

Your guide to **residential bridging finance**

Responsive bridging finance



Core Products & Criteria

New

3 Month Discount Bridge - from 0.75%

6 Month Discount Bridge - from 1.2%

Early Payment Plan - payment rate of 0.725% for 3 months

Standard Bridge - 1.45%

Up to 75% LTV available and up to 100% with additional security

Exit fee from 0%

Terms up to 24 months

Interest Only or **Capital & Repayment mortgages;**
100% Shared Ownership

Many status profiles accepted

Demerit points considered

Many income sources accepted

Employed, DWP benefits and pensions

Many property types considered

Including standard and non-standard construction

24 hour completions possible

Competitive rates, with no rate loadings

Instant decisions with same day offers available



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This criteria matrix is for guideline purposes only, please refer to term plans for relevant maximum loan amount and number of demerits. If the case is outside of the term loan criteria 'we will always take a view'. Please email the enquiry form, with an out of plan assistance form, along with any other information to the fax number on the form.

100% Funding available with additional security

	CBD:01	CBD:02	CBE:01	CBS:01
	3 Month Discount Bridge	6 Month Discount Bridge	Early Payment Plan	Standard Plan
	Initial rate paid for 3 months, then rate increased for the remainder of the term		Initial rate paid for 6 months, then rate increased for the remainder of the term	
	Pay 50% for the initial 3 months. The other 50% is rolled up			
Maximum LTV	Up to 75%	Up to 75%	Up to 70%	Up to 75%
Demerit Points	from 0 to 4			
Loan Amount	£26,000 - £1,000,000			
Terms	12 - 24 months			
Minimum Term	3 months	3 months	1 month	1 month
Monthly Rate	0.75%	1.20%	1.45%	1.45%
Rate increase after initial period	+ 1.00%	+ 0.55%	n/a	n/a
Monthly Interest Accrual	n/a	n/a	0.725%	n/a
Acceptance Fee	2%	2%	1%	1%
Broker Fee	Can be applied			
Exit Fee	1.35%	0%	1.45%	
Commission	1%			
Stage Funding	Available. Please discuss with underwriter.			

Notes for Bridging Finance

All other term loan underwriting criteria apply. LTVs Up to 100% funding available. Higher LTVs considered dependent on the merits of the case or for those who have a provable exit route. **All Loan to Values** & maximum advance strictly subject to underwriter approval. **Qualifying Contracts** residential. **Property Types A type** Standard construction houses and bungalows excluding **ex-council. B type** Standard construction ex-council houses and bungalows. Flats and maisonettes (up to maximum of 6 floors), and purpose built apartments that **are not** ex-council. **C type** All other property types, **including** ex-council flats and maisonettes, non-standard construction, defective, high rise flats, properties below £75,000 and any poor remarks on valuation, etc. **Bankrupts** Not accepted. **Arrears** cannot be last consecutive months, includes first or second charge arrears or a combination, and cannot be deducted from the redemption figure. **Explanations required** Satisfactory explanations are required in all cases for arrears and defaults/CCJs. **Early payment Plan** strictly by underwriter approval only. All clients must have a minimum of 3 years address history. **Account Management** Should the client wish to extend the loan period a renewal fee of 5% of the gross outstanding balance is payable. If an Early Payment Plan is taken, payments will be required on renewal. Other plans only available on renewal with underwriter agreement. Difficult and unusual cases dependent on the merits of the case. An account management fee of 0.25% may be applied if the account accrues arrears. **All other standard terms and conditions apply. See overleaf for more details.** **Any demerits will require a full explanation** surrounding the circumstances detailed on the application form: reason for demerit; details leading up to the demerit, details of measures taken to rectify the situation which will break the cycle (evidence may be required); future circumstances which will ensure the situation isn't repeated.

**Case outside criteria?
We'll always take a view!**

Demerit Points - Arrears, CCJs, etc.

CCJs and Defaults definitions (Defaults show as status 8 or D on the credit bureaux search)	Individual CCJs/Defaults				Cumulative CCJs/Defaults
	≤£300	>£300 and ≤£3,000	>£3,000 and ≤£5,000	>£5,000	Number in last 12 months >3
<2 years old unsatisfied	Ignore	1 Demerit	2 Demerits	Underwriter Approval	Underwriter Approval
Satisfied or >2 years old & unsatisfied	Ignore	Ignore	1 Demerit	1 Demerit	Underwriter Approval

Any demerits will require a plausible explanation surrounding the circumstances detailed on the application form: reason for demerit; details leading up to the demerit, details of measures taken to rectify the situation which has/will break the cycle (evidence may be required); future circumstances which will ensure the situation isn't repeated. Proof may be required.

Satisfactory explanation required for all CCJs, Arrears, Defaults.

Demerit points are defined as arrears, a CCJ or a Default. CCJs and Default definitions- see matrix. Current arrears are equivalent of 1 full calendar month payment. Arrears Demerit Points defined as the highest number of arrears in the last 12 months. Arrears to be cleared are defined as current arrears as detailed on the credit bureaux or confirmation from the mortgage lender at the time of completion. Maximum arrears is the total of the first and second charge arrears. Any CCJs or defaults that require an Underwriter Approval will count as a demerit.

Your Notes

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Terms & Conditions

Acceptable Security

All property structures including land considered in England, Scotland and Wales. Minimum of 50 years + term of loan for leasehold properties. See plans for details.

Acceptance Fee

Included in LTV. Will be applied to all loans and mortgages. Please refer to Quick Quote Calculator.

Bankrupts/IVAs/CVAs

Not accepted.

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Please provide details of how the capital will be repaid at the end of the term.

Broker Fees

May be charged on all plans and must have been agreed with the client. Maximum Broker Fee that can be charged is the lower of 15% of the net loan or £5,000. Where the property valuation is >£500,000 or an audit valuation is required, these maximum amounts may be plus valuation costs, with underwriter approval. Proof of valuation cost will be required.

Client's Solicitors

If the mortgage is a purchase or the mortgage is over £250,000, solicitors must act for the client. All solicitors acting for clients must have 3 or more partners within the practice, with a Law Society membership of 5 years or more.

Commissions

All commission and packager allowance is capped at £1,000 for bridging finance.

Early Payment Plan (EPP)

Early Payment Plan is for an initial 3 months period. For the term of the EPP period 50% of the payment is required. The other 50% rolls up onto the loan balance. The recalculated balance will then need to be redeemed at the end of the term.

Ex-council Properties

Scotland - we do not lend on ex-council properties in Scotland within the pre-emption period. England & Wales - Ignore all pre-emption. We may also take into account any future costs or service charges that the applicant will be liable for and reduce the LTV accordingly. Also see property type list on plans.

Ground Rent and Service Charges

When the security is a leasehold property we will require confirmation in writing from any freeholder that all ground rent and service charges are paid and up to date. Where there are arrears these will need to be cleared from the advance and we will need written authority from the applicant(s) that they understand and authorise them to be disbursed from the loan.

Any significant service or ground rent arrears may be considered when assessing the customer's affordability of the new loan with us, and where there are concerns the loan may be rejected.

Income Calculation

For cases that are submitted to Cheshire Mortgage Corporation the total debt to income is also assessed. This calculation is in addition to the standard income calculation and takes the applicant's net income/take home pay minus all other outgoings including unsecured credit and household expenditure. Please ensure that the Declaration of Income and Affordability is completed in full with all outgoings declared. All income and outgoings will be assessed for plausibility and affordability; if we believe that either of these cannot be achieved we reserve the right to reject the case.

Income Proof

Income proof is required for all applicants in all cases.

Minimum employment period with the same company is 1 year.

(References may be required).

Employed - if monthly paid, 2 payslips dated within the last 3 months; if weekly paid, 4 payslips dated within the last 2 months. Additional income may be considered with proof.

Self-employed - Not accepted.

DWP - declaration of income and affordability with proof required.

Board and Lodging - not accepted.

If an Early Payment Plan has been selected, the affordability will be calculated on the reversionary payment not the reduced payment. All income and outgoings will be assessed for plausibility and affordability. If we believe that either of these cannot be achieved we reserve the right to reject the case. If the term of the loan exceeds the client's retirement age then a full assessment of affordability into retirement income is required as the client must be able to afford the payments.

Loan to Value (LTV)

LTVs based on market value or purchase price, whichever is the lower. Shared Ownership properties are based on market value multiplied by client's share.

Maximum Age

The loan term should end before the applicants 80th birthday. If the loan extends beyond the applicants 65th birthday or the applicant has retired then a provable sufficient level of income to cover the repayments over the whole term of the loan must be provided.

If the loan has more than one applicant and during the term of the loan any of the applicants will exceed 65 years of age then we will require proof of the amount and term of the applicant's life cover. This amount as a minimum should be sufficient to clear the full amount of the loan and the highest amount of any early repayment charges.

Maximum Loan Amount

Includes loan amount, all insurances and all fees.

Proofs of Name, Signature, Residency and Address

We recommend you submit a **Passport/Driving Licence**, along with a **Council Tax/Utility Bill/Bank Statement** for each applicant. This will cover all aspects of our requirements for Proof of Name and Signature, Proof of Residency/Address.

Identification

As part of 'know your customer' we will conduct Electronic Identification and Credit Searches. Should any information become apparent we may need to carry out further investigations which may need the broker's assistance. (Please refer to 'Identification' in General Underwriting and Processing Guide.)

Proof of Residency and Address

This is required in all cases for each of the applicant's main residence in the form of a council tax bill, utility bill (Gas, Electricity, Water or Land Line Telephone) or bank statement.

We will require the utility bill or bank statement to be dated within the last three months and a council tax bill to be dated within the current tax year. Online bank and online utility statements are NOT acceptable as Proof of Residency/Address. Joint statements or bills may only be used for ONE applicant, and the other applicant must provide additional Proof of Residency/Address. Both applicants may provide bank statements.

Renewal

At the end of the term the loan may be renewed by approval with a 5% renewal fee being incurred.

Self-build Properties & Developments

Each case considered on its own merits. Strictly by underwriter approval only. Must have NHBC, Zurich or Premier Guarantee to accompany Architect's Certificates.

Shared Ownership Properties

By referral only. No Bypass Schemes accepted. For purchases a draft lease will be required which must include a Mortgagee Protection Clause (MPC). If there is no MPC then we are unable to complete the loan. Term loans and mortgages are subject to all approval conditions of the Housing Association. Once the lease has been reviewed your underwriter will provide you with a list of requirements to complete the case. Strictly subject to underwriter approval. If the mortgage is >80% of the client's share you cannot offer an Early Payment Plan option.

Solicitor's Costs

Charged on all cases and include VAT where applicable. Please refer to Quick Quote Calculator.

Amount of Advance	Fee
≥£0	£588
≥£100,000	0.58750%

Solicitors to Witness and Advise

Up to £100,000 not required. Required on certain cases, e.g. loans >£100,000, clients of pensionable age, parent and child borrowers, etc. Independent legal advice will be required if the loan is for business purposes and for a married couple where the business only relates to one of the applicants. All solicitors acting for clients must have 3 or more partners within the practice, with a Law Society membership of 5 years or more. If the client's solicitor does not fulfil these requirements please refer to the underwriter. Please refer to the General Underwriting and Processing Guide for more information.

Telegraphic Transfer

£30 fee.

Title Deeds

The Title Deeds to the property are always required when lending on a first charge unencumbered property in Scotland. Matrimonial Homes Affidavits must be obtained on all first charges where the applicant is single, divorced or widowed. This must be witnessed by a solicitor or notary public.

Title Insurance

Paid by client and added to the advance.

Loan Amount	Fee
>£0	£0
£25,501 - £75,000	£150
£75,001 - £150,000	£175
£150,001 - £500,000	£195
£500,001 - £550,000	£250

Then an extra £50 will be charged for every additional £50,000.

Underwriter Referral

Required if valuation <£75,000 or is a 'C' type property, semi-commercial, bridging finance, or the loan >£200,000.

Valuations

Must be dated within the last 2 months.

Residential Valuation Panel is available from your Business Development Executive. All valuers must be based within a 15 mile radius of the property. A specific valuer is required in some of the postcode areas surrounding London. Audit valuations may be required if the loan amount is >£50,000, LTV >60% or property value is >£500,000 or a Valuation Bypass Scheme has been used. All property valuations of £1 million or more are strictly subject to underwriter approval. We will contact any valuers or other appropriate sources regarding the valuations of a property. Should any further information be discovered which is not reflected in the valuation or may have a detrimental effect on the value of the property, we reserve the right to reduce the loan amount or decline the case. We require original valuations with no amendments. If amendments have been made we require all previous versions and the case will be referred and is strictly subject to Credit Committee approval.

For Sale Details: If the property is currently for sale with an estate agent, please supply a copy of the sales particulars. The Market Valuation and projected 90 day Market Valuation should not have more than a 10% difference between them. If the difference is >10% then an underwriter approval is required.

PLEASE REFER TO GENERAL UNDERWRITING & PROCESSING GUIDE FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

All fees include VAT where applicable.

Please note: Cases will be reviewed by the Fraud Committee for the purpose of identifying potential fraud. This will include income and valuation fraud. Should in our opinion any case you present be deemed to be fraudulent the case will be rejected and action taken by the Fraud Committee, which will ultimately result in your Accreditation being revoked.

Help us to help you

To ensure you contact the department you need we have devised this list of 'useful numbers'. Please refer to it before contacting us so that you will access the department to suit your requirements. Many thanks!

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