

HERITAGE AND INFORMATION GOVERNANCE
Records Retention Schedule for Intellectual Property Rights [IPR] Management

This retention schedule is based on the recommendations made by the Joint Information Systems Committee. The letter indicates the final disposition of each type of record, and applies to original records. Where copies of originals are kept locally, these can be destroyed when these are no longer required.:

A = 1 copy to be transferred to the University Archive. See Retention Schedule Guidelines for further details.

D = Destroyed.

The number following the letter code indicates the period (in years) after which records may be destroyed, and is the minimum retention period required by best practice or legislation. It assumes a new file is opened at the start of each academic, calendar or financial year, and is **always** calculated from the date of the last record in the file.

Intellectual property means: patents; trademarks; designs; copyright.

FOLDER STRUCTURE	Examples of Types of Record	Retention Period	Legislative Authority
IPR/STRATEGY - identifying requirements for new/revised strategy - undertaking research - developing strategy proposals - consulting on strategy proposals - reviewing and revising strategy proposals in the light of comments received - drafting strategy documents - consulting on strategy documents - reviewing draft strategy documents in the light of comments received - producing final strategy documents - submitting final strategy documents for formal endorsement - formally endorsing strategy documents - disseminating strategy documents - reviewing strategy.	Key records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's IPR management strategy. Working papers documenting development and establishment of the institution's IPR management strategy.	A: Superseded + 5 years Copy to the University Archive after approval for permanent retention. D: Issue of strategy + 1 year	

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IPR/POLICY - identifying requirements for new/revised policy - undertaking research - developing policy proposals - consulting on policy proposals - reviewing and revising policy proposals in the light of comments received - drafting policy documents - consulting on policy documents - reviewing draft policy documents in the light of comments received - producing final policy documents - submitting final policy documents for formal approval - formally approving policy documents - disseminating policy documents - reviewing policy	Key records documenting the development and establishment of the institution's IPR management policies. Working papers documenting development and establishment of the institution's IPR management policies.	A: Superseded + 5 years Copy to the University Archive after approval for permanent retention. D: Issue of policy + 1 year	
IPR/PROCEDURES - identifying needs for new/revised procedure - undertaking research - analysing work processes - drafting procedure documents - consulting on procedure documents - reviewing draft procedure documents in the light of comments received - trialling procedure - refining procedure as a result of trials - submitting final procedure documents for formal approval - formally approving procedure documents - disseminating procedure documents - reviewing procedure.	Master copies of procedures relating to IPR management. Development of the institution's procedures relating to IPR management.	A: Superseded + 3 years Copy to the University Archive after approval for permanent retention. D: Issue of procedures + 1 year	

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IPR/PROTECTION • applying for formal protection for intellectual property (i.e. granting of patents, registration of designs and trade marks) • amending, cancelling or renewing existing protection • enforcing protection.	The institution's applications for patents and patent certificates. The institution's applications for other forms of IPR protection (registered trade marks, registered designs) and certificates of registration. Applications for renewal of IPR protection, up to the maximum period permitted. Routine monitoring of third party activity to detect infringements of the institution's IPR. Identified infringements of institution's IPR, & action taken other than litigation.	A: Life of patent + 50 years D: End of registration + 6 years D: Life of patent/End of registration D: Current year + 5 years D: Last action on case + 6 years	Legal opinion Limitation Act 1980 c.58 s5 Limitation Act 1980 c.58 s5
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