



# Limitation Act 1980

## 1980 CHAPTER 58

### PART I

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

##### *Actions to recover land and rent*

#### **15 Time limit for actions to recover land.**

- (1) No action shall be brought by any person to recover any land after the expiration of twelve years from the date on which the right of action accrued to him or, if it first accrued to some person through whom he claims, to that person.
- (2) Subject to the following provisions of this section, where—
  - (a) the estate or interest claimed was an estate or interest in reversion or remainder or any other future estate or interest and the right of action to recover the land accrued on the date on which the estate or interest fell into possession by the determination of the preceding estate or interest; and
  - (b) the person entitled to the preceding estate or interest (not being a term of years absolute) was not in possession of the land on that date;no action shall be brought by the person entitled to the succeeding estate or interest after the expiration of twelve years from the date on which the right of action accrued to the person entitled to the preceding estate or interest or six years from the date on which the right of action accrued to the person entitled to the succeeding estate or interest, whichever period last expires.
- (3) Subsection (2) above shall not apply to any estate or interest which falls into possession on the determination of an entailed interest and which might have been barred by the person entitled to the entailed interest.
- (4) No person shall bring an action to recover any estate or interest in land under an assurance taking effect after the right of action to recover the land had accrued to the person by whom the assurance was made or some person through whom he claimed or some person entitled to a preceding estate or interest, unless the action is brought

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within the period during which the person by whom the assurance was made could have brought such an action.

- (5) Where any person is entitled to any estate or interest in land in possession and, while so entitled, is also entitled to any future estate or interest in that land, and his right to recover the estate or interest in possession is barred under this Act, no action shall be brought by that person, or by any person claiming through him, in respect of the future estate or interest, unless in the meantime possession of the land has been recovered by a person entitled to an intermediate estate or interest.
- (6) Part I of Schedule 1 to this Act contains provisions for determining the date of accrual of rights of action to recover land in the cases there mentioned.
- (7) Part II of that Schedule contains provisions modifying the provisions of this section in their application to actions brought by, or by a person claiming through, the Crown or any spiritual or eleemosynary corporation sole.

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 15 restricted (31.10.1994) by [1994 c. 21, ss. 10\(2\)\(a\)\(4\), 68\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 1994/2553, [art. 2](#)  
S. 15 excluded (13.10.2003) by [The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 \(c. 9\), ss. 96\(1\), 136\(2\) \(with s. 129\)](#);  
[S.I. 2003/1725, art. 2](#)

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