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| Prepare and File Petition for Probate | 1-2 months |
| Court hearing on the Petition for Probate | 2-3 months |
| The following are issued: Letters of Administration/Testamentary, Orders for Probate, and Duties and Liabilities, Issues Bond (if ordered) | 2-4 months (if not contested) |
| Notice to Creditors | 2-4 months |
| 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 the State 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 (indicates close of probate case) | 9-18 months |
| Final Distribution of Funds | 9-18 months |



\*\*All information is based on National average