Section 85 Planning Checklist

Ten checks before you set the elected amount

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Work through these ten before your consultation. The elected amount is the whole decision, and everything on this list feeds into choosing it well.

- [ ] 1 **Objective defined**
  Freeze, holdco, succession or pre-sale.
- [ ] 2 **Assets identified**
  Which appreciated property is moving.
- [ ] 3 **Valuations obtained**
  Written support for fair market value.
- [ ] 4 **Cost bases confirmed**
  ACB and UCC for every asset.
- [ ] 5 **Losses reviewed**
  Unused losses or exemption room available.
- [ ] 6 **Elected amount modelled**
  Full deferral tested against partial gain.
- [ ] 7 **Boot decided**
  Any cash out kept inside the elected amount.
- [ ] 8 **Section 84.1 checked**
  Wherever the parties are related.
- [ ] 9 **Share classes agreed**
  With your lawyer, before the transfer.
- [ ] 10 **PUC and ACB schedule**
  Started on day one, not reconstructed later.

PRO TIP

Full deferral is the reflex, not always the answer.
Where unused losses or exemption room exist, realising some gain now can be worth more.

What happens next

1. Position modelled
2. Fixed fee quoted
3. Election filed

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