

Mortgage Lending Criteria - Residential as at January 2024

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PERSONAL DETAILS	
Address History	3 year UK address history is required.
Age	Minimum Age: 18 years old. 21 years old for Professional Range. Maximum: 80 years old.
Ex Pat	Not Accepted.
First Time Buyer	Accepted - Standard criteria.
Immediate Family Definition	Parents and grandparents, children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters. Adopted, in law, half, and step members are also included in the definition.
Married Applicants	Residential purchase applications where the spouse will be residing in the property, we require both to be on the application and deeds. Residential remortgage applications will be permitted on a sole applicant basis where the current ownership is in sole name.
Number of Applicants	Maximum of 4. 3rd and 4th applicants must be immediate family except on Joint Borrower/Sole Proprietor where they will be named on the Mortgage. Maximum of 2 applicants on professional mortgage products.
Residency Status	Must be resident with Permanent rights to reside in the UK. Settled/Pre-Settled Status under the EU settlement scheme is accepted. Applicants on a Tier 2 visa can be considered for any residential product up to 75% LTV on a Capital and Interest basis provided they earn at least £75,000 and supply evidence of sponsorship. Under 3 years UK history can be considered for these applications subject to full underwriting assessment and meeting the minimum credit score requirement.

LOAN DETAILS	
Capital Raising	Limited to 90% LTV. Debt Consolidation limited to 80% LTV. No Debt to Income Ratio limit. Interest Only accepted for all capital raising reasons, standard interest only criteria applies. We can consider 90% LTV for applications where the remaining part of the property is being obtained, such as staircasing to 100%, repaying a Help To Buy Loan or a Transfer of Equity. Purpose of capital raising required; evidence may be requested. If you are capital raising for an onward property purchase, funds will be released at the point required to complete the purchase to the solicitor acting. If the property is not yet found or there will not be a simultaneous completion, funds will be held on retention for a maximum of 6 months. The purchase solicitor will need to request funds, confirming the amount required and address of onward purchase at least 5 days prior to expected completion date. Not available for speculative investment, payment of tax bill or business/commercial use. Capital raising must be for the benefit of all parties to the mortgage.
Capital Raising on Unencumbered	Treated as remortgage. Legal Assist, cash back or free valuation products are not available unless the loan exceeds £150,000.

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Deposit	<p>Deposit must be from own resources, gifted from an immediate family (except on JBSP cases) member or a new build incentive.</p> <p>If from an immediate family member a Metro Bank gifted deposit letter will be needed to be completed and additional source of funds maybe requested.</p> <p>Gifted deposits are unacceptable from family members that reside in the property.</p> <p>Builder deposit accepted up to 5% of the purchase price.</p> <p>Deposits from Cryptocurrencies are not acceptable.</p>
Fee-Assist	<p>Our re-mortgage only range offers two specific fee-assisted options. Moving a mortgage to Metro Bank will result in legal and valuation costs. Please refer to our website for more information on our Fee-Assist options.</p>
Forces Help to Buy	<p>Accepted. The monthly payment needs to be added as a commitment.</p> <p>Please add a note via the “send a message box” to confirm the source of deposit is Forces Help To Buy.</p>
Gifted Equity/Concessionary Purchase	<p>Accepted. Seller must be a close family member (non-family members accepted if named on mortgage as joint borrower). Gifted Equity can be used as deposit, a Gifted Deposit Form is required. Key the case with the market value and add a note stating the reduced sale price agreed and the relationship of the family member.</p> <p>Gifted Equity/Concessionary Purchase from family member if the property is held in LTD company name is not acceptable.</p>
Guarantor	<p>Not accepted, can consider joint borrower/sole proprietor applications.</p>
Holiday Letting (Airbnb)	<p>On all residential mortgages we allow customers to let their whole property via Airbnb or similar for up to 90 days per annum.</p> <p>Letting of part of the property or room is not allowed.</p>
Interest Only - Non Sale of Property	<p>Minimum Income of £50,000 required if any part of the loan is on Interest Only. This is total of all income sources from all applicants.</p> <p>The maximum amount on interest only is 75% LTV.</p> <p>The maximum LTV for part and part is 85% LTV.</p> <p>Capital raising is accepted, maximum 85% LTV, except for Debt Consolidation where the maximum is 80% LTV.</p> <p>Assets generated or held in a currency other than (£) sterling are not accepted as a Repayment Strategy.</p>
Interest Only - Sale of Subject Property	<p>Minimum Income of £50,000 required if any part of the loan is on Interest Only. This is total of all income sources from all applicants.</p> <p>Sale of Subject Property accepted where there is a minimum property value of £600,000.</p> <p>Interest only downsizing up to 50% LTV and up to a further 25% LTV using another interest only repayment strategy or capital and interest repayment.</p> <p>If sale of property is being used as part of the repayment strategy then the maximum overall LTV is 75%.</p>
Interest Only - Acceptable Repayment Vehicles	<p>The following will be accepted as suitable repayment vehicles, with no minimum property value:</p> <p>Sale of other property(ies) (that are not the main home of the applicant or relatives) - equity must be equal to 120% of the mortgage amount. Properties must be in applicant(s) names only.</p> <p>Sale of liquid investments or savings more than 12 months old - 100% of current value.</p> <p>Pension - 25% of current value. Refer SIPPS.</p> <p>Endowments - 100% of current value.</p> <p>We require suitable evidence of the repayment strategy.</p>

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Interest Only - Second Homes	<p>Accepted. Maximum LTV 85%.</p> <p>Where the second home is not for a relative then sale of the subject property is accepted as an interest only repayment strategy up to 75% LTV. With a further 10% available on capital and interest.</p> <p>If the second home is for a dependent relative then the standard interest only repayment strategies apply other than sale of subject property which is not accepted.</p>
Joint Borrower/Sole Proprietor	<p>Accepted.</p> <p>Independent Legal Advice required for all parties.</p> <p>The Joint Borrower(s) can reside in the property. Joint Borrower/Sole Proprietor is not available for capital raising unless for the benefit of all parties or on our Professional Mortgage Range.</p> <p>Maximum of 2 households only (including the security property household on completion).</p> <p>2 households needs to be selected as part of the application and expenses from both households need to be included on the system.</p>
Let To Buy	<p>Where a client applies for a residential purchase mortgage but will be letting their old residence out (rather than selling), the old main residential mortgage will be ignored if an ARLA letter shows rent will cover the mortgage repayments.</p>
Loan Size	<p>Minimum Loan: £50,000.</p> <p>Maximum Loan: None, we can consider loans of any amount.</p>
LTV Loan Limits	<p>Maximum 95% Up to £675,000 loan amount</p> <p>Maximum 85% Up to £1,000,000 loan amount</p> <p>Maximum 80% Up to £2,000,000 loan amount</p> <p>Maximum 75% Up to £2,500,000 loan amount</p> <p>Maximum 70% Up to £5,000,000 loan amount</p> <p>Maximum 65% Up to £10,000,000 loan amount</p> <p>Subject to Product Availability</p>
Near Prime	<p>This range is designed for people with less than perfect credit profiles.</p> <p>Purchase and Remortgage</p> <p>Maximum Loan £500,000</p> <p>Capital and Interest Only</p> <p>4.45x Income Multiple</p> <p>Maximum 80% LTV</p> <p>Lower credit score requirement</p> <p>Please refer to credit history section for acceptable credit profiles</p> <p>Joint Borrow/Sole Proprietor accepted</p> <p>Other Criteria remains the same, max age, term, number of applicants etc.</p>
Offer Extensions	<p>Considered Subject to:</p> <p>Extension request received from Solicitor with reason for delay and confirmed completion date.</p> <p>Confirmation there has been no change in the customers circumstances from the customer.</p> <p>Up to date income documents (such as latest payslip) and latest bank statement.</p> <p>Revaluation fee, if valuation over 180 days (270 days for new build) old.</p> <p>If the extension is only for a short period we will normally allow for the same product to be used. For longer extensions a new product maybe needed to be selected.</p>

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Offers Validity Period	<p>New Build properties 270 days from the date of the completed valuation. All other properties 180 days from the date of the completed valuation. If you choose to instruct the valuation at the point of application submission, using the Instruct Valuation button, the 180 days (or 270 days for new build) commences from the date of the completed valuation and as a result could impact the offer validity period.</p>
Professional Mortgages	<p>For fully qualified, registered and practicing Solicitors, Barristers, Medical Doctors, Accountants, Actuaries, Vets, Dentists, Surveyors, Architects and Engineers. Maximum 2 applicants – 1 applicant needed to meet professional requirements. 5.5x earned income – applies to both applicants, if the professional is the higher income earner (subject to affordability). If the non-professional is the higher income earner the 5.5x income will be applied to the professional applicant only at underwriting stage. Only Income from employment accepted - includes Self-Employed, Contractor, Limited Company and/or Employed. Minimum Age – 21 years old. All applicants must be named on the deeds. Available for purchase and remortgage, including capital raising. Professional(s) must have qualified within the last 10 years. Professional(s) employed in a role without their qualification as their job title will be considered on an individual basis. E.g. a fully qualified accountant working as a senior finance manager would be considered for a Professional Mortgage. Professional(s) must be registered with one of the registered bodies below:</p> <p>Barristers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Bar Council <p>Actuaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA) <p>Accountants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Institute of Chartered Accountants England & Wales - Institute of Chartered Accountants Scotland - Chartered Institute of Management Accountants - Association of Chartered Certified Accountants - Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy - Institute of Financial Accountants <p>Medical Doctors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General Medical Council <p>Solicitors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Law Society of Northern Ireland - Law Society of England & Wales - Law Society of Scotland <p>Dentists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General Dental Council (GDC) <p>Vets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) <p>Engineers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Institute of Engineering and Technology Incorporated Engineers (IEng) - Institute of Engineering and Technology Chartered Engineers (CEng) <p>Surveyors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) <p>Architects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Architects Registration Board (ARB)

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Retentions	Any withheld proportion of mortgage must be drawn within 6 months of the completion date.
Second Mortgage Affordability	Accepted. Background mortgage payment and household expenditure needs to be included when calculating the maximum loan affordable. If more than one mortgage held with Metro Bank, then the lending will need to meet the applicable affordability across all lending.
Term	Minimum: 5 Years. Maximum Capital and Interest: 40 Years. Maximum Interest Only or Part and Part: 35 years. The whole loan must be on the same term.
Second Home for Personal Use	Accepted max 85% LTV. We will accept up to 75% LTV on Interest Only (with sale of property as a repayment strategy) with an additional 10% on capital and interest repayment. No Minimum property value. Affordability calculation needs to cover both mortgage balances.
Second Home for Relative	Accepted max 85% LTV. We will accept up to 75% LTV on Interest Only with an additional 10% on capital and interest repayment. Sale of subject property is not accepted as a repayment strategy. Affordability calculation needs to cover both mortgage balances.
Shared Ownership	Not accepted, unless staircasing to 100% ownership. Maximum LTV is 90%.

EMPLOYMENT/INCOME

Bank Workers	Available to Nurses Only. If Bank Work is a second job treated as overtime, 60% taken into account for affordability. This can be either the total of the last P60 or the year to date figure (not annualised). If Primary/Only Income, 2 P60s required. Average of last 2 years P60's used for affordability where payslips confirm at least the same level of income is being received.
Benefit Income	Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment is accepted, if guaranteed for the life of mortgage and awarded to a person named on the mortgage. All other benefits are not accepted.
Bonus/Commission/Overtime	Accepted, 60% taken into account for affordability. This can be either 60% of the total of the last P60 minus the basic or the year to date figure in the current tax year, minus the year to date basic (not annualised) or current years bonus payslip.
Bursary Income	Not accepted.
Capital Gains	Accepted where sustainable. Minimum 3 year track record and proof of ongoing sustainability.
Car Allowance	Accepted. 100% used for affordability.

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Contractors	<p>Accepted.</p> <p>Current contract must be at least 3 months in length. If contract has no end date it must have been running for at least 3 months.</p> <p>No more than 6 weeks of gaps in contracts over the last 12 months.</p> <p>A 12 month contract history is not required for applicants who can evidence 12 months continuous history working within the same industry as evidenced by Contracts, P60's or SA100 (Tax return with IR Mark).</p> <p>Contracts must have a start date.</p> <p>If current contract has less than 4 weeks to run we may require evidence that it has been renewed or a new contract obtained. If current contract has no end date we will look to confirm it has at least 4 weeks notice period or request confirmation that the contract will run for at least another 4 weeks.</p> <p>Income calculated as a daily rate over 46 weeks based on 5 day working week (unless the contract restricts the applicant to less than this).</p> <p>We require evidence of the current contract, 12 months same industry history and 1 months Bank statements showing receipt of contract income at level keyed.</p>
Contracts - Fixed Term	<p>Accepted where customer is working directly for their end client on a PAYE basis.</p> <p>Current contract must be at least 3 months in length. If contract has no end date it must have been running for at least 3 months.</p> <p>No more than 6 weeks of gaps in contracts over last 12 months.</p> <p>A 12 month contract history is not required for applicants who can evidence 12 months continuous history working within the same industry as evidenced by Contracts, P60 or SA100 (Tax Return with IR Mark).</p> <p>Contracts must have a start date.</p> <p>If current contract as less than 4 weeks to run we may require evidence that it has been renewed or a new contract obtained. If current contract has no end date we will look to confirm it has at least 4 weeks notice period or request confirmation that the contract will run for at least another 4 weeks</p> <p>Income will be assessed as guaranteed income (hourly/ daily rate multiplied by guaranteed hours/ days).</p> <p>We require evidence of current contract, 12 months same industry history and 1 months Bank statements showing receipt of contract income at level keyed.</p>
Contractors - Umbrella Companies	<p>Current contract must be at least 3 months in length. If contract has no end date it must have been running for at least 3 months.</p> <p>No more than 6 weeks of gaps in contracts over last 12 months.</p> <p>A 12 month contract history is not required for applicants who can evidence 12 months continuous history working within the same industry as evidenced by Contracts, P60 or SA100 (Tax Return with IR Mark).</p> <p>Contracts must have a start date.</p> <p>If current contract as less than 4 weeks to run we may require evidence that it has been renewed or a new contract obtained. If current contract has no end date we will look to confirm it has at least 4 weeks notice period or request confirmation that the contract will run for at least another 4 weeks.</p> <p>Income will be assessed as guaranteed income (hourly/ daily rate multiplied by guaranteed hours/ days).</p> <p>We require evidence of current contract, 12 months over last 12 months history and 1 months Bank statements showing receipt of contract income at level keyed. Payslips maybe requested where the payment on the bank statement differs from the contract after tax and national insurance has been deducted.</p>
Contracts - Zero Hours	Not Accepted.
Fixed Allowance	<p>Accepted at 100% if contracted and the same on every payslip.</p> <p>If a variable amount we can consider at 60%. Refer to Bonus, Commision and Overtime criteria.</p>
Foreign Currency	Not Accepted.

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EMPLOYMENT/INCOME (CONTINUED)

Foster Income	Not Accepted.				
Income Multiples	All income multiples are 4.45x unless stated below				
		House Purchase and Remortgage Ranges	House Purchase and Remortgage Ranges	Large Loan Range	Professional Range
Loan to Income Multiplier		5x	5.5x	5.5x	5.5x
1 Applicant	>=£90,000	>=£100,000	No minimum income	Must meet Professional criteria	
2 Applicants					
3 Applicants					
4 Applicants	>=£100,000	>=£150,000		N/A	
Max LTV		85%	85%	80%	90%
Investment Income	<p>Accepted at 5% of fund value.</p> <p>Maximum term of 20 years.</p> <p>Minimum managed portfolio value of £250,000.</p> <p>Funds containing individual properties will have the value of the property excluded.</p> <p>Highly volatile funds such as currency exchange, single stock or venture capital trusts, will be excluded.</p> <p>Standalone cash savings are not classed as an investment.</p>				
Large Town Allowance	Accepted. 100% used for affordability.				
Lending into Retirement	<p>If the applicant retires before the end of the mortgage term in order to confirm the affordability in retirement, we will calculate the mortgage balance at the point of retirement using Metro Banks, stress rate and assess if the current level of retirement income is sufficient to meet the affordability assessment. We do not accept projections.</p> <p>Earned income is accepted up to the age of 80 subject to a plausibility check that the applicant can continue in the current line of work until the declared retirement age. Retirement age will be capped for manual positions including driving and those with advertised retirement ages.</p>				
Maintenance Income Court Order	Accepted, if guaranteed for the life of mortgage. 100% used for affordability.				
Maintenance Income No Court Order	Not accepted.				
Minimum Income	<p>Capital and Interest - No minimum income required.</p> <p>Interest Only/Part and Part - Application must have a minimum usable income £50,000.</p>				
Mortgage Subsidy	Accepted.				
Other committed income/assets/drawdown sources	These can be considered on an individual basis. Please contact us to discuss.				
Parental Leave including Adoption Leave	<p>Last payslip prior to leave and an employers letter that needs to confirm return to work date, salary, hours and no changes to terms and conditions.</p> <p>Evidence of sufficient income/savings to cover any reduction in income during leave period required if not returning within 3 months.</p>				
Pension - Defined Benefit/Final Salary	Accepted. 100% of current level being received or if not yet drawn proof of eligibility to draw and we will use the amount left assuming the maximum tax free lump sum is taken.				

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EMPLOYMENT/INCOME (CONTINUED)	
Pension - SIPP	Accepted. 5% of the current fund value. Must be over 55 years old. Maximum term of 20 years. The value of any individual properties held within a SIPP will be excluded from the fund value.
Pension State	Accepted. 100% of current level being received or if deferred the amount stated they can draw on last annual update.
Rental Allowance	Not accepted.
Rental Income	Accepted, 100% of latest year. Calculated as profit from land and property after removing any dis-allowable expenses - such as finance costs. To be evidenced via most recent SA100 (submitted tax return) with Inland Revenue (IR) mark paired with the tax year overview. Box 40 minus Box 44 of the rental section. Where the disallowed expenses/finance costs section (Box 44) is blank or does not meet the annualised mortgage costs of BTL's held then the income should be keyed as the profit (Box 40) and the BTL mortgage payment(s) should be added as a commitment(s). Lodger's income not accepted. Rental income paid in cash is not accepted.
Second Job	Accepted - 100% if 6 month track record of working two jobs and sustainable.
Self-Employed	Sole Traders, Limited Company Shareholders and Partners Accepted. Applicants classed as self employed if own 25% or more of a limited company. 2 years trading is required with a minimum of 2 years finalised figures. The self employed income used for the application will be the maximum of the average last 2 or 3 years, which ever is the higher.
Self-Employed - Limited Company Directors	Profit before taxation plus directors remuneration can be considered for affordability if 100% of shareholders are on the mortgage and sustainability of the business can be confirmed. Director's remuneration plus average dividend for last 2 or 3 years is used for affordability where there is less than 100% ownership. A Metro Bank Accountants Certificate or 1/2 years full company accounts submitted and registered with Companies House or 2/3 years tax calculations and overview with a covering letter from the verified accountant and the latest business Bank statement dated within the last 30 days are required.
Self-Employed - Partner in LLP	Where firm is a national large recognised LLP we can use Current Drawings and Partnership Profit Share, with no minimum time working within the LLP assessed on a case by case basis. Letter from CFO/Financial Director confirming when became an equity partner, percentage ownership, current drawings and the partnership profit share they would have earned at that level of ownership for the last 2 years. Income used will be current drawings and latest years profit share.
Self-Employed - Partnerships	Profit from Partnership. A minimum of 2 years trading required with 2 years fully submitted figures. We will use an average of the last 2 or 3 years figures (whichever is the higher) for affordability. The latest months business bank statement dated within the last 30 days and Metro Banks Accountants Certificate or 1/2 years full partnership accounts or 2/3 years partnership tax returns required.
Self-Employed - Sole Traders	Profit from Self-Employment. A minimum of 2 years trading required with 2 years fully submitted figures. We will use an average of the last 2 or 3 years figures (whichever is the higher) for affordability. The latest months business bank statement dated within the last 30 days and Metro Bank Accountants Certificate or 2/3 years Tax Calculations with accountants letter or 2/3 years SA100 (tax returns) with Inland Revenue mark required (where no accountant is used).

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EMPLOYMENT/INCOME (CONTINUED)

Self-Employed Accepted Accountant Qualifications	<p>Main accountants' qualifications accepted. These apply when using profit before tax, a Metro Bank Accountants Certificate or a covering letter is required from the accountant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Institute of Chartered Accountants England & Wales - Institute of Chartered Accountants Scotland - Chartered Institute of Management Accountants - Association of Chartered Certified Accountants - Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy - Institute of Financial Accountants - Association of Accounting Technicians
Stipend Income	Not accepted.
Supply Teachers	Accepted if over 3 years. Average of last 3 years income used for affordability.
Time in Employment	<p>No minimum time with current employer at least the 1st full months payslip required. 6 months of continued employment.</p> <p>Probation Periods accepted.</p>
Trust Income	Accepted, must be guaranteed for term of mortgage and evidenced through Trust Deed, Trust Accounts and Investment Portfolio Reports showing underlying assets.

CREDIT HISTORY

Credit Impaired	Maximum LTV of 80% for customers who are credit impaired as per the PRA definition.	
General Account Conduct	<p>Evidence of the following are unacceptable:</p> <p>Reliance on Cash Advances from unsecured facilities such as Credit Cards</p> <p>Evidence of declined payments</p>	
CCJs	Satisfied	<p>£1,000 maximum total value across any number of CCJs satisfied within last 36 months.</p> <p>Unlimited maximum total value across any number of CCJs satisfied over 36 months ago.</p>
	Unsatisfied	<p>£500 maximum total value across any number of CCJs.</p> <p>No requirement to satisfy prior to application.</p>
Defaults	Satisfied	<p>£1,000 maximum total value across any number of Defaults satisfied within last 36 months.</p> <p>Unlimited maximum total value across any number of Defaults satisfied over 36 months ago.</p>
	Unsatisfied	<p>£500 maximum total value across any number of Defaults.</p> <p>£1,000 maximum total value across any number of Defaults on Near Prime Range only.</p> <p>No requirement to satisfy prior to application.</p>
Missed or Late Payments	Unsecured/Secured/Mortgages	<p>Up to a maximum status of 2 in the last 24 months, no cumulative limit across all accounts.</p> <p>Note: Arrears on communication and utilities are ignored on Near Prime Range Only.</p>
IVA	Satisfied	Acceptable.
	Unsatisfied	Not acceptable.

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CREDIT HISTORY (CONTINUED)

Debt Management Plan Arrangement to Pay Debt Relief Order	Satisfied	Acceptable.
	Unsatisfied	Not acceptable.
Bankruptcy	Discharged	Acceptable only when bankruptcy order was over 36 months ago.
Protected Trust Deed (Scotland)	Satisfied	Acceptable.
	Unsatisfied	Not acceptable.
Repossession	Acceptable only 6 years after repossession.	
Payday Lending	Not acceptable.	
Scoring	All applications are subject to application score card, referenced against Equifax credit agency. This is a soft search at AIP stage and a hard search at FMA stage.	

COMMITMENTS/DEBT

BTLs in Background	Need to demonstrate that any BTLs are self-financing by way of the latest months bank statement dated within the last 30 days showing mortgage payments and rent received. (rent received in cash not accepted).	
Childcare and School Fees	Taken as commitment.	
Credit Cards	Deducted as a commitment at 3% of outstanding balance if to remain.	
Debt Consolidation	A debt consolidation form will be required.	
Debt to Income Ratio	No limit applied.	
Debts being cleared from advance	These will not be included in the affordability calculation.	
Debt to Remain	Any debts remaining on completion are included as a commitment. Any debts with less than 3 months to remain can be ignored, they should be keyed as part of the application but marked as to be repaid.	
Let To Buy (Existing Resi Mortgage)	Existing main residence mortgage will be ignored if a letter from an ARLA registered agent shows the rent will cover the mortgage repayments once the customer moves out. If a new mortgage is being taken out on the property, a Mortgage Illustration will need to be provided and the rental will need to cover the new mortgage payment. The offer for the new mortgage will be required prior to completion. Evidence of consent to let maybe requested when existing mortgage is being retained on residential terms.	
Non Simultaneous Sale & Completion	Treated as running 2 houses and affordability calculation will take into account both mortgage payments and household running costs (if applicable). Expenditure for both households will need to be added together to complete the application.	
Pension Payments	Not taken as a commitment.	
Second Mortgage	Affordability calculation needs to cover both mortgages. Monthly Mortgage Payment for background property to be added as a remaining commitment. Expenditure for both households will need to be added together to complete the application.	

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PROPERTY	
Adapted Properties	Subject to surveyor's comments on future saleability. Heavily Adapted Properties will not be accepted.
Agricultural Ties	Not accepted.
Annex	Accepted subject to surveyor's comments if in keeping with the property. Must be for own/family use. Must not have separate council tax or utilities. Must not have its own access/driveway.
Assignment of Contract	Not accepted.
Balcony Access	Accepted subject to surveyor's comments.
Bed & Breakfast	Not accepted.
Cast in Situ Concrete	Accepted, such as Wimpey No-Fines & Laing Easiform subject to surveyor's comments.
Commercial Property - near or adjacent to	Accepted - subject to surveyor's comments that the property and location does not adversely affect saleability.
Common Hold	Not accepted.
Contaminated Land	Not accepted.
Deck Access	Accepted subject to surveyor's comments.
Defective	Not accepted. Properties defective under the 1984 Housing Act: Airey Boot Boswell Cornish Unit (1) Cornish Unit (2) Dorran (1) Dorran (2) Dyke Gregory Myton (1) Myton (2) Newland (1) Newland (2) Orlit Parkinson Reema Hollow Panel Schindler & Hawksley SGS Smith Stent Stonecrete Tarran Tarran (2) Underdown Unity & Butterley (1) Unity & Butterley (2) Waller Wates Wessex (1) Wessex (2) Winget Woolaway

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PROPERTY (CONTINUED)

EWS1 Guidance	<p>We rely upon the professional opinion of our panel surveyor to identify if a property identifies the presence of any aluminium composite material, or potentially combustible cladding/fire safety concerns. If this is the case then an EWS1 form will be required. The EWS1 form will need to be prepared by a suitably qualified independent professional advisor who is a member of one of the professional body approved by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and provided by the building owner/agent.</p> <p>We require a fully completed EWS1 form (of an A1, A2 or B1 rating) completed by an appropriate signatory (see the RICS website for a list of relevant professional bodies for completion of an EWS1 Form). If the form is not lodged on the FIA portal then we also require a covering letter from the signatory confirming the information contained in the EWS1 form.</p>
Ex Local Authority	Houses accepted. Flats accepted subject to a maximum number of stories in the block of 6. Balcony/Deck access accepted subject to surveyor's comments.
Flats - Maximum Number of Floors	No Maximum except Ex -Local Authority where the maximum is 6. If the building has more than 4 stories it must have a lift. Accepted at standard LTVs.
Floor Area	Minimum Gross Internal Area of 35m ² .
Flying Freehold	Maximum 20% of total floor area can be on a flying freehold.
Freehold Flats/Coach Houses	<p>Not accepted or where the Leaseholder 'or an associated party' also controls the freehold. This includes where the ownership of the freehold is through a Limited Company.</p> <p>Share of freehold accepted as long as in line with number of flats in the block. Such as if 25% share is owned and there are 4 flats in the block this is acceptable. If over 25% of the freehold is owned and there are 4 flats in the block this is not acceptable.</p>
Ground Rents	<p>New builds/conversions must have an initial minimum lease term of 125 years.</p> <p>The maximum initial ground rent should initially be no more than 0.25% of market value; For Leases granted after 30 June 2022, ground rent must be "peppercorn", in line with the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Act 2022.</p> <p>The ground rent must not be reviewed less than every 10 years.</p> <p>The ground rent must only be reviewed in line with the RPI or equivalent.</p> <p>Event fees can only be based on the reasonable administration costs incurred.</p>
Holiday Lets	Not accepted.
Holiday Letting (AirBnB)	Accepted on Residential mortgages for up to 90 days per annum as per standard mortgage terms and conditions.
Inherited Properties	<p>Property still in deceased name: treat as a purchase with inherited share used as deposit. Solicitor to confirm details of inheritance.</p> <p>If property in applicants name: treat as remortgage, capital raising for reason other than paying off other inherited parties is not accepted if within the first 6 months of ownership. Valuation used will be the lower of inheritance valuation or our mortgage valuation.</p>
Japanese Knotweed	<p>Category D (Report) - Acceptable. Japanese Knotweed was not seen on this property, but it can be seen on a neighbouring property or land where it was within 3 meters of the boundary.</p> <p>Category C (Manage) - Acceptable. Japanese Knotweed was identified within the boundaries of this property, but it is not causing visible, material damage to the structure and is not likely to prevent access to or restrict use of amenity space.</p> <p>Category A and Category B (Action) - Unacceptable unless appropriate treatment plan provided by a company affiliated to either the Property Care Association Invasive Weed Group or the Invasive Non-Native Species Association (INNSA) in place. The treatment plan must be paid for in full prior to Metro Bank releasing funds and benefit from a 5 year warranty/insurance backed guarantee.</p>
Key Worker scheme	Not accepted.

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PROPERTY (CONTINUED)	
Kitchens (More than One)	Accepted, if in annex or in keeping with the property subject to surveyor's comments; otherwise not accepted.
Leasehold	Minimum 50 years unexpired term on lease at end of mortgage term, subject to surveyor's comments.
Listed Buildings	Grade I, II* and II (A, B and C in Scotland) accepted - subject to full valuation and surveyor's comments.
Live/Work Units	Not accepted.
Location of Lending	England, Wales and Scotland. For Scotland we will not lend in the following postcodes: Western Isles (HS) Highlands (KW & ZE) We currently do not accept transcripts.
Mineshafts	Not accepted where there is an uncapped mineshaft that affects the property.
Minimum property value/ purchase price	£75,000
Modern Methods of Construction	Accepted - subject to: Planning and building regulation compliance. An acceptable building standards warranty scheme being available. Buildings insurance being obtainable under normal terms. A minimum design life of 60 years as confirmed by a British accredited body (i.e. BRE, BOPAS). Saleability confirmed by the surveyor. Being situated in a suitable location as defined by the surveyor.
New Build definition	Property built/converted in last 12 months (based on completion certificate) and being occupied for the first time.
New Build - Flat	Maximum 90% LTV.
New Build - House	Maximum 90% LTV.
New Build Incentives	Builder Incentives accepted up to 5% of the purchase price. Builder incentive can include builders deposit contribution, white goods, carpets and curtains, cashback, legal fees and a contribution towards stamp duty.
New Build warranties/ guarantees	Properties that have been built or converted in the last 10 years require suitable warranties/guarantees to be in place. Acceptable Warranties: NHBC; LABC; New Home Warranty; Build Zone; Premier Guarantee; Building Life Plan; Checkmate Castle; Advantage Warranties; Global Home Warranties; The Q Policy; Build Assure; International Construction Warranties; Protek and Aedis Warranties. https://lendershandbook.ukfinance.org.uk/lenders-handbook/englandandwales/question-list/1913/
Non Habitable Condition	Not accepted - property has to be secure; structurally sound; insurable; have a working kitchen with running water, storage and ability to heat food; have a working bathroom with working lavatory, sink and ability to shower or bath and subject to surveyor's comments.
Non Residential Use	Accepted. Maximum 25% of the overall property size.
Own Limited Company Purchase	Not accepted.
Property owned as Tenants in Common	Not accepted.
Property owned in Trust	Not accepted.

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PROPERTY (CONTINUED)	
Remortgage within six months.	Not accepted.
Restrictive Covenants/Title	Not accepted.
Right To Buy/Right to Acquire	Not accepted. Which includes during pre-emption or right of refusal period.
Self Build	Not accepted, unless completed and covered by a suitable structural new build warranty. Land would need to have been owned for at least 6 months.
Single Skin	Not accepted.
Shared Equity/Ownership	Not accepted unless staircasing to 100% ownership.
Solar Panels	Accepted, providing no lease agreement exists.
Steel Framed	Accepted, subject to a structural report from a suitably qualified engineer (MICE, FICE, MStructE, FStructE) or a Chartered Building Surveyor (MRICS, FRICS) is required to confirm if it is of an acceptable standard for mortgage purposes and surveyor's comments on marketability and the suitability of the security for mortgage lending.
Studio Flats	Accepted. Minimum Gross External Area of 35m ² .
Thatched Roof	Accepted, subject to surveyor's comments.
Timber Framed	Accepted, with durable outer leaf, subject to surveyor's comments on marketability and the suitability of the security for mortgage lending. Properties which are all timber are not acceptable.
Under Pinned	Properties under-pinned in the last 10 years are not accepted unless covered by a 20 year guarantee.
Valuations	A valuation will be required for each application. Please refer to our website for more information on Valuations including fee scale.