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# Buy-to-Let criteria for UK residents

Shariah-compliant financing for UK Buy-to-Let residential investment property

Effective from 28 March 2024

All customers of the Bank must be able to read, speak and understand English to a level that they are fully aware of all obligations and requirements when entering any financial arrangements with the Bank.

Validity:

Decision in Principle – 30 Days

Application – 90 Days

Offers – 120 Days

After 120 days the Offer may be re-issued at the Bank's discretion for a further 120 days. Any new Offers will be subject to the latest available rental rates, criteria and other terms and may require updated evidence and a new valuation.

Validities are subject to change without notice

These criteria are to provide guidance on the main financing Policy and is not exhaustive. Our experience underwriters endeavour to make cases work and will make the final decision based on all obtained facts and information on the applicants and property. The Bank reserves the right to request any further information it requires in order to make a decision.



## Why choose Gatehouse Bank?

- Dedicated, professional and experienced Business Development Managers
- Every application is individually assessed
- 2 year and 5 year fixed term financing options up to a maximum finance of £5m
- Acquisition & Rent or Rent Only options
- A range of Green and ethical finance options for UK residents
- Fast decision in principle
- A range of financing options, from simple single residential investment finance to more complex structures, including HMOs, MUFBs and property portfolios.
- Finance to individuals, sole proprietors/partnerships, UK registered Limited Companies, LLPs and SPV structures



## Buy-to-Let finance at a glance

### FINANCE AVAILABLE FOR

- INDIVIDUALS
- PARTNERSHIPS
- UK REGISTERED LIMITED COMPANIES, LLPs & SPV's

Green Finance Discounts  
and Energy Offsetting  
available on properties  
with an A or B EPC Rating

2 or 5 YEAR FIXED TERM  
FINANCE OPTIONS

PORTFOLIO LANDLORDS -  
£5m MAX

NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF  
PROPERTIES

MIN/MAX FINANCE SIZE  
£75k-£5m PER  
PROPERTY/PORTFOLIO

MAX FTV 80%

MINIMUM  
INCOME £18,000

### PROPERTY TYPES

- HOUSES OF MULTIPLE OCCUPATION (HMO)
- MULTI-UNIT FREEHOLD BLOCKS (MUFB)
- HOUSES & FLATS INCLUDING NEW BUILD

ACQUISITION & RENT  
or RENT ONLY



## Buy-to-Let Product Criteria for UK residents

	BTL	BTL Portfolio	HMO/MUFB
<b>Financing</b>			
Purpose	• Purchase is allowed within 6 months of a previous purchase but will be subject to extended underwriting checks.		
Max FTV	80% up to £2m of Finance  75% up to £3m  70% up to £5m	80% up to £2m (75% for any HMOs/MUFBs)  75% up to £3m  70% up to £5m	75% up to £3m of Finance  70% up to £5m
Finance Basis	Finance offered will be based on the Purchase Price or Valuation, whichever is the lower	Finance offered will be based on the Purchase Price or Valuation, whichever is the lower	Finance offered will be based on the Purchase Price or Valuation, whichever is the lower
Payment	Acquisition & Rent or Rent Only	Acquisition & Rent or Rent Only	Acquisition & Rent or Rent Only
Portfolio Size	Maximum 3 properties within BTL portfolio	No limit	No limit
Affordability Test (FSCR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 125% if basic rate taxpayer</li> <li>• 125% if Limited Company</li> <li>• 145% if higher rate taxpayer</li> <li>• 145% if additional rate taxpayer</li> </ul> <p>&gt; The tax band for individuals is applicable to the applicant with the highest income</p> <p>Stress rate 8.50% on 2-year fixed term products</p> <p>5-year fixed rental rate applicants can be stress tested against initial pay rate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum 120% (Individual)</li> <li>• Minimum 120% (if Limited Company)</li> <li>• 145% if higher rate taxpayer</li> <li>• 145% if additional rate taxpayer</li> </ul> <p>&gt; The tax band for individuals is applicable to the applicant with the highest income</p> <p>Stress rate 8.50% on 2-year fixed term products</p> <p>5-year fixed rental rate applicants can be stress tested against initial pay rate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 140% if basic rate taxpayer</li> <li>• 140% if Limited Company</li> <li>• 145% if higher rate taxpayer</li> <li>• 145% if additional rate taxpayer</li> </ul> <p>&gt; The tax band for individuals is applicable to the applicant with the highest income</p> <p>Stress rate 8.50% on 2-year fixed term products</p> <p>5-year fixed rental rate applicants can be stress tested against initial pay rate</p>
BTL Supporting documents	Property licences as required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property schedule</li> <li>• Business plan</li> <li>• Cash flow forecast</li> <li>• HMO or other property licences as required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property schedule (Portfolio landlords only)</li> <li>• Business plan (Portfolio landlords only)</li> <li>• Cash flow forecast (Portfolio landlords only)</li> <li>• HMO or other property licences as required</li> </ul>
Applicant Type	• Individuals – for Partnerships or UK registered Limited Companies/SPVs & LLPs, please refer to the <a href="#">Gatehouse requirements for UK incorporated SPVs</a> on the Bank's website.		
Min/Max Finance size	£75,000 - £5m per property or portfolio	£75,000 - £5m per property or portfolio	£75,000 - £5m per property or portfolio
Min/Max Term	Min: 5 years / Max: 30 years	Min: 5 years / Max: 30 years	Min: 5 years / Max: 30 years



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Applicant			
Applicant Experience	First Time Buyers (FTBs) / First Time Landlords Allowed	Must have 2 years letting and financing experience as a standard BTL Landlord or 1 years as an HMO landlord, be it repaid or current financing.	Must have 2 years letting and financing experience as a standard BTL Landlord or 1 years as an HMO landlord, be it repaid or current financing.
Applicants - Types and Maximum Numbers	All customers of the Bank must be able to read, speak and understand English to a level that they are fully aware of all obligations and requirements when entering any financial arrangements with the Bank. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Individuals – maximum of 4 applicants (best two incomes used)</li><li>• Sole Traders, Partnerships and UK registered Limited Companies, LLPs and SPVs (with a property business related SIC code)</li><li>• For Limited Companies and SPVs, any Director and or Shareholder with a 25% or more shareholding in the company must be on the application form.</li><li>• No minimum trading period required - newly formed companies may be considered.</li><li>• Personal Guarantees – these will be required from any shareholder who is party to a Limited Company/SPV/LLP or Partnership application. Guarantors will be held jointly and severally responsible for the full amount of the finance.</li><li>• We will not accept Personal Guarantees on applications by individuals.</li><li>• All Trust Structures, Joint borrower sole proprietor or similar arrangements are NOT acceptable.</li><li>• SPVs with negative equity – are not accepted unless the negative equity is a result of previous security assets held within the SPV e.g. Directors Loan or one off property related expenditure. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Underwriter.</li></ul>		
Minimum Age	21	21	21
Maximum Age	No maximum age at end of finance term (for cases where there is reliance on income to support the affordability, the maximum age is 85)		
Employment			
Employed Income Verification (Including Directors with less than 25% shareholding)	Employed – permanent employment over 3 months at same employer.  Zero hours contracts may be considered if the property is self-financing and minimum 2-years continuous work history (subject to them meeting other criteria)	Employed – permanent employment over 3 months at same employer.  Zero hours contracts may be considered if the property is self-financing and minimum 2-years continuous work history (subject to them meeting other criteria)	Employed – permanent employment over 3 months at same employer.  Zero hours contracts may be considered if the property is self-financing and minimum 2-years continuous work history (subject to them meeting other criteria)
Employed Acceptable Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basic pay</li><li>• 100% of car allowance, overtime and commission (subject to terms), guaranteed bonus, second job (must be evidenced for the past 12 months and proven will be continuing) net rental income, occupational pension income, London/City allowances and housing allowance</li><li>• 50% of maintenance (confirmed by court order or CSA), travel allowance and any regular bonus (evidenced over the past 2-years).</li><li>• Other allowances/income (including pension and dividend income) may be accepted.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basic pay</li><li>• 100% of car allowance, overtime and commission (subject to terms), guaranteed bonus, second job (must be evidenced for the past 12 months and proven will be continuing) net rental income, occupational pension income, London/City allowances and housing allowance</li><li>• 50% of maintenance (confirmed by court order or CSA), travel allowance and any regular bonus (evidenced over the past 2-years).</li><li>• Other allowances/income (including pension and dividend income) may be accepted.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basic pay</li><li>• 100% of car allowance, overtime and commission (subject to terms), guaranteed bonus, second job (must be evidenced for the past 12 months and proven will be continuing) net rental income, occupational pension income, London/City allowances and housing allowance</li><li>• 50% of maintenance (confirmed by court order or CSA), travel allowance and any regular bonus (evidenced over the past 2 years).</li><li>• Other allowances/income (including pension and dividend income) may be accepted.</li></ul>



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Self Employed Income Verification	An applicant will be classed as self-employed if they fall into one of the following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sole Trader, Partner in a firm, Member of a LLP, Any director with 25% or more shareholding</li><li>• Income will be calculated based on latest year's income (unless the latest year's profit/income is significantly different than the previous year, when more detail will be required by the Underwriters)</li><li>• Special consideration may be given to medical professionals with less than 12 months self-employed income history.</li></ul> The year end on all documentation provided must be the most recent and the latest documents must not be dated more than 18 months before the date of application.		
Income Verification for Medical Professionals	Medical field professionals with less than 1 year in self-employment may provide - If joining an established practice 2 years accounts and confirmation by the practice accountant of the applicants share of income, if providing locum type of work then evidence of 6 months income through accounts, contracts or bank statements		
Contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Signed copy of contract.</li><li>• If more than 6 months to run on current contract – no further evidence required.</li><li>• If less than 6 months to run on current contract – then 12 months evidence of same work required.</li></ul>		
Retired	Evidence of pension income	Evidence of pension income	Evidence of pension income
Income			
Minimum Income (All employment types)	At least one applicant must earn a minimum of £18,000 p.a. including for First-time Buyer (FTB), First-time Landlord (FTL) and Portfolio Landlords (this applies to all property types).		
Deposit Details			
Deposits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proof of deposit always required</li><li>• Builder vendor deposits considered up to 5%</li><li>• Gifted deposits are accepted from a range of family members subject to interested party waiver.</li></ul> For more information on gifted deposits, please refer to the following documents on the Bank's website: <a href="#">Gifted Deposit Guidance</a> and <a href="#">Gifted Deposit Declaration of Source of Funds</a> .		
Director's Loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Directors Loans into a Limited Company or SPV to fund a deposit are accepted subject to The Limited Company/SPV being registered in the UK (terms apply).</li><li>• For the avoidance of doubt the Bank will not provide finance for cases involving any inter-company loans.</li></ul> For more information on director's loans that are acceptable as a deposit, please refer to the <a href="#">Director's Loans Guidance</a> on the Bank's website.		
Finance Criteria			
Credit History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Bankruptcy / CVA or IVA in last 3 years / repossessions or debt relief orders</li><li>• No CCJs in last 3 years (all previous CCJs must be satisfied before application)</li><li>• No missed mortgage or other property finance payments in last 12 months</li><li>• No voluntary enforced possession</li><li>• Up to date UK credit report required from all applicants with a UK footprint</li><li>• Default - none in the 12 months prior to application, maximum of one default of up to £300 between month 13 to 36 and must be satisfied before submitting an application for finance. Where defaults, whether settled or not, relate to Communication companies these will be disregarded as part of the underwriting credit</li></ul>		



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	assessment up to a maximum of £300 in total regardless of when they were registered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Applicants with a live Debt Management plan at application, will be declined.</li></ul>		
Existing Mortgage / Home Finance	Proof of conduct for all mortgages / home finance	Proof of conduct for all mortgages / home finance	Proof of conduct for all mortgages / home finance
Residency			
Applicant Residency Status & ID Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>UK Nationals resident in the UK – Valid UK Passport or Driving Licence</li><li>EEA/EU Nationals resident in the UK with settled status – Valid Passport</li><li>EEA / EU Nationals resident in the UK with Pre-settled status – Valid Passport and valid Visa</li><li>All EEA / EU Nationals who:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Relocated to the UK prior to 31 July 2021 –Valid Passport and valid UK Visa</li><li>Relocated to the UK from 1 August 2021 –Valid Passport and a valid UK Visa</li></ul></li><li>Foreign Nationals resident in the UK – Valid Passport and valid Visa<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>And a Valid ‘Share Code’ and ‘DOB’ (Details to view and prove the immigration status provided by the Home Office)</li></ul></li><li>Where an applicant holds dual nationality, proof of all nationalities must now be provided when uploading the proof of ID documentation.</li></ul> <p>Terms and requirements may differ according to status – for more detailed information please refer to our document <a href="#">Gatehouse ID Requirements</a> on the Bank’s website.</p>		
Property			
Location	England & Wales	England & Wales	England & Wales
Tenure	Freehold or Leasehold	Freehold or Leasehold	Freehold or Leasehold
Property Type	Standard Residential only	Standard Residential, or House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) and Multi-Unit Freehold Blocks (MUFB)	House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) and Multi-Unit Freehold Blocks (MUFB)
Valuation Basis	Market Value (VP)	Market Value (VP)	Market Value (VP)
Minimum Property Value	£94,000 at 80% FTV £115,000 at 65% FTV	£94,000 at 80% FTV £100,000 at 75% for HMO/MUFB in the portfolio £115,000 at 65% FTV	£100,000 at 75% FTV £115,000 at 65% FTV
Property types acceptable as security	<p>For more information on the property types acceptable as security, please refer to our document Home Finance Property Types – Guidance Notes for Intermediaries on the Bank’s <a href="#">website</a>. Please note this list is not exhaustive and if unsure about the suitability of any property as security, you should contact the Bank or your BDM.</p> <p>Green Option - properties with an EPC rating of A or B receive a reduction of 0.10% on the rental rate, plus measures will be taken by the Bank to ensure property emissions are made carbon neutral for the full 2 or 5 year initial fixed term. This incentive is based on the average consumption of gas and electricity of an average UK home and operated through a partnership with a leading environmental conservationist organisation.</p>		



## Valuation fees

Purchase Price/ Property Value	BTL - Single Dwelling Valuation Fee (including VAT)	Small HMOs (under 6 bedrooms/ occupiers) Valuation Fee (including VAT)	Large HMOs & Multi-Unit Freehold Blocks Valuation Fee (including VAT)
Up to - £100,000	£192	£900	£1,500
£100,001 - £150,000	£230	£900	£1,500
£150,001 - £200,000	£252	£900	£1,500
£200,001 - £250,000	£308	£900	£1,565
£250,001 - £300,000	£322	£900	£1,625
£300,001 - £350,000	£364	£935	£1,715
£350,001 - £400,000	£406	£935	£1,715
£400,001 - £500,000	£448	£1,075	£1,805
£500,001 - £600,000	£476	£1,120	£1,925
£600,001 - £700,000	£518	£1,180	£2,085
£700,001 - £800,000	£567	£1,265	£2,250
£800,001 - £900,000	£644	£1,345	£2,395
£900,001 - £1,000,000	£707	£1,450	£2,565
£1,000,001 - £1,250,000	£735	By agreement	£2,925
£1,250,001 - £1,500,000	£770	By agreement	By agreement
£1,500,001 - £1,750,000	£910	By agreement	By agreement
£1,750,001 - £2,000,000	£1,050	By agreement	By agreement
£2,000,001 - £2,500,000	£1,200	By agreement	By agreement
£2,500,001 - £3,000,000	£1,700	By agreement	By agreement
£3,000,001 - £4,000,000	£2,200	By agreement	By agreement
£4,000,001 - £5,000,000	£2,900	By agreement	By agreement
Re-inspection	£180	By agreement	By agreement
Application fee:	£149	£149	£149
Product fee:	1% (Min £999)	1% (Min £999)	1% (Min £999)

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\*Valuation fees for Small HMOs over £1m or Large HMOs/Multi-Unit Freehold Blocks over £1.25m are by agreement

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## How does it work?

We offer a range of financing options, from simple single residential investment finance, to more complex corporate structures including property portfolios.

### Rent Only Purchase Plan

Our Rent Only Purchase Plan product is an arrangement between the Bank and the applicant. Both the applicant and the Bank will each contribute a percentage towards the purchase of a residential property. For example, the Bank may contribute 75% and the applicant 25% of the purchase price.

The Bank will lease its share in the property to the applicant for the duration of the finance term.

Over the finance term, the applicant will make monthly payments to the Bank which will comprise of rent only. This means that, during the term of the Purchase Plan, the applicant is not acquiring any shares of the property from the Bank and as a consequence the applicant's share in the property during the term will remain the same. In addition, the applicant's monthly payments will also be lower when compared to our Acquisition & Rent Purchase Plan product.

The applicant must acquire the Bank's share in the property at the end of the agreed term by making a full lump sum Acquisition Payment. This amount may be reduced by making Additional Acquisition Payments (AAPs) at any time during the finance term. An Early Redemption Charge (ERC) may be payable if the Bank's share is acquired in full or AAPs greater than the 10% annual allowance is made during the Fixed Rental Rate Period.

Until the Bank's share has been acquired by the applicant, the Bank will charge the applicant rent for the use of its share of the property. The rent is calculated according to the respective shares owned.

It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure that they put in place, maintain, and regularly monitor, any financial arrangement that is expected to provide a lump sum sufficient to acquire the Bank's share at the end of the agreed finance term.

### Notes:

- On settlement of the finance, an Account Settlement Fee is payable in accordance with the Bank's standard Tariff of Charges to cover the Bank's administration costs.
- The minimum Additional Acquisition Payment (AAP) is £2,000.
- The Customer is responsible for their own solicitor costs, stamp duty and other conveyancing charges (such as land registry fees) at outset and on settlement.

### Acquisition & Rent Purchase Plan

Our Acquisition & Rent Purchase Plan product is an arrangement between the Bank and the applicant. Both the applicant and the Bank will each contribute a percentage towards the purchase of a residential property. For example, the Bank may contribute 75% and the applicant 25% of the purchase price.

The Bank will lease its share in the property to the applicant for the duration of the finance term.

Over the finance term, the applicant will make monthly acquisition payments through which the Bank will sell its share of the property to the applicant. With each acquisition payment, the Bank's share in the property diminishes while the applicant's share increases.

While the Acquisition Payments are being made, the Bank will charge the applicant rent for the use of its share of the property. The rent is calculated according to the respective shares owned.

The applicant may acquire the Bank's share before the end of the finance term by making Additional Acquisition Payments (AAPs). Alternatively, they may reduce the monthly Acquisition Payments and acquire the Bank's share at the end of the original finance term. An Early Redemption Charge (ERC) may be payable if the Bank's share is acquired in full or AAPs greater than the 10% annual allowance is made during the Fixed Rental Rate Period.

Following the applicant's acquisition of the Bank's share, either at the end of the agreed term or upon early purchase of the Bank's share of the property, whichever is earlier, the Bank will transfer the registered ownership title of the property to the applicant.



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