

APPRAISAL VALUES

An appraisal value documents the usefulness or importance of a record after the original purpose for which the record was created or received has passed. The value of a record also dictates how the record must be disposed after retention requirements are met (also see "Retention Requirements"). The appraisal values below represent categories of values that may be assigned to records following the record appraisal process. See "Vermont Archival Records" in the Handbook for conditions a record must meet to be appraised as "archival."

Appraisal Value	Description	Usage
Conditional Archival	Records may have archival value but not always.	Assigned to records that meet the conditions of a "Vermont Archival Record" under special circumstances.
Permanent (Archival)	Records have archival value.	Assigned to records that meet the conditions of a "Vermont Archival Record" and are therefore permanent (archival) records.
Temporary (Administrative)	Records do not have archival value and are being retained, temporarily, for administrative reasons.	Assigned to records that do not meet the conditions of a "Vermont Archival Record" but are needed for administrative reasons.
Temporary (Legal)	Records do not have archival value and are being retained, temporarily, for legal reasons.	Assigned to records that do not meet the conditions of a "Vermont Archival Record" but have legal requirements governing their retention.
Unappraised	Default value for records that have not been appraised.	Assigned to records that have not been appraised.