

Your mortgage journey

Eight steps from the first plan to life in your home.

A purchase in England and Wales has mortgage, legal and moving tasks running together. Keep track of the next decision, not just the next date.

01-02 · Prepare and explore borrowing

Set your budget and deposit trail. Discuss the mortgage route and understand the limits of an agreement in principle.

03 · Agree the property and instruct the team

Confirm price and use. Appoint your conveyancer and discuss a suitable survey.

04 · Application and legal checks

Provide the requested evidence securely. Track underwriting requests, searches and legal enquiries.

05 · Understand the mortgage offer

Read the terms, conditions and expiry. Report changes and resolve outstanding questions.

06-07 · Exchange and complete

Follow the solicitor's advice on commitment, funds and insurance. Verify payment details independently.

08 · Settle in and keep a review date

Check the first payment. Store your documents and record the mortgage product end date.

A general route, not a live case tracker or a promised timetable. Other UK nations, auctions, new builds and remortgages can follow different paths.

Sources: GOV.UK: buying a home · MoneyHelper: exchange and completion. Checked 24 September 2026.

Your home or property may be repossessed if you do not keep up repayments on your mortgage or other loans secured upon it.

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