

COMMON-LAW SEPARATION | WORKSHEET 2 OF 3

Two-Year Limitation Date Planner

A conservative planning worksheet for possible Family Property Act deadlines.

BEST USED
WHEN

Use this as soon as a common-law relationship may have ended; do not use it as a substitute for advice.

ALBERTA LEGAL CHECKPOINT

In Alberta, the legal term is adult interdependent partner, and the test is not the same as a tax or benefit-program definition of common law. Depending on the facts, status can arise after three years, sooner where there is a child and a relationship of some permanence, or through an adult interdependent partner agreement. A property claim may face a two-year deadline tied to when you knew, or ought to have known, the relationship ended.

Primary source: [Alberta: Dividing property between unmarried partners](#)

PREPARED FOR _____

DATE _____

1 Complete what you know

2 Mark gaps and assumptions

3 Attach supporting records

THE PRACTICE LENS

The difficult question is often not how to add two years, but when the relationship legally ended and when that should have been known. We build the chronology conservatively, preserve competing dates and flag other deadlines rather than allowing an uncertain assumption to expire a possible claim.

A CONCRETE EXAMPLE

One partner moved to the guest room in January, the couple continued joint finances through September and a written message ended reconciliation discussions in November. Do not choose the most convenient date. Record each event and obtain advice using the earliest plausible deadline.

Possible end-date evidence

Use one row per issue and identify the source for every important number or date.

Possible date	What changed	Supporting record	Uncertainty

Events to consider

Tick completed items. Circle anything that needs a document, follow-up or legal advice.

- ☐ One person moved out or separate households were established.
- ☐ Finances, benefits or insurance were separated.
- ☐ A written separation message or agreement was exchanged.
- ☐ A new relationship or public announcement made the end clear.
- ☐ Reconciliation was attempted and later ended.
- ☐ Property was transferred, sold or encumbered after separation.

Protect the claim

Use short factual notes. If an answer is uncertain, write what would confirm it.

1. What is the earliest plausible date the relationship ended?
2. What date results if two years is measured from that conservative date?
3. Which claim or property could be lost if no proceeding is started?
4. Is negotiation occurring without a standstill agreement or filed claim?
5. What advice is needed now about filing, service or preservation?

BRING THIS TO YOUR CONSULTATION

You do not need every blank filled. Mark the three items that matter most, attach the records you relied on and use this handoff to identify the next decision.

STATUS	☐ Ready to discuss ☐ Missing records ☐ Deadline or urgent issue
NEXT REAL DEADLINE	
RECORD OR ANSWER STILL NEEDED	
DECISION I NEED HELP WITH	

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