STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

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MOTOR VEHICLE				
	OFFENSE	TIME LIMIT	STATUTE	
Title 39, generally		30 DAYS Issue process within 30 days after the commission of the offense	39:5-3a	
	EXCEPTION	NS:		
39:4-50 39:4-50.4a 39:3-10.13 39:3-10.24 39:3-40 39:4-128.1 12:7-46 12:7-57	Driving while Intoxicated Refusal DWI in commercial vehicle Refusal in commercial vehicle Driving while Suspended Passing stopped School Bus Boating while Intoxicated Refusal in a boat	90 DAYS	39:5-3b	
39:4-81	Failure to Observe Traffic Signal	90 DAYS	39:5-3a	
39:6B-2	Uninsured Motorist	6 MONTHS	39:6B-2	
39:3-12 39:3-34 39:3-37 39:4-129 39:10-24	Illegally obtaining Driver's License Applying for DL while suspended Falsifying appl./exam for DL Leaving the scene of an accident Violation of Motor Vehicle Certificate of Ownership law	1 YEAR	39:5-3b	

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CRIMINAL

See 2C:1-6c for commencement of time limits.

In general, time starts to run on the day after the offense is committed (unless DNA testing or fingerprinting used to ID – see statute)

	OFFENSE	TIME LIMIT	STATUTE
Crimes, generally		5 YEARS	2C:1-6b(1)
Disorderly/Petty Disorderly		I YEAR	2C:1-6b(2)
	EXCEPTIONS	S:	
2C:27-2 2C:29-4 2C:30-2 2C:30-3	Bribery in Official and Political Matters* Compounding* Official Misconduct* Speculating or Wagering on Official Action or Information* *OR any attempt or conspiracy to commit such an offense	7 YEARS	2C:1-6b(3)
2C:14-3 2C:24-4	Criminal Sexual Contact* Endangering Welfare of Children* *when the victim is under 18 years of age	5 YEARS of the victim attaining the age of 18 or 2 years after discovery of offense, whichever is later	2C:1-6b(4)
2C:11-3 2C:11-4 2C:14-2 2C:38-1 thru 38-5 2C:17-2 13:1E-9 13:1E-48.20 26:2C-19 34:5A-41 58:10A-10	Murder Manslaughter Sexual Assault Terrorism and related offenses Causing or Risking Widespread Injury or Damage Hazardous Wastes Medical Wastes Air Pollution Control Asbestos Installation Removal Water Pollution Control	NO TIME LIMIT Prosecution may commence at any time	2C:1-6(a)
Municipal Ordinances		I YEAR	Caldwell Terrace Apts., Inc. v Borough of Caldwell, 224 N.J. Super. 588, (App. Div. 1988)

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