

CLAIM	TIME ALLOWED	ACTION REQUIRED ¹
Architects and Engineers	4 years from discovery, but no more than 10 years from substantial completion	14 M.R.S.A. § 752-A
Assault and Battery	2 years ²	14 M.R.S.A. § 753
Attorney Malpractice		
General	6 years from act of negligence ²	14 M.R.S.A. § 752
Title opinions	6 years from discovery, but no more than 20 years from act or omission ²	14 M.R.S.A. § 753-B(2)
Drafting of wills	6 years from discovery ²	14 M.R.S.A. § 753-B(3)
Civil Actions (except where otherwise provided)	6 years ²	14 M.R.S.A. § 752
Contract		
General	6 years	14 M.R.S.A. § 752
UCC – Sale of Goods	4 years	11 M.R.S.A. § 2-725
	6 years – physical injury	11 M.R.S.A. § 2-725(2)
Defamation	2 years ²	14 M.R.S.A. § 753
Discrimination (Maine Human Rights Act)	6 months from act of discrimination	Filing of complaint with Maine Human Rights Commission- 5 M.R.S.A. § 4611
	2 years from act of discrimination	5 M.R.S.A. § 4613(2)(C)
False Imprisonment	2 years ²	14 M.R.S.A. § 753
Federal Civil Rights (42 U.S.C. § 1983)	6 years	14 M.R.S.A. § 752 (most analogous state statute of limitations) (state law tolling rules apply)
Federal Tort Claims Act	2 years. Written denial by agency or failure of agency to act within 6 months of filing is a prerequisite to commencement of action	Notice of Claim to federal agency–28 U.S.C. § 2401(b)
	6 months following mailing of written denial of claim by agency, but no later than 6 years from accrual (failure of agency to make disposition of claim within 6 months may, at option of claimant any time thereafter, be deemed a denial) (person under legal disability or beyond the seas when action accrues may bring action within 3 years after disability ceases)	28 U.S.C. § 2401(a), (b); § 2675(a)
Land Entry and Recovery	20 years	14 M.R.S.A. § 801
Land Surveyors	4 years from discovery, but no more than 10 years from completion of plan or services	14 M.R.S.A. § 752-D
Liquor Liability	180 days unless “good cause”	Notice to Server 28-A M.R.S.A. § 2513
	2 years	28-A M.R.S.A. § 2514
Maine Tort Claims Act	180 days unless “good cause” (tolled during minority)	Notice of Claim to Governmental entity 14 M.R.S.A. § 8107(1); (2)
	2 years (tolled during minority)	14 M.R.S.A. § 8110

¹ Filing in court except as otherwise indicated.

² Limitations tolled until majority – 14 M.R.S.A. § 853 (see below).

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Medical Malpractice		
General	3 years from act of negligence causing injury	Notice of Claim 24 M.R.S.A. § 2902
Foreign Objects	3 years from discovery	Notice of Claim 24 M.R.S.A. § 2902
Minors	Earlier of three years from majority or 6 years from accrual	Notice of Claim 24 M.R.S.A. § 2902
Tolling pending Panel process	Statute of limitations tolled from service or filing of Notice of Claim until 30 days after notice of Panel findings	24 M.R.S.A. § 2859
Governmental entities/ employees	1. State governmental entities/employees (e.g., hospital administrative districts) – see Maine Tort Claims Act requirements, above 2. Federal governmental entities/employees (e.g., VA Hospital – Togus) – see Federal Tort Claims Act requirements, above 3. Certain federally-supported entities/employees (e.g., Community Health Centers – http://bphc.hrsa.gov) – see Federal Tort Claims Act requirements, above	Notice of Claim 24 M.R.S.A. § 2902 in addition to MTCA Notice.
Promissory Notes, etc.	20 years	14 M.R.S.A. § 751
Sex Acts against Minors	No limitations	14 M.R.S.A. § 752-C(1)
Ski Areas	2 years ²	14 M.R.S.A. § 752-B
Sureties, Trustees	1 year ²	14 M.R.S.A. § 754
Wrongful Death (except for medical malpractice)	2 years from date of death	18-A M.R.S.A. § 2-804

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Tolling Provisions

CLAIM	TIME ALLOWED	
Absence of Defendant from the State	Certain state law limitations tolled during residence outside of Maine	14 M.R.S.A. § 866
Absence of Plaintiff from U.S. when cause of action accrues	Certain state law limitations tolled until return to U.S.	14 M.R.S.A. § 853
Fraud and Fraudulent Concealment	6 years after discovery (state law claims)	14 M.R.S.A. § 859
Imprisonment or Mental Illness of Plaintiff when cause of action accrues	Limitations tolled until disability removed (state law claims)	14 M.R.S.A. § 853
Minority of Plaintiff when cause of action accrues	Certain state law limitations tolled until majority	14 M.R.S.A. § 853