



# Limitation Act 1980

## CHAPTER 58

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#### PART I

##### ORDINARY TIME LIMITS FOR DIFFERENT CLASSES OF ACTION

##### *Time limits under Part I subject to extension or exclusion under Part II*

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##### *Actions founded on tort*

- 2 Time limit for actions founded on tort
- 3 Time limit in case of successive conversions and extinction of title of owner of converted goods
- 4 Special time limit in case of theft

##### *Actions founded on simple contract*

- 5 Time limit for actions founded on simple contract
- 6 Special time limit for actions in respect of certain loans
- 7 Time limit for actions to enforce certain awards

##### *General rule for actions on a specialty*

- 8 Time limit for actions on a specialty

##### *Actions for sums recoverable by statute*

- 9 Time limit for actions for sums recoverable by statute
- 10 Special time limit for claiming contribution

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*Actions in respect of wrongs causing personal injuries or death*

- 11 Special time limit for actions in respect of personal injuries
- 12 Special time limit for actions under Fatal Accidents legislation
- 13 Operation of time limit under section 12 in relation to different dependants
- 14 Definition of date of knowledge for purposes of sections 11 and 12

*Actions to recover land and rent*

- 15 Time limit for actions to recover land
- 16 Time limit for redemption actions
- 17 Extinction of title to land after expiration of time limit
- 18 Settled land and land held on trust
- 19 Time limit for actions to recover rent

*Actions to recover money secured by a mortgage or charge or to recover proceeds of the sale of land*

- 20 Time limit for actions to recover money secured by a mortgage or charge or to recover proceeds of the sale of land

*Actions in respect of trust property or the personal estate of deceased persons*

- 21 Time limit for actions in respect of trust property
- 22 Time limit for actions claiming personal estate of a deceased person

*Actions for an account*

- 23 Time limit in respect of actions for an account

*Miscellaneous and supplemental*

- 24 Time limit for actions to enforce judgments
- 25 Time limit for actions to enforce advowsons and extinction of title to advowsons
- 26 Administration to date back to death
- 27 Cure of defective disentailing assurance

**PART II**

EXTENSION OR EXCLUSION OF ORDINARY TIME LIMITS

*Disability*

- 28 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this section, if...

*Acknowledgment and part payment*

- 29 Fresh accrual of action on acknowledgment or part payment
- 30 Formal provisions as to acknowledgments and part payments
- 31 Effect of acknowledgment or part payment on persons other than the maker or recipient

*Fraud, concealment and mistake*

- 32 Postponement of limitation period in case of fraud, concealment or mistake

*Discretionary exclusion of time limit for actions in respect of personal injuries or death*

- 33 Discretionary exclusion of time limit for actions in respect of personal injuries or death

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**SCHEDULES**

SCHEDULE 1 — Provisions with Respect to Actions to Recover Land

PART I — ACCRUAL OF RIGHTS OF ACTION TO RECOVER LAND

*Accrual of right of action in case of present interests in land*

- 1 Where the person bringing an action to recover land, or...  
2 Where any person brings an action to recover any land...  
3 Where any person brings an action to recover land, being...

*Accrual of right of action in case of future interests*

- 4 The right of action to recover any land shall, in...  
5 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, a tenancy from year...  
6 (1) Where— (a) any person is in possession of land...

*Accrual of right of action in case of forfeiture or breach of condition*

- 7 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, a right of action...

*Right of action not to accrue or continue unless there is adverse possession*

- 8 (1) No right of action to recover land shall be...

*Possession of beneficiary not adverse to others  
interested in settled land or land held on trust for sale*

- 9 Where any settled land or any land held on trust...

PART II — MODIFICATIONS OF SECTION 15 WHERE CROWN OR CERTAIN  
CORPORATIONS SOLE ARE INVOLVED

- 10 Subject to paragraph 11 below, section 15(1) of this Act...  
11 (1) An action to recover foreshore may be brought by...  
12 Notwithstanding section 15(1) of this Act, where in the case...  
13 Section 15(2) of this Act shall apply in any case...

SCHEDULE 2 — Transitional Provisions

- 1 Nothing in this Act shall affect the operation of section...

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- 2 The amendment made by section 14(1) of the Limitation Act...
- 3 It is hereby declared that a decision taken at any...
- 4 (1) In section 33(6) of this Act the reference to...
- 5 Notwithstanding anything in section 29(7) of this Act or in...
- 6 Section 28 of the Limitation Act 1939 (provisions as to...
- 7 Section 37(2)(c) of this Act shall be treated for the...
- 8 In relation to a lease granted before the coming into...
- 9 (1) Nothing in any provision of this Act shall—

#### SCHEDULE 3 — Consequential Amendments

- 1 In section 83 of the Land Registration Act 1925 (right...
- 2 In section 21A of the Administration of Estates Act 1925...
- 3 In section 2(1) of the Limitation (Enemies and War Prisoners)...
- 4 In section 3(4) of the Charitable Trusts (Validation) Act 1954...
- 5 In section 5(3) of the Carriage by Air Act 1961...
- 6 In section 7(2)(a) of the Carriage of Goods by Road...
- 7 In paragraph 7(6) of Schedule 3 to the Agriculture Act...
- 8 In paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 3 to the Mines and...
- 9 In section 25(5) of the Law of Property Act 1969...
- 10 In section 10 of the Animals Act 1971 (application of...
- 11 In section 2(4) of the Deposit of Poisonous Waste Act...
- 12 In section 88(4) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974...

#### SCHEDULE 4 — Enactments Repealed