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Examples of effective Lexi questions

Use these examples as starting points. For the clearest results, ask about one legal issue at a time. Identify the Act, regulation, rule or legal topic where possible, and include the facts that could change the answer.

Tip for more complex research: Start with the core question and use follow-ups for additional issues. Lexi currently focuses on current legislation, not historical or future changes.

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Focused Canadian Legal Web Search: If this feature is enabled for your account, consider a follow-up question asking Lexi to find related decisions, official guidance or useful legal analysis.

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Legal Practice

Examples for lawyers and legal professionals researching statutory remedies, court rules and time limits.

1. What remedies may a court grant for oppressive or unfairly prejudicial conduct under the *Business Corporations Act*?

2. An adult child has been left very little under a parent's will in British Columbia. What statutory right does the child have to seek a variation of the will, what is the limitation period, and when does that period begin to run?

3. When may a court award double costs after a party rejects an offer to settle under the *Supreme Court Civil Rules*, and what factors will the court consider?

i **Best practice:** Keep the prompt centred on one legal issue. A short set of closely related sub-questions is fine when each part is needed to answer that same issue.

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Local Government & Planning

Examples for municipal and regional district staff, planners, administrators and counsel.

1. A municipality has amended its zoning to permit the required small-scale multi-unit housing density, but has retained existing setbacks, lot coverage, building height and parking standards that may make that density difficult to achieve on typical lots. At what point could those standards be considered to unreasonably restrict the required housing density, and how should the Provincial SSMUH Policy Manual and Site Standards inform that assessment?

2. Council wants staff to negotiate a land acquisition - what can be decided in camera and when do we need a delegation bylaw?

i **Best practice:** Include the municipality or regional district context, the decision being made and any known statutory provision or policy document that may be relevant.

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Forestry, Environment & Resource Management

Examples for forestry, environmental, natural resource and regulatory compliance research.

1. Following a reportable spill at a permitted industrial facility, monitoring shows that contamination has migrated beyond the property boundary into groundwater. What investigation and remediation obligations may follow, and does compliance with the facility's discharge permit limit liability for the off-site contamination?

2. Our forest stewardship plan is due to expire in about 10 months. Can we ask the minister to extend the existing plan rather than prepare a replacement plan? If so, how long can the extension be, what conditions have to be met, and can an extension still be granted after the plan has expired?

i **Best practice:** State the activity, authorization or plan involved and the current status. Focus the question on current legislative requirements rather than historical or future legislative changes.

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Other Legislative Research

Examples showing how Lexi can be used across other BC legislative and regulatory topics.

1. An employer has salaried employees working more than 40 hours a week, including managers, professionals and technical staff. Which employees are actually exempt from overtime requirements, and does being salaried or having a "manager" title make a difference?

2. A strata owner wants to install an EV charger for their parking stall and the installation requires alterations to common property. What approval must the owner obtain from the strata corporation, and who is generally responsible for the installation costs?

i **Best practice:** When a question could fall under several regimes, start with the main relationship or activity - for example employer/employee or strata owner/strata corporation - and ask Lexi to identify the governing provisions.