## WASHINGTON Secretary of State Washington State Archives

## **Records Management Advice**

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## Developing Records Retention Schedules: Checklist for Updating the Front Page of Schedules

Purpose: A checklist to help state agencies make the necessary changes to the front page when updating their agency records retention schedules.

Have you	
	Checked that the schedule header has the current logo? (See #1 in Visual Guide)
	Added "DRAFT" in large red capital letters between logo and schedule name in the schedule header? (See #2 in Visual Guide)
	Added "DRAFT $\#x$ – " (with a long dash) before "Version" in the schedule header? (See $\#3$ in Visual Guide)
	Updated the version number and date in the schedule header? (Use the month and year of the next State Records Committee meeting) (See #4 in Visual Guide)
	Checked (and made any necessary updates to) the description in the first paragraph of the functions/activities of the agency covered in this schedule? (See #5 in Visual Guide)
	Updated the date in the "Authority" section? (use date of the next State Records Committee meeting) (See #6 in Visual Guide)
	Removed "Signature on File" wording and any dashes in the signature block so that the space is blank? (See #7 in Visual Guide)
	Checked (and made any necessary updates to) Committee member names in the signature block? (See #8 in Visual Guide)
	Changed any red text (apart from the large "DRAFT" in the header) to black?

\*\*\* See the Retention Schedule Template for Further Formatting Help \*\*\*

Additional advice regarding the management of public records is available from Washington State Archives: