

The Probate Timeline

Step	Duration
Prepare and File Petition for Probate	1-2 months
Court hearing on the Petition for Probate	2-3 months
The following are issued: Letters of Administration, Orders for Probate, Duties and Liabilities, Issue Bond (if ordered), & **Letters Testamentary **	2-4 months (if not contested)
Notice to Creditors	2-4 months
Notice to Department of Health Services Inventory & Appraisement	4-8 months
Pay State and Federal Taxes (if necessary)	6-12 months
Allow or Reject Creditor Claims	6-12 months
Possible Preliminary Distributions	6-12 months
Notice to Department of Health Services (if deceased received medical)	6-12 months
Notice to Franchise Tax Board (if heir is out of state)	6-12 months
Claim of Exemption (if assets transfer to a minor)	6-15 months
Receive Final Tax Letter from State and Federal (if appropriate)	6-18 months
File Petition for Final Distribution and Accounting	8-16 months
Hearing on Petition for final Distribution and Accounting	8-16 months
Order Approving Final Distribution and Accounting	8-16 months
Distribution of Assets to Heirs	9-17 months
Final Discharge Order (indicates close of probate case)	9-18 months
Final Distribution of Funds	9-18 months



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