



# Limitation Act 1980

## 1980 CHAPTER 58

### PART I

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

##### *Actions founded on tort*

**[<sup>F1</sup>4A Time limit for actions for defamation or malicious falsehood.**

The time limit under section 2 of this Act shall not apply to an action for—

- (a) libel or slander, or
- (b) slander of title, slander of goods or other malicious falsehood,

but no such action shall be brought after the expiration of one year from the date on which the cause of action accrued.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 4A (which was inserted by 1985 c. 61, ss. 57(2), 69(5), **Sch. 9 para. 14**) substituted (4.9.1996) by 1996 c. 31, **ss. 5(2)(6)**, 19 (with s. 20(2))

**Changes to legislation:**

Limitation Act 1980, Section 4A is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 July 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

[View outstanding changes](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act applied by [2024 c. 13 s. 234\(4\)](#)