

# Pre-arbitration notice and limitation master - One-page Cheat Sheet

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## Chapter in 2 Minutes

- Accrual, cure, section 21 notice, acknowledgement, negotiation standstill and filing/appointment calendars.
- Use a single source-controlled matter file.
- Assign business, legal, finance, tax and document owners.
- Preserve event-date law and procedural chronology.

## Provision / control map

| Gate   | Meaning                                                                      | Action                                             |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Gate 1 | Valid written clause, consent, scope, parties and arbitrable subject matter. | Clause memo and party/transaction evidence.        |
| Gate 2 | Seat drives curial law/court; venue alone may not.                           | Record express language and institutional edition. |
| Gate 3 | Contract notice, section 21 receipt and claim clocks.                        | Calendar every claim/counterclaim.                 |
| Gate 4 | Appointment procedure, eligibility and disclosures.                          | Conflict screen and post-dispute waiver control.   |

## Decision flow



## Critical file

Contract/rules, authority, chronology/limitation, notices/service, pleadings/evidence, quantum, award/settlement, court and payment/security records.

Canonical: <https://finin2min.com/laws/arbitration-and-conciliation-act-1996/masters/pre-arbitration-limitation-master.html>  
Source: official India Code Act consolidation as on 1 June 2026. Verify event-date law, High Court/institution rules and judgments.