



Limitation Act 1980

1980 CHAPTER 58

PART I

ORDINARY TIME LIMITS FOR DIFFERENT CLASSES OF ACTION

Actions founded on tort

[^{F1}4B Special time limit for certain actions in respect of damage or defects in relation to buildings

- (1) Where by virtue of a relevant provision a person becomes entitled to bring an action against any other person, no action may be brought after the expiration of 15 years from the date on which the right of action accrued.
- (2) An action referred to in subsection (1) is one to which—
 - (a) sections 1, 28, 32, 35, 37 and 38 apply;
 - (b) the other provisions of this Act do not apply.
- (3) In this section “relevant provision” means—
 - (a) section 1 or 2A of the Defective Premises Act 1972;
 - (b) section 38 of the Building Act 1984.
- (4) Where by virtue of section 1 of the Defective Premises Act 1972 a person became entitled, before the commencement date, to bring an action against any other person, this section applies in relation to the action as if the reference in subsection (1) to 15 years were a reference to 30 years.
- (5) In subsection (4) “the commencement date” means the day on which section 135 of the Building Safety Act 2022 came into force.]

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for the Limitation Act 1980, Section 4B. (See end of Document for details)*

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 4B inserted (28.6.2022) by [Building Safety Act 2022 \(c. 30\)](#), **ss. 135(1)**, 170(3) (with s. 135(3)(4)(6))

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