW31	Communication Databases	Databases used for the collection of information to facilitate in communication and correspondence with the public. Includes spreadsheets/lists in paper format if an agency utilizes instead of electronic. Examples may include mailing lists for magazine or newsletter subscriptions, communication tracking systems, requests for publications, and agency/news updates.	5	Destroy	Apr-25
SW32	Accreditation Records	Documents the accreditation process relating to an agency's program or programs as required by federal or state statute, or other body. Includes background support materials, accrediting agency correspondence, guidelines, reports, procedures, and accreditation review reports and responses.	10	Destroy	Apr-25
SW33	Volunteer Forms and Unpaid Intern Records	Volunteer and intern screening documents and background check data. Records include but not limited to; Applications submitted by individuals volunteering and interning for the State, consent forms, background check information (verification of Social Security number, verification of Driver's License, Criminal History Records, etc.), liability forms, training records, training completion, disciplinary action, performance evaluation, etc. These records include only applicants accepted. Records for applicants not accepted will be kept under SW 28 Employment Applications - Not Selected Candidates.	30	Destroy	Apr-25
SW34	Recordings from Law Enforcement Electronic Devices- Incident Not Identified	Recordings, created by a law enforcement agency using electronic devices, that are not known to have captured a unique or unusual action from which litigation or criminal prosecution is expected to likely to result. Records included but not limited to all recordings, regardless of where recording device is mounted, such as: Bodycam (device on officer's chest, shoulder, head, etc.), Dashcam (or any other device mounted on the inside or outside of a vehicle), Animal cam (on an animal's body), Drone (unmanned aerial vehicle or any other remote controlled equipment), Security Cameras (those mounted on buildings). These records are only for recordings where No Incident is Identified, recordings where an Incident is Identified will be superseded by the agency's investigative RDA or Statewide 30 Internal Investigation Files and shall not be destroyed under this Statewide.	3 Months	Destroy	Apr-18
SW35	Open Records Request	Record Series Consists of correspondence with the public regarding requests to view or retrieve information from official records. Records include but are not limited to emails, letters, and attachments. Note: the records requested are not covered by this RDA but are to be governed by the appropriate original RDA for the requested records.	5	Destroy	Oct-25
SW36	Original Captured Media	Finished products of video, audio and digital images captured and produced of official agency business created and used by the employees of the agency.	5	Permanent	Apr-25
SW37	Temporary Captured Media	Temporary Records, is defined at T.C.A 10-7-301(13) as: material which can be disposed of in a short period of time as being without value in documenting the function of an agency. Temporary records will be scheduled for disposal by requesting approval from the public records commission [PRC] utilizing a records disposition authorization [RDA]. Video, audio and still photography captured and produced by agency employees for the use of the agency and which do not meet quality standards (blurry, out of focus, etc.) are temporary and to be removed at the discretion of the creator and/or staff. Any media that is not disposed of will be covered under SW36.	0	Destroy	Apr-25
SW38	State Publications and Annual Reports	State Agency publications and documents including annual, biennial, regular or special reports, or other printed material produced for distribution outside the department or agency for which the report or printed material was published.	0	Permanent	May-20
SW39	Title VI Annual Report	Agency copy of Annual Reports and supporting documentation submitted to the Federal Government or the Tennessee Department of Human Resources' Office.	5	Destroy	Oct-25
SW40	Rule Promulgation File	These are the records of voting on policy or rule adoption. This series consists of the official files of the final promulgated rules; any signed roll-call votes approving the rules, etc.	0	Permanent	Oct-25

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SW41	Fraud Investigation Files	This series documents the investigations that are undertaken based on complaints or referrals received involving but not limited to the abuse of state funds. Records include, but not limited to, research investigation notes, correspondence, files relative to investigation and any pertinent law enforcement data. Confidential investigation shall be kept under agency specific RDA.	10	Destroy	Oct-25
SW42	Unsuccessful Grant Applications	This series includes a record of proposals that have been denied funding or for which no award decision has been made by the funding agency. This is for grant applications either made to the state or made by the state. Series includes, but not limited to, proposal for grant, correspondence, notes, project/planning files, grant evaluation summaries, letters of denial, and other related documentation.	5	Destroy	Oct-25
SW43	Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding	Records include but are not limited to cooperative agreements, memoranda of understanding, legal agreements, and cooperative lease agreements. (This does not include Contracts which are covered by SW12).	6	Destroy	Oct-21
SW44	Certificate of Records Destruction	Documents relating to Records Destruction. Examples include Certificate of Records Destruction of in agency records and Certificate of Records Destruction from state contracted vendors	10	Destroy	Oct-18
SW45	Tennessee Information Enforcement System (TIES) Access Logs	This Record Series includes but is not limited to logs filled out by individuals who access Criminal History Record Information. The logs provide the date of release of the records, to whom the information relates, to whom the information was released, state identification or FBI number, and the purpose for which the information was requested. These records are created and maintained pursuant to the Federal requirements for the exchange of Criminal History Record Information.	5	Destroy	May-19
SW46	Employee Payroll History	Legacy Payroll Systems' Registers, Journal Vouchers, and Security Forms; and Employee Compensation, Deduction and Tax Records.	65	Destroy	May-20
SW47	Historic Disaster Records	Record series includes, but is not limited to, records documenting the effects of and State's response to historic disaster events in Tennessee history. Examples of such events include major floods, damaging earthquakes, pandemics, violent/damaging tornadoes, major wildfires, etc. The Tennessee State Library & Archives should be contacted to confirm if a given event qualifies as a disaster for the purposes of this Statewide RDA. Note: Records transferred to the Library & Archives should be copies; the official records should be kept under the appropriate RDA for their required retention.	0	Permanent	Sep-20
SW48	Credit Card and Purchasing Card (P-Card) Issuance Document	Documents relating to the issuance of a state credit cards or purchasing cards (p-cards). Records series includes fully executed state payment card account applications and agreement forms.	5	Destroy	Sep-23