

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
SOLICITOR GENERAL

*Emergency Program Act*

Ministerial Order No. M086

WHEREAS a declaration of a state of emergency throughout the whole of the Province of British Columbia was declared on March 18, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS section 10 (1) of the *Emergency Program Act* provides that I may do all acts and implement all procedures that I consider necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of any emergency or disaster;

AND WHEREAS, as a result of the pandemic and necessary public health measures to be taken in response to it, it may not be possible for a person involved in legal or administrative proceedings to take steps required by legislation;

AND WHEREAS I have considered the problems that delay of proceedings may cause to persons seeking to enforce their legal rights and I have determined that this order is a necessary and proportionate response to the state of emergency;

I HEREBY order that the attached Limitation Periods (COVID-19) Order is made.

March 26, 2020

Date

  
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

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*(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)*

**Authority under which Order is made:**

Act and section: *Emergency Program Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 111, s. 10

Other: MO 73/2020

## **LIMITATION PERIODS (COVID-19) ORDER**

### **Application**

- 1** This order applies during the period that starts on the date this order is made and ends on the date on which the declaration of a state of emergency made March 18, 2020 under section 9 (1) of the *Emergency Program Act* expires or is cancelled, or if there is an extension under section 9 (4) of the *Emergency Program Act*, the date on which the last extension of that declaration expires or is cancelled.

### **Limitation periods in court proceedings**

- 2** Every mandatory limitation period and any other mandatory time period that is established in an enactment or law of British Columbia within which a civil or family action, proceeding, claim or appeal must be commenced in the Provincial Court, Supreme Court or Court of Appeal is suspended.

### **Statutory decisions**

- 3** A person, tribunal or other body that has a statutory power of decision may waive, suspend or extend a mandatory time period relating to the exercise of that power.