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10 Questions Before You Assess an EOT Claim

An extension of time is earned by showing cause, effect and evidence against the contract. These questions frame the review before any analysis is run.

01 **What does the contract actually say?**
Entitlement, notice, particulars and the assessment mechanism come from the contract first — not from a method.

02 **Were notices given in time and in the required form?**
Time bars and notice conditions can decide the outcome before the merits are considered.

03 **Is the event clearly identified and dated?**
A delay event needs a defined start, cause and responsible party — not a narrative of general disruption.

04 **Whose risk is the event under the contract?**
Employer risk, contractor risk and neutral events carry different consequences for time and money.

05 **Is there a credible baseline or updated programme to measure against?**
Without an accepted reference the effect cannot be demonstrated, only asserted.

06 **Does the event affect the critical path to a completion date or milestone?**
Delay that consumes float or sits off the critical path rarely carries a time entitlement.

07 **Is the delay analysis method appropriate to the records and the question?**
The method should suit the available programmes, records and the point in time the question is being asked.

08 **Has concurrent or contractor-caused delay been addressed?**
An analysis that ignores the contractor’s own delays will not withstand review.

09 **Are the contemporaneous records there?**
Site diaries, correspondence, approvals and progress records turn a claimed effect into a demonstrated one.

10 **Is the requested extension proportionate and traceable?**
The days claimed should follow from the analysis, event by event, and reconcile to the overall position.

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