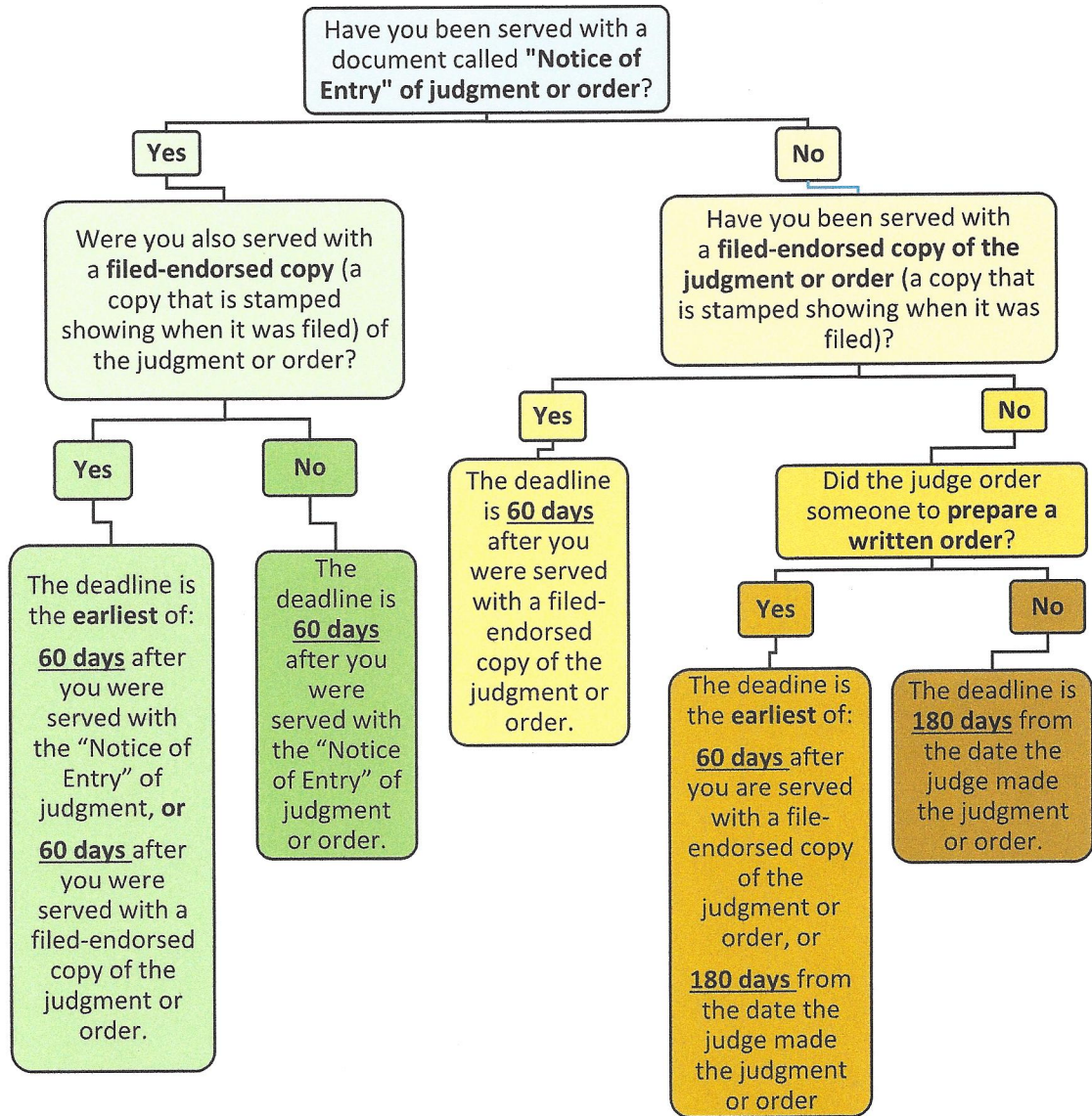




### Calculating Your Deadline to Appeal a California Family Law Order

Generally, the deadline to appeal a family law judgment or order is either **60 or 180 days**.<sup>\*</sup> You must serve and file a [Notice of Appeal form \(APP-002\)](#) by your deadline or you could lose the right to appeal your order. The following chart may help you determine your **deadline to file a Notice of Appeal**, based on [California Rule of Court, rule 8.104](#).



#### \*Deadline Extensions

The time to file a notice of appeal may be extended if, after the order you want to appeal was made, any party in your case files a motion for (1) a new trial, (2) reconsideration, or (3) a judgment notwithstanding the verdict, or to (4) vacate, or (5) set aside, the order. The deadline may also be extended if a public entity was the defendant in the trial court case and asks the trial court to take certain other actions. For more information, see [California Rule of Court, rule 8.108](#)

([http://www.courts.ca.gov/cms/rules/index.cfm?title=eight&linkid=rule8\\_108](http://www.courts.ca.gov/cms/rules/index.cfm?title=eight&linkid=rule8_108) ) and the [California courts' self-help center's](#) webpage on [filing your Notice of Appeal](#) (<http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp.htm>).

### **Other Important Information**

- The information in this resource is generally valid only for **appeals of family law—and some other civil law—cases in California state courts**. Criminal cases and other civil law cases may have other applicable rules.
- If you are interested in **seeking a writ**, please consult an attorney.
- Rules and laws change often, so **all information should be verified** before relying on it.
- This resource **does NOT constitute legal advice**, and viewing this resource **does NOT create an attorney-client relationship between you and FVAP**. We suggest speaking with an attorney to know your specific deadline.

### **How do I get more assistance?**

If you need more information about calculating a Notice of Appeal deadline, please visit the [California Courts of Appeal website](#) at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/8546.htm>.

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