

File Organization & Compliance Checklist

FOR RETIREMENT PLANS





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Follow and complete this helpful organizational checklist to keep your **Retirement Plan Audit File up-to-date** to assist with periodic reviews of your plan.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1/ **Identify** all of the documents below that are applicable to your plan by indicating a check mark next to that item.
- Include these documents in your physical Audit File or within your digital file system (e.g. PensionPro).
- **Review** this checklist at least once a year to ensure that you have updated your file with the most current documents available.





DOCUMENTS

Legal Plan Files

Plan Documents (and any Amendments)	Adoption Agreement (if Prototype Plan)
Summary Plan Description	Trust Agreement
	IRS Determination Letter
Administrative Forms	
CrossPlans Executive Assessment	Vendor Forms
Historical Compliance Reports	
Compliance Testing Reports	Form 5500 Records
Additional Documents	
Bargaining Agreements	Board Resolution
Benefits Plan Description	Notices to Interested Parties



ANNUAL DATA COLLECTION

Annual Form 5500	Annual Questionnaires
Non-Discrimination Testing Records (if applicable)	Records Used to Determine Eligibility and Contributions (or Directions on How to Access Current and Historic Employee Records)
	Valuation Report



NOTICES & DISCLOSURES

Annual Notices	Periodic Notices
404(a)5 Participant Fee Disclosure Notice	Auto-Enrollment Notice
404(c) Participant Disclosure	Auto-Increase Notice
408(b)2 Fee Disclosure Notice	Blackout Notice
Safe Harbor Notice (if applicable)	Financial Advisor Notices
Summary Annual Reports	Summary of Material Modifications





LOANS & DISTRIBUTIONS

Open & Pending Participant Transactions



INSURANCE

Fidelity Bond

Fiduciary Liability Insurance Policy



ONGOING

Procedures & Minutes	Investment Fiduciary Files
Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes	Advisor Reports
Employee/Participant Communications	Benchmarking Reports
Investment Committee or Other Meeting Minutes	Investment Policy Statement
Internal Memoranda Regarding Plan Administration	Performance Reports

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ADDITIONAL & MISCELLANEOUS

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