



Buy to Let Mortgages

CRITERIA GUIDES



A new range of Buy to Let products available to individual, portfolio, limited company SPV and first time landlords.

We aim to help with specialist Buy to Let requirements such as unusual property types including flats that are high rise and over commercial premises, HMOs, multi unit freehold properties and holiday lets.

Using our fully online broker portal and client app, we can provide quick decisions and underwriter flexibility.

We are always happy to discuss cases that do not 'fit the box'.

Pre-submission enquiries

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Loan

Max LTV

80% Standard, 80% Specialist, 75% Non Standard.

Minimum Loan

£50,000.

Maximum Loan

£1.5m up to 65% LTV, £1.0m up to 75% LTV and £500,000 up to 80% LTV.

Maximum with UTB

Total borrowing of up to £3m per individual with a 10 loans maximum.

Term

From 5 – 30 years.

Offer Validity

3 months.

Consumer BTL

We do not allow Consumer BTL. If the client is already a landlord with other rental property this is acceptable. Contact us if the subject property is the client's only BTL.

Portfolio Landlords

Applicants

Any applicant, either individually or in a Ltd. Company (SPV), owning other BTL properties. Borrowers must provide the latest months bank statements for landlords that own 4+ properties.

External Portfolio Requirements

No maximum.

Background portfolio ICR

The portfolio ICR must be at least 125% at a mortgage rate of 5%. UTB may request further assurance over the mortgage serviceability for portfolios that are highly geared.

Capital Repayments

Mortgage repayment

Capital repayment can be applied for with the same ICR as interest only mortgages. The actual mortgage payment must be covered by the assessed rental income.

An amount of 10% of the outstanding balance of the mortgage can be repaid as a lump sum in any year without penalty.

Property

Values

Houses: Minimum value £100,000 with maximum value £5M

Flats: Minimum value £125,000.

Flats

Various types of flats up to 30 floors (Where the security is on the 4th floor or above the block needs to have a lift).

All flats must be at at least 30 Sq.M in size.

Lease Term

Minimum term 60 years left on the lease on completion.

Exposure Limits

Single blocks, greater of 10 units or 25% of the total. Subject to overall maximum of 15 units. A charge over the freehold may be requested where there is common/related ownership with the subject leasehold.

Holiday Lets

In areas where demand exists for short term holiday lettings.

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MUB

Minimum Valuation

£150,000.

Number of units

Up to 10 self contained units with their own separate utilities. All units must be at least 30sq.M in size.

HMO

Minimum Valuation

£150,000.

Number of lettable rooms

Up to 10 lettable rooms rooms that meet the minimum size regulations.

Licence requirements

Licence would be needed if required by the local authority. This will be confirmed by the solicitor.

New Build

Definition

New Build Purchase Off-Plan and/or a newly built property with first time occupiers.

Valuations conducted before the property is ready for occupation will be subject to a reinspection (with reinspection fee payable).

Warranty

An acceptable new build warranty scheme or professional consultant certificate should be in place and will confirmed by the solicitor.

MAX LTV - FLATS

New build flats are acceptable upto and including 70% LTV.

From 70% upto and including 75% LTV will be referred for underwriter review.

Those above 75% are not acceptable.

Deposit

Gifted Deposits

All types considered (ILA may be required)

Overseas Deposits

These can be considered by referral (FATF and EEA only).

Concessionary Purchase

Considered if purchasing from a close relative (as above. Market value will be used as the purchase price and for LTV purposes.

Tenancy Types

APT

Properties to be assessed on the basis of an APT. No sub letting.

Corporate Let

To recognised companies.
Local Authorities and Housing Associations.
Up to 5 years with break clause.

Tenants

Tenants must not be vulnerable or under POA.

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Applicants

Minimum Age

21 for all applicants.

Maximum Age

At least one applicant must be under 85 years old at the end of the term.

Maximum number of applicants

Four.

At least one applicant must already own a property at the time of application. Sole applicants who are a FTB/FTL are not permitted. Multiple applicants where there is one or more FTB/FTL's are permitted where properties are owned already by the at least one other applicant.

Allowable adverse credit

UTB Status 0 criteria: Active unsecured credit – All accounts currently up to date (mail order and communications ignored).

Mortgages/Secured Loans – No missed payments in the last 12 months & nil outstanding.

CCJs and Defaults – 0 in 24 (less than £300, mail order and communications ignored).

Personal Income Requirements

Income documentation is only required where necessary to support the application.

Proof of Identification

All Applicants will be requested to complete Biometric ID through the UTB Secure Chat Hub and we will send a link to them to complete this. The applicant must have a UK Drivers Licence, UK Passport or National ID Card to complete this check. If they do not have one of these documents please contact our BTL department.

Non-EU nationals will be accepted where a passport and proof of indefinite rights to reside in the UK is provided.

Proof of Residency

All applicants must provide a 3 year address history in the UK. This will usually be evidenced via a Voters Roll search. Where this does not cover the last 3 years then applicants may evidence UK residency with one item for each required year from the following:

Latest Mortgage or Personal Loan Statement, Local Authority Tax Bill or Utility Bill (Landline, Water, Gas or Electric. These can be online documents).

Bank Statement and Credit Card Statement for any required year. If evidencing for current year, this must be dated within the last 90 days. These can be online statements.

Active credit which commenced within the year required on a Mortgage, Current Account, Credit Card or Personal Loan showing on the Credit Search..

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ICR Affordability

Based on rental income

Confirmed by the valuer or current rent if lower. If valuer rent is lower than current rent we will accept valuer rent + 10% upto maximum of the current rent upon evidence of the AST or rent credit on latest bank statement.

Only exception is holiday lets (see holiday let section).

Rental Cover Ratios

Basic Income Tax Rate	125%
Higher Income Tax Rate	140%
Combined Basic and Higher Income Tax Rate	130%
Ltd Companies	125%

RENT COVER RATES

2 Year Fixed - Higher of: Initial pay rate + 2% or 5.50%
5 Year fixed - Initial pay rate %

Lending to Limited Companies

Definition

Single Layered Ltd Co's that have been formed for holding residential Buy to Let properties as assets. Trading companies are not permitted.

Directors or Shareholders

Up to a maximum of 4 individuals. The application must include all directors and sufficient shareholders who own a combined total of at least 80% of the company.

Acceptable SIC Codes

68100, 68209, 68320, 68201.

Deposits

All types considered (ILA may be required).

Personal Guarantees

All directors and shareholders are required to provide joint and several guarantees and take Independent Legal Advice.

Connected Applicant

Where the property is registered in the name of one of the applicants, at least one of the owners must be a shareholder of the Ltd Co application.

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Holiday Lets

First Time Landlords

The applicants must evidence a combined income of at least £40,000 per annum

Proof of Rental Income

Remortgages – Income over the last 12 months from approved accounts, letting agency statements or filtered bank statements. If not available then a reputable letting agency letter

Purchases – From a reputable letting agency letter

Letting Agency Letters

Must be presented on the agency letter head with their corporate details

Full Week Lettings - Show expected rental income for each of the low/medium/high seasons with the number of expected bookings/weeks/occupancy or void rate

Short Week Lettings (if applicable) - Show expected rental income for each of the low/medium/high seasons with the number of expected bookings/weeks/occupancy or void rate

Include the agent's commission rate and/or fees and VAT status. (If omitted UTB will default to 20% + VAT)

Rental Income Calculation – Using Letting Agency Letters

The rental income for each of the low/medium/high seasons should be calculated as:

- The rental income as stated in the agency letter. If applicable use a weighted average of full & short week income
- Weekly figures should be converted into Monthly by multiplying by 4.3
- Deduct the agency fees & commission rate including any VAT
- Multiply by the Occupancy rate. The maximum permitted is 70% (equivalent to 36.4 weeks per annum).

Rental Income Calculation – Using Last 12 Months Income Received

The income received by the borrower net of commission/fees should be divided by 12. Input this into the portal for the low/medium/high seasons.

Non Single Dwelling Property

For properties that are multi unit/shared accommodation the rental income should be declared on an AST basis which will be verified by the valuer

Property Size

- Properties should contain a maximum of 6 bedrooms.
- Any properties with 7 or 8 bedrooms will be referred for underwriter review.
- Properties with 9 bedrooms or more are not acceptable.

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