

LIMITATION DATES

FINES

21 days from date of penalty notice to make court election
28 days from date of penalty reminder notice to make court election
2 years from date of penalty notice enforcement order to make an application to annul order under Section 48 *Fines Act*

CRIMINAL MATTERS

Appeals

28 days to appeal to the DC from date of conviction or sentence (3 months with leave)

Annulment Application

2 years to make an application under Section 4 *Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act*

Fines

28 days to pay fine or lodge application to pay by instalments

Licence Appeals – P Platers

28 days from date of notification to file appeal in LC

AVO'S

Annulment Application

2 years from date of order to make an application under Section 4 *Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act*

Appeals

28 days to appeal to the DC from date of order (3 months with leave)

Extension of AVO

Application to extend AVO **must** be made prior to order expiring

Revocation of AVO

Application to revoke AVO may be made at any time even after expiration of order

EMPLOYMENT

Unfair dismissal

FWA 21 days from date of termination / last day of work
NSW IRC 21 days from date of termination /last day of work

Adverse action

21 days from date of adverse action (if employment terminated)
6 years from date of adverse action (if employment not terminated)

Unpaid entitlements

6 years from date debt became due

Injured Workers

2 years to apply for reinstatement for injured workers
6 months from date of injury to claim workers compensation

DISCRIMINATION

12 months from date of discriminatory act

NEIGHBOURS

Fences

28 days to respond to Notice to Fence
3 months to comply with Order to Fence
6 years to recover agreed contribution from neighbour for cost of fence
28 days to lodge appeal against Order to Fence to SC on question of law

Trees

6 years from date on which cause of action accrues
3 years from when cause of action is discoverable OR 12 years from time when act or omission causing death or injury occurred

Noise

6 years from date on which cause of action accrues

REFERRALS

SDRO – 1300 138 118

<http://www.sdro.nsw.gov.au/>

Legal Aid Work and Development Order
Service – 1300 478 879

Law Assist Website

http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/LawAccess/ll_lawassist.nsf/pages/lawassist_fines

Local Courts – 1300 679 272

Local Court Website

<http://www.localcourt.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/localcourts/index.html>

RMS (RTA) - 132 213

<http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/>

Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007

http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol_act/capva2007347/

Law Assist Website

http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/Lawlink/lawaccess/ll_lawassist.nsf/pages/lawassist_avo

Hunter DVCAS – 02 4940 8766

Hunter Valley DVCAS – 02 4934 5332

FWA – 1300 799 675

<http://www.fwa.gov.au/>

FWO – 13 13 94

<http://www.fairwork.gov.au>

NSW Industrial Relations – 131 628

<http://www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.au>

WorkCover Authority of NSW – 13 10 50

<http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au>

Workers Compensation Commission – 1300 368 040

<http://www.wcc.nsw.gov.au>

Anti Discrimination Board – (02) 4926 4300

<http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/ADB>

Australian Human Rights Commission – 130 656 419

<http://www.hreoc.gov.au/>

CJC – 1800 990 777

<http://www.cjc.nsw.gov.au>

Police Assistance Line – 131 444

Local Councils

Newcastle – 02 4974 2000

Lake Macquarie – 02 4921 0333

Cessnock – 02 4993 4100

Maitland – 02 4934 9700

Port Stephens – 02 4980 0255

Singleton – 02 6578 7290

Great Lakes – 02 6591 7222

Upper Hunter – 02 6521 7000

Muswellbrook – 02 6549 3700

DEBT

6 years from date on which cause of action accrues
28 days to file a defence / cross claim from service of SOC
9 months from service of SOC to file NOM for Default Judgement
12 years to enforce judgement

CIVIL MATTERSContract

6 years from date on which cause of action accrues OR 12 years if cause of action founded on a deed
2 years from date of contract to see relief under *Contracts Review Act 1980*

Defamation

12 months from the date of publication

Motor Accidents (where person injured)

28 days to report accident to police
6 months to file claim
Principal limitation period of 3 years

Personal Injuries

3 years from when cause of action is discoverable OR 12 years from time when act or omission causing death or injury occurred

Property Damage

6 years from date cause of action accrues

Tort

6 years from date cause of action accrues
Limitation period is suspended while person is under a disability

Victims Compensation

2 years from act of violence

CONSUMER COMPLAINTSBuilders – CTTT

3 years from the date of supply or last instalment OR the failure to supply by the specified date
7 years from completion OR required date for completion in respect of breach statutory warranty
10 years from completion in respect of insurance claim

Consumer Claims

3 years from the date of supply or failure of supply

Product Liability – Against Manufacturers and Importers of Goods
3 years after the day on which the cause of action accrues

Solicitors

3 years to lodge complaint with the OLSC
12 months from date of bill or last payment to have bill of costs assessed

FAMILY LAWMarriages

12 months from date of separation to file application for divorce
12 months from divorce to file application for property settlement or Spouse maintenance

Defacto / Domestic Relationships

2 years from date of separation to file an application for property settlement

Child Bearing Expenses

Any time during the pregnancy OR 12 months from date of birth of child

Child Support

28 days object to a decision of the CSA

FAMILY PROVISION ACT

12 months from date of death

Law Assist Website

http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/lawaccess/lawassist.nsf/pages/lawassist_debt_small_claims_home

Consumer Credit Legal Centre NSW –
Credit and Debt Hotline 1800 007 007

Motor Accidents Authority – 1300 137 131
<http://www.maa.nsw.gov.au/>

Claims Advisory Service – 1300 656 919
<http://www.maa.nsw.gov.au/default.aspx?MenuID=106>

VOCAL – 02 4961 4755

Victims Services – 1800 633 063
<http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/vs>

Home Building Advocacy Service – 02
8833 0911

Fair Trading NSW – 13 32 20
<http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/>

CTTT – 1300 135 399
<http://www.cttt.nsw.gov.au/>

OLSC – 1800 242 958
<http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/olsc>

Supreme Court Registry – 1300 679 272

FRC - Newcastle
02 4016 0566

Family Relationship Advice Line – 1800
050 321

National Enquiry Centre – FC / FMC
1300 352 000

Legal Aid Family Law Early Intervention
Unit – 1800 551 589

Legal Aid Child Support Service – 1800
451 784

Child Support Agency – 131 272