

Checklist for Choosing the Right Power of Attorney

Follow this checklist to ensure you select the right Power of Attorney for your needs in British Columbia

1. Understand the Different Types of POA:

- Enduring Power of Attorney (EPOA)
- Springing Power of Attorney
- General Power of Attorney
- Limited Power of Attorney

2. Determine the Scope of Authority:

- What tasks do you need the POA to cover?
- Are financial matters, healthcare decisions, or both required?

3. Choose a Trustworthy Person:

- Are they financially responsible and trustworthy?
- Will they act in your best interests if you become incapacitated?

4. Ensure They Understand Your Wishes:

- Have you communicated your values and expectations clearly?

5. Confirm the POA is Legally Valid in BC:

- Ensure compliance with BC law, including witness and notarization requirements.

6. Regularly Review and Update Your POA:

- Is your chosen attorney still suitable?
- Have any major life changes occurred that may require an update to the POA?

7. Know the Revocation Process:

- Understand how to revoke or modify your POA if circumstances change.

8. Consult a Lawyer for Legal Guidance:

- A legal expert can help ensure that your POA meets all BC-specific requirements and is legally

binding.

