



INFORMATION SHEET

EXTENSION OF TIME TO START NTCAT PROCEEDINGS

Can NTCAT grant an extension of time in all cases?

No, NTCAT may not have the power to grant an extension of time in a particular case. If the time limit has expired, there may be no ability to commence proceedings. You should always seek independent legal advice on issues related to your proceedings.

Whether NTCAT can grant an extension to commence a proceeding depends on the law relevant to your case and the reasons for the delay. Ensuring that NTCAT proceedings commence within the applicable time limit is always safest.

Can an extension of time be granted before the commencement of the proceeding?

No, an extension of time cannot be granted before the matter commences. The matter will need to be commenced by filing an initiating application, and within that application, you will need to include a request for an extension of time.

When will the extension of time decision be made?

In matters where an extension of time is requested, NTCAT will make orders about when that issue will be determined. Depending on the type of case, the problem may be determined before or simultaneously with the main hearing.

Where can I get more assistance?

NTCAT cannot provide legal advice about whether your application for extension of time will be successful or if there is the power to do so. You should always seek legal advice if you are unsure. Please refer to the [NTCAT Information Sheet: Legal Advice](#) for further information.