

# PDF/A



## A New Way to Archive Documents



### PDF vs PDF/A

- PDF/A is the PHMC standard for archiving permanent records
- PDF/A ensure documents will always be readable in the future regardless of technology updates and changes
- PDF/A format cannot be altered or contain external links or references



### PDF/A Formats

PDF/A-1a (Level A Conformance) - includes mapping text and content structure and is the best format for electronic documents like Word, Excel, etc.

PDF/A-1b (Level B Conformance) - same as 1a without requirement for document structure. This is the best format for scanned documents.



### Compliance Requirements

1. Create a User Copy (Copy 1) - can be scanned to any format (PDF, TIFF, JPG, etc.) - used for everyday retrieval of information
2. Create a Security Preservation File (Copy 2) - must be PDF/A format, secured against unauthorized access, and stored online
3. Create a Backup Security Preservation File (Copy 3) - must be stored in PDF/A format, stored offsite, and storage media and software must be rotated and updated annually.



### Reynolds PDF/A Services

- Backfile conversion of TIFF or PDF image files to PDF/A
- Ongoing conversion of TIFF or PDF image files to PDF/A
- Backup security Preservation File off-site storage
- Regular PDF version upgrades and media rotation

# SIMPLE STEPS TO DIGITAL DOCUMENTS



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2. **Conversion**—Reynolds will pick up/download your documents, do all document preparation prior to scanning, provide scanned samples for approval, and complete the scanning and indexing process.
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- ✓ 100% QC of every image (we don't just "shovel scan" your documents)
- ✓ 50+ Years of imaging experience
- ✓ Production-level hardware and software ensure quality images and flexible search functionality
- ✓ 100% import guarantee of images to your system
- ✓ Complete turnkey services from project plan to delivered images
- ✓ Certified experts managing every project and most tenured staff in PA

### WHAT WE SCAN

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**Spreadsheets**  
**Drawings**  
**Newspapers**  
**Aperture Cards**  
**PHMC Compliant Images**  
**PDF and PDF/A Services**  
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