# Records to Keep

What to keep, and for how long.

Money

*Typical minimum retention periods. Check your own country's rules.*

| Record | Keep for |
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| **Payslips and P60 / W-2** | At least 2–3 years |
| **Self-employment records** | 5–7 years, commonly |
| **Property purchase documents** | Until sold, plus years |
| **Investment purchase records** | Until sold, plus years |
| **Receipts for claimed expenses** | With the year's return |
| **Pension statements** | Indefinitely |

**Investment and property purchase records must survive until you sell: you cannot calculate a gain without the original cost.**