

Limitation Periods

Learn how much time you have to start a legal claim in British Columbia.



What you need to know

If you have a legal claim that can go to a court or a tribunal, the claim almost always has to be started within a set period of time. After this time runs out, a court or tribunal can refuse your claim, no matter how strong your case would have been.

The time limit is called a “limitation period.” It’s like a countdown. Under the *Limitation Act*, the limitation period is usually 2 years.

When does the limitation period stop?

The limitation period will continue to count down while you use the Solution Explorer. It doesn’t stop until you submit your CRT claim and pay the application fee, or file your claim in a court.

What is the limitation period for my claim?

Every claim is different. You may want to think about:

- When did my limitation period start to count down?
- When will my limitation period run out?

We can’t answer these questions for you. You may want to get legal advice. The CRT can’t provide legal advice.

