Government of Alberta

Service Alberta

Alberta Records Management Committee

Records Retention and Disposition Schedule

Organization Name Service Alberta ** All GoA **	Org Code SA **	Schedule Number/Status 2003/043-A001	
Program/Service Name: Backup Systems		Approved	

SCHEDULE ADMINISTRATION

Type: Continuing Schedule	Organization Chart: External Documents: Comments: N	
Related Schedule(s):		
2012/011 Contract Claims		
2014/029 Image Assets		
2011/032 Legal Services - Civil Law - Social Enhancer	ment Legal Team	
Cancels/Replaces Schedule(s):		
Amendment History Number Amendment to Date Approved Item(s) A001(Major) 2003/043 Aug 12, 2009 2 Reason for Amendment: An item has been added to this schedule to include data recovery and migration files created by Information Technology staff in the delivery of their service to support their users.		
Schedule Transfer History None		
Schedule Cancellation History		

SCHEDULE APPROVALS

Senior Records Officer:, ApprovedDate: Aug 11, 2009ARMC Chair:Frank, LaurelDate: Aug 12, 2009	Senior Program Manager: , Approved	Date: Aug 11, 2009
ARMC Chair: Frank, Laurel Date: Aug 12, 2009	Senior Records Officer: , Approved	Date: Aug 11, 2009
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APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECORDS MANAGEMENT REGULATION (A.R. 224/2001) AND GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION ACT (R.S.A. 2000, Chapter G-10, Schedule 11)

PROGRAM/SERVICE INFORMATION

Purpose/Function

The purpose of this schedule is to provide a common approach to backups for all departments, agencies, boards and commissions of the Government of Alberta.

This schedule provides a legal disposition authority to dispose of the records associated with the backup process, and the content of the backups.

Backups are used for business recovery or disaster recovery in the event of a loss or failure.

Brief History

The increased computerization within government has created a need to schedule what is now recognized as a common business activity of backing up data, information, applications, systems, servers, etc. Previously, each government organization scheduled their own backup records.

Mandate/Legal Authority

None.

APPRAISAL

Archivist: Stanton, Susan			
Manager, Government Records: Murdoch, Wayne	Date: Jul 08, 2009		
Director, Provincial Archivist: Latta, Leslie	Date: Aug 11, 2009		
Organization Purpose: Not Applicable.			
Business Function Not applicable.			
Comments			
Special Preservation/Conservation Factors			
Special Storage Requirements			

OPINIONS

No Opinions Requested.

SCHEDULE ITEMS

1 Routine Backups

Routine backup of incremental or complete data sets to a backup device or media, including, but not limited to, the following examples: magnetic tapes, CD's, storage area networks (SANs) or to another system.

Note: At final disposition, ensure that information on backup media has been completely destroyed by reusing, physically destroying the media; or rendering permanently inaccessible. Failure to completely destroy electronic information and its media at disposition time may lead to a privacy breach under the *FOIP Act*. Backups may contain PIBs and require secure and confidential protection.

Media: Electronic

Date Range: Other: Or any other media or device used to

backup data

Legal Reference: FOIP Ref: may contain PIBs

Closure Criteria:	Retention On-site:	Retention Off-site:
Superseded or obsolete	0 Year(s)	0 Year(s)
Concurrence Conditions:	Final Disposition: Destroy	

Archival Appraisal:

Routine System Backups records are generated in the performance of an information security activity. These records are administrative in nature and are not intended to document primary functions of any given organization. It is recommended, due to the nature and use of Routine System Backups records, that these records are not retained by the Provincial Archives of Alberta.

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2 * Data Recovery and Migration Files

Information Technology staff use tools that may create residual files in the delivery of their support services. These files have a temporary value used for the restoration of data on to a hard drive (microcomputer or server). Once the restoration task has been completed, these residual files can be deleted. An example of these types of files is the Windows Imaging Format (WIM) file which is created when rebuilding the hard drive on replaced hardware.

These residual data recovery and migration files are typically only accessible by Information Technology staff. Users cannot see or access this file. Once the user has verified that the replacement hardware has been recreated appropriately, there is no business requirement to keep these files. Information Technology staff can remove it from the device.

Date Range: 2000 to date

Media: Electronic
Other:

Legal Reference: FOIP Ref :

Closure Criteria:	Retention On-site:	Retention Off-site:
After user verification	30 Day(s)	0 Day(s)
Concurrence Conditions:	Final Disposition: Destroy	

Archival Appraisal:

RECOMMENDED FINAL DISPOSITION DESTROY.

Data Recovery and Migration Files are used in the process of salvaging and transferring electronic data. Once results have been verified and data quality is checked, these files can be destroyed. The records do not provide evidence of the primary functions of any Government of Alberta departments. The Provincial Archives of Alberta need not acquire these records.

Items to be cancelled:

None

Reason for Amendment A001: Provide the ability for Information Technology staff to delete data recovery and migration files.

COMMENTS