

Probate Timeline

Step	Duration
Prepare and File Petition for Probate	1 – 2 Months
Hearing on Petition for Probate	2 – 3 Months
Issue Letters of Administration, Orders for Probate, and Duties and Liabilities	
Issue Bond (if ordered)	
Notice to Creditors	2 – 4 Months
Notice to Department of Health Services Inventory and Appraisement	4 – 8 Months
Pay State and Federal Taxes (if necessary)	6 – 12 Months
Allow or Reject Creditor Claims	
Possible Preliminary Distributions	
* Notice to Department of Health Services (if deceased received medical)	
Notice to Franchise Tax Board (if heir is out of state)	
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	
Order Approving Final Distribution and Accounting	
Distribution of Assets to Heirs	9 – 17 Months
Final Discharge Order	9 – 18 Months
Final Distribution of Funds	9 – 18 Months

Estate Executor's Duties During the Probate Process

