



# FIRST HOME BUYER'S CHECKLIST

Buying your first home is an exciting step but it's important not to let emotion rule your decision making. Lots of questions should be asked and answered before you even begin house hunting. Use this checklist to help create a set of guidelines that will help you make better choices down the road.

**Can you afford to buy a home? Have you considered:**

- Living expenses
- Savings
- Assets
- Current debt
- Income stability
- Credit rating
- Family size (will you be growing your family?)

**What is your budget? Have you:**

- Researched your financial options
- Spoken to a mortgage broker
- Settled on a price range \$\_\_\_\_\_

**What type of home are you looking for? Will it be a:**

- House
- Duplex
- Apartment
- Townhouse

**Have you created a list of must-haves? Tick off what applies:**

- Bedroom number \_
- Bathroom number \_
- Garage/parking space
- Pet-friendly
- Backyard
- Carport
- Deck
- Attic

**Have you shortlisted your top five suburb preferences? Does this consider:**

- Budget
- Proximity to schools, hospitals and business districts
- Public transport
- Location risks like floods and bushfires
- Recreational facilities
- Traffic



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