

LIMITATION ACT, 1963 - PROFESSIONAL CORPUS - BATCH 06

First Division, Part I - Suits relating to accounts

Reconcile account structure, reciprocal demands, agency termination and partnership dissolution before selecting the trigger.

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Dedicated Finin2min Summary - Chapter in 2 Minutes

- Reconcile account structure, reciprocal demands, agency termination and partnership dissolution before selecting the trigger.
- The first column classifies the proceeding, the second sets the period and the third fixes the starting point.
- Sections 4-24 can alter computation only when legally available.
- A special/local statute may replace the Schedule period or exclude general provisions.

Current statutory text / controlled source extract

Article 1 - Balance due on a mutual, open and current account with reciprocal demands.

Period: 3 years

Starts: Close of the year containing the last admitted or proved item.

Article 2 - Against a factor for an account.

Period: 3 years

Starts: Account demanded and refused during agency, or termination of agency.

Article 3 - Principal against agent for movable property received and not accounted for.

Period: 3 years

Starts: Account demanded and refused during agency, or termination of agency.

Article 4 - Other principal-against-agent suit for neglect or misconduct.

Period: 3 years

Starts: Neglect or misconduct becomes known.

Article 5 - Account and share of profits of a dissolved partnership.

Period: 3 years

Starts: Date of dissolution.

Section-by-section / article-by-article provision map

Provision	Subject	Status / period	Finin2min clause-by-clause decode	Implementation	Evidence/control
Article 1	Balance due on a mutual, open and current account with reciprocal demands.	3 years	Close of the year containing the last admitted or proved item.	Article 1: match the exact claim description, period and third-column trigger; near-similar commercial facts can fall under different articles.	Preserve the instrument, event date and article-selection memorandum.
Article 2	Against a factor for an account.	3 years	Account demanded and refused during agency, or termination of agency.	Article 2: match the exact claim description, period and third-column trigger; near-similar commercial facts can fall under different articles.	Preserve the instrument, event date and article-selection memorandum.
Article 3	Principal against agent for movable property received and not accounted for.	3 years	Account demanded and refused during agency, or termination of agency.	Article 3: match the exact claim description, period and third-column trigger; near-similar commercial facts can fall under different articles.	Preserve the instrument, event date and article-selection memorandum.
Article 4	Other principal-against-agent suit for neglect or misconduct.	3 years	Neglect or misconduct becomes known.	Article 4: match the exact claim description, period and third-column trigger; near-similar commercial facts can fall under different articles.	Preserve the instrument, event date and article-selection memorandum.
Article 5	Account and share of profits	3 years	Date of dissolution.	Article 5: match the exact claim description, period	Preserve the instrument, event

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	of a dissolved partnership.			and third-column trigger; near-similar commercial facts can fall under different articles.	date and article-selection memorandum.

Finin2min implementation explanation

Classification

Determine whether the matter is a suit, appeal, application, execution, arbitration claim or special-statute proceeding. Record relief, forum and event date.

Computation

Select the exact article or special-law period. Record the third-column trigger, first-day exclusion, calendar period and each legally available adjustment.

Control owner

Legal owns statutory classification; business/finance owns transaction dates; secretarial/HR/property teams supply authority and evidence; counsel confirms forum filing.

Change control

Recalculate after any amendment, acknowledgment, payment, order, stay, certified-copy event or forum change. Preserve the superseded computation.

Practical examples and calculations

Chapter-specific scenario.

Two claims arise from the same transaction but seek different reliefs. The team selects separate Schedule articles and trigger dates rather than using one generic invoice date.

Calculation step	Method	Evidence
Base trigger	Record the exact statutory third-column or special-law event date.	Contract/order/notice/service/knowledge evidence
First day	Exclude the day from which the period is reckoned under section 12(1).	Calendar worksheet

Calculation step	Method	Evidence
Period	Add the prescribed days, months or years using the Gregorian calendar.	Date calculation and assumptions
Adjustments	Apply only proven exclusions, disability, fraud, acknowledgment/payment or court-closure rules.	Orders, copy records, signed documents, bank proof
Final cut-off	State last filing day, forum hours/e-filing rule and any condonation range.	Court calendar, portal receipt and legal sign-off

Practical transaction application

1. Open the chronology when the first default, refusal, knowledge event, dispossession, order or enforceability event occurs.
2. Classify every proposed relief separately and select the governing special statute and Schedule article.
3. Record authority, service, contractual cure periods, statutory notice, copy time, stay and prior proceedings.
4. Test acknowledgment, part-payment, fraud, disability and continuing-wrong claims against their exact statutory conditions.
5. Approve the last filing date, fallback forum, condonation position and evidence pack before action.

Authority, consent and execution controls

- Confirm claimant/applicant legal capacity and representative authority.
- Obtain board, partner, trustee, government or power-of-attorney approvals.
- Authorise acknowledgments, settlements and admissions carefully because they affect limitation.
- Check counsel authority and affidavit/verification requirements.

Stamp duty and registration alerts

- Limitation does not cure an unstamped or unregistered instrument.
- Assess State stamp duty and registration separately for the underlying contract, deed, mortgage, lease, release or settlement.
- Preserve original instrument and adjudication/impounding record.
- Do not assume an electronic record avoids stamp or registration law.

Evidence and document-retention checklist

- Executed instrument and amendments.
- Trigger-date correspondence and service proof.
- Invoices, delivery, acceptance, account and bank records.
- Court/tribunal orders and certified-copy records.
- Acknowledgment and authority evidence.
- Chronology and independent calculation.
- Special-law text and amendment snapshot.
- Filing receipt, diary number and portal timestamp.

Performance, delivery and payment controls

- Map each obligation, milestone, due date and cure period.
- Separate invoice date, payment due date, acceptance, breach and termination.
- Track recurring instalments and successive breaches individually.
- Record mitigation and substitute performance without assuming a new limitation period.

Breach, loss, mitigation and remedy framework

- Identify suit, appeal, application, arbitration, execution or public-law remedy.
- Quantify principal, interest, damages, restitution and costs separately.
- Do not allow negotiations or a legal notice to revive a barred right unless statute permits.
- Evaluate settlement, acknowledgment and standstill language for unintended consequences.

Limitation and forum controls

- Confirm territorial, pecuniary and subject-matter jurisdiction.
- Apply special-law period and express exclusion before the general Schedule.
- Record appeal/review/revision and condonation limits separately.
- For arbitration, separate claim limitation from court-application limitation.

Arbitration and mediation interface

Arbitration does not create a new substantive limitation period for a barred claim. Separately compute the underlying claim, arbitration commencement, section 11 application, interim relief, award challenge and enforcement. For mediation and PIMS, identify the statutory exclusion period and preserve application, service, closure and settlement records.

Company, partnership, GST and tax overlays

- Companies Act and LLP authority/records.
- Partnership agency and joint liability.
- GST invoice, credit-note and tax evidence.
- Income-tax write-off, recovery and settlement treatment.
- IBC default and acknowledgment interface.
- Arbitration, Commercial Courts, MSME, consumer and RERA special periods.

Finin2min Q&A

How is the correct article selected?

Classify the actual relief and legal relationship, then rule out specific articles before using a residuary article.

Does a demand notice always start limitation?

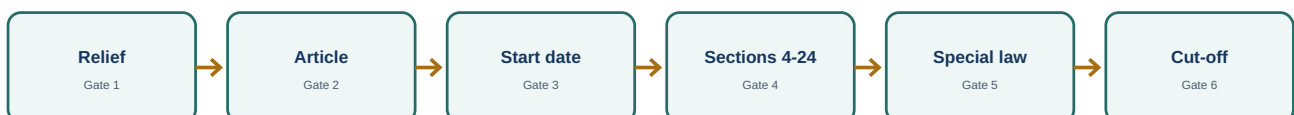
No. Some articles run from loan, delivery, breach, refusal, knowledge or enforceability irrespective of a later demand.

Can section 5 extend a suit article?

No general section 5 condonation applies to suits.

Chapter-specific decision flowchart

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Record the governing source, dates, assumptions, evidence and sign-off at every gate.