

## Probate Timeline

Activity	*Timeframe
Prepare and file Petition for Probate	1-2 months
Hearing on Petition for Probate	2-3 months
Letters of Administration, Orders for Probate, Duties & Liabilities, and Bond (if ordered) are issued.	2-4 months (If not contested)
Notice to Creditors	2-4 months
Notice to Dept. of Health Services	4-8 months
Estate inventory and appraisal	4-8 months
Pay state and federal taxes (if req.)	6-12 months
Creditor claims are paid	6-12 months
Possible preliminary distributions	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
Tax Clearance Letters are issued	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	9-18 months
Final distribution of funds, Probate concluded	9-18 months

***\*Probate timeline is based on a national average.***