

HR Record Retention Requirements – Mexico

MEXICO						
DOCUMENTS	RETENTION PERIOD (minimum and/or maximum)	BEGINNING OF RETENTION PERIOD	LEGAL REFERENCE			
EMPLOYMENT RECORDS						
Contracts (new hire agreements, severance, etc.)	Minimum 1 year	From termination	Federal Labor Law, Art. 804			
Time records (work hours, rest periods, vacation/sick/holiday, etc.)	Minimum 1 year	From creation of record	Federal Labor Law, Art. 804			
Performance records (performance reviews, promotions/demotions, licenses/certifications, investigations, disciplinary actions, etc.)	Minimum 1 year	From termination	Federal Labor Law, Art. 804			
Data and personnel files	Minimum 2 years	From termination	Federal Labor Law, Art. 804; Social Security Law, Art. 300			
Government verification records (work papers, immigration, eligibility to work, etc.)	Minimum 1 year	From termination	N/A - best practice			
Collective bargaining/union	Minimum 2 years	From creation of record	N/A - best practice			
Background checks and drug tests	Minimum 1 year	Hired employee: From termination; Applicant who is not hired: From creation of record	N/A - best practice			

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EMPLOYMENT RECORDS (continued)						
Acknowledgements, policy agreements and required notices	Minimum 1 year	From termination	N/A - best practice			
Recruitment (interview notes, resumes/CVs, reference checks, etc.)	Minimum 1 year	Hired employee: From termination; Applicant who is not hired: From creation of record	N/A - best practice			
Tracking/recordings (biometric, geolocation, online tracking, camera recordings, etc.)	Minimum 1 year	From termination	N/A - best practice			
Miscellaneous 1	Payroll records showing salary and days worked per employee (including similar information concerning social security payments and other mandatory contributions - e.g., housing and retirement funds): Minimum 5 years	From creation of record	Social Security Law, Art. 15			
Miscellaneous 2	Job description: Minimum 1 year	From termination	N/A - best practice			
Miscellaneous 3	Vacation requests: Minimum 1 year	From creation of record or termination, whichever is later (retain all undeleted requests for 1 year after termination)	Federal Labor Law, Art. 784			
Miscellaneous 4	Termination documents (termination agreement, resignation letter, final payment receipt, termination notice): Minimum 1 year	From termination	Federal Labor Law, Art. 784			

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BENEFIT/PENSION/EQUITY RECORDS						
Benefits (plan documents, enrollment records)	Minimum 1 year	From termination	Federal Labor Law, Art. 804			
Pension and retirement records	Minimum 1 year	From termination	Federal Labor Law, Art. 804			
Equity records	Minimum 1 year	From termination	Federal Labor Law, Art. 804			
PAYROLL/WAGE/TAX RECORDS						
	Minimum 5 years;		Federal Labor Law, Art. 804;			
Payroll and wage data (payslips, etc.)	Social security dues payment: Minimum 5 years	From creation of record	Federal Tax Code, Art. 67; Social Security Law, Art. 15, II			
Tax records	Minimum 5 years (10 years if employer doesn't have a Mexican Federal Tax ID Number or if there are material omissions in the filing of tax returns - e.g., the return was not filed)	After return is filed or the occurrence of the taxable event when the filing itself is not carried out	Federal Tax Code, Art. 67			
MEDICAL/SAFETY/LE	<u> </u>					
Leave (family, medical, etc.)	Minimum 2 years	From occurrence of the leave	Social Security Law, Art. 300			
Injury and illness incident reports	Minimum 2 years	From incident	Social Security Law, Art. 300			
Medical records	Minimum 2 years	From creation of record	Social Security Law, Art. 300			
Hazardous material and other exposure records	Minimum 2 years	From creation of record	Social Security Law, Art. 300			

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