

## **HR Record Retention Requirements – Pakistan**

Pakistan							
DOCUMENTS	RETENTION PERIOD (minimum and/or maximum)	BEGINNING OF RETENTION PERIOD	LEGAL REFERENCE				
EMPLOYMENT RECOI	EMPLOYMENT RECORDS						
Contracts (new hire agreements, severance, etc.)	Best practice minimum 2 years in original form and electronic form permanently (no defined requirement)	From employment	N/A, Best practice based on: Punjab Employees Social Security Ordinance 1965, Sec. 21				
Time records (work hours, rest periods, vacation/sick/holiday, etc.)	Best practice minimum 2 years in original form and electronic form permanently (no defined requirement)	From employment	N/A, Best practice based on: Punjab Employees Social Security Ordinance 1965, Sec. 21				
Performance records (performance reviews, promotions/demotions, , licenses/certifications, investigations, disciplinary actions, etc.)	Best practice minimum 2 years in original form and electronic form permanently (no defined requirement)	From employment	N/A, Best practice based on: Punjab Employees Social Security Ordinance 1965, Sec. 21				
Data and personnel files	Register of Employment and Renumeration, Register of Leave and Inspection Books: Best practice minimum 2 years in original form and electronic form permanently (no defined requirement)	From employment	N/A, Best practice based on: West Pakistan Shops & Establishments Ordinance, 1969 - Sec. 23; West Pakistan Shops & Establishments Rules 1969, Rule 8; Punjab Employees Social Security Ordinance 1965, Sec. 21				

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Government verification records (work papers, immigration, eligibility to work, etc.)	Best practice minimum 2 years in original form and electronic form permanently (no defined requirement)	From employment	N/A, Best practice based on: Punjab Employees Social Security Ordinance 1965, Sec. 21		
Collective bargaining/union	Best practice minimum 2 years in original form and electronic form permanently (no defined requirement)	From employment	N/A, Best practice based on: Punjab Employees Social Security Ordinance 1965, Sec. 21		
Background checks and drug tests	Best practice minimum 2 years in original form and electronic form permanently (no defined requirement)	From employment	N/A, Best practice based on: Punjab Employees Social Security Ordinance 1965, Sec. 21		
Acknowledgements, policy agreements and required notices	Best practice minimum 2 years in original form and electronic form permanently (no defined requirement)	From employment	N/A, Best practice based on: Punjab Employees Social Security Ordinance 1965, Sec. 21		
Recruitment (interview notes, resumes/CVs, reference checks, etc.)	Best practice minimum 2 years in original form and electronic form permanently (no defined requirement)	From employment	N/A, Best practice based on: Punjab Employees Social Security Ordinance 1965, Sec. 21		
Tracking/recordings (biometric, geolocation, online tracking, camera recordings, etc.)	Best practice minimum 2 years in original form and electronic form permanently (no defined requirement)	From employment	N/A, Best practice based on: Punjab Employees Social Security Ordinance 1965, Sec. 21		
BENEFIT/PENSION/EQUITY RECORDS					
Benefits (plan documents, enrollment records)	-	-	-		
Pension and retirement records	-	-	-		
Equity records	-	-	-		

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PAYROLL/WAGE/TAX RECORDS						
Payroll and wage data (payslips, etc.)	Payroll showing full details of disbursement of wages to all employees: Minimum 2 years or when all employees have been issued PI-03 cards, whichever is later. Best practice is to retain electronic records permanently	From employment	Employees' Old-Age Benefits Regulations 1980, Sec. 45			
Tax records	Accounts/documents required to be maintained under the Income Tax Ordinance 2001: Minimum 6 years after end of tax year to which records relate	Income Tax Ordinance related records: From registration of National Tax Number	Income Tax Ordinance 2001, Sec. 174			
MEDICAL/SAFETY/L	MEDICAL/SAFETY/LEAVE RECORDS					
Leave (family, medical, etc.)	Register of Leave and Inspection Books: Best practice minimum 2 years in original form and electronic form permanently (no defined requirement)	From employment	West Pakistan Shops & Establishments Ordinance, 1969 - Sec. 23; West Pakistan Shops & Establishments Rules 1969, Rule 8			
Injury and illness incident reports	-	-	-			
Medical records	-	-	-			
Hazardous material and other exposure records	-	-	-			

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