

# MAXIMUM CHOICE

# Lending criteria

### The applicant

- Minimum age is 55 (maximum age 95).
- Sole or joint applications (in cases of a joint application the age of the youngest borrower will be taken).
- The maximum number of applicants is 2 and the property must be registered to the borrower(s).
- A Deed of Consent (waiving occupancy rights) will be required for individuals over the age of 17 living at the property or subsequently moving into the property (not borrowers). Spouses may sign a waiver where they are ineligible for the plan due to not meeting the minimum age requirements, however, they must not already be on the title.

### Residency

Applicants must be:

- Individuals with UK or EEA/Swiss citizenship with permanent rights of residency.
- Non UK Nationals or Non EEA/Swiss citizens with permanent rights to reside (any applicants who are US Citizens and Permanent Residents, regardless if they have rights to reside, are unacceptable).

### **Employment**

Available to individuals meeting the minimum age requirements regardless of employment status.

### Proof of Identity (Money Laundering)

We are required to seek satisfactory evidence of identity from all new customers by completing identity checks or relying on the evidence from the intermediary. We may ask for copies of the evidence.

### Proof of age

You will need to confirm that you have verified the age of each customer in the application. In addition more2life will perform additional checks on proof of age. We may ask for copies of the evidence.

### Power of Attorney is acceptable

- Applicants can appoint a Power of Attorney, providing
  they are not party to the lifetime mortgage, to sign any documents
  in relation to the mortgage on their behalf, providing that it has
  been correctly registered with the Court of Protection or Office of
  the Public Guardian. Evidence to support this must be provided.
- On all Power of Attorney cases where the Attorney is not party to the mortgage, more2life will comply with the Money Laundering Regulations and thus the Attorney(s) will be subject to the same money laundering checks which are applied to all applicants.

### Criminal convictions

We do not accept applicants who have (or live with someone with) a criminal record, unless the conviction is for minor traffic offence(s), or it is spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

### Bankruptcy and credit adversity

Applications will be accepted from applicants who have:

- Been discharged from bankruptcy (known as sequestration in Scotland).
- Satisfactorily completed the term of an Individual Voluntary Arrangement (known as Protected Trust Deed in Scotland).
- Less than 3 unsatisfied CCJ's, individual or jointly.

### Applications will NOT be accepted from applicants who:

- Are undischarged bankrupts, or, in Scotland, are currently the subject of sequestration.
- Are party to a current Individual Voluntary Arrangement, or in Scotland, a Protected Trust Deed which upon completion won't be satisfied.
- Have a judgement registered at the property address, which is not linked to an individual(s).
- Have more than 3 unsatisfied CCJ's, individually or jointly.
- In Scotland, are the subject of an undisclosed inhibition.

### The following are not subject to assessment:

Defaults, arrears with other lenders and missed credit payments registered against the individual(s).

### The loan

- Minimum loan amount £10,000.
- Maximum loan amount is £750,000.

### The property

- Minimum valuation for all types of property is £100,000 (£150,000 for ex-local authority).
- The maximum property value is £5,000,000, however the maximum loan is £750.000.

### Tenure

The following types of tenure are acceptable:

- Freehold.
- Leasehold (England and Wales).
- Absolute ownership, also known as heritable ownership (Scotland).

### Property types

Properties of standard construction are acceptable.

### Use of property

The whole of the property, including any 'detached/integrated annexe' must be used as the family residence with no part-letting, must be on the same title and must be of standard construction. No business use is acceptable with the exception of a home office use where no structural change is needed to sell the property as 100% residential. No letting to family members or unauthorised letting. Cases where there is no formal agreement may be referred.

### Property building insurance

The property must be insured to cover the reinstatement value of the amount advised in the valuation report. A copy of the policy certificate or schedule is required for approval prior to completion. In the case of leasehold properties the noted interest will be the landlord or management company. Where a copy of the policy, certificate or schedule is not available a fully completed Certificate of Comprehensive Building Insurance must be provided by the borrower's solicitors prior to completion.

### Second and further charges

No second or further charges are permitted with any other lender on mortgaged property at the time of completion. Any outstanding secured loans must be repaid at the outset. After the initial advance has been made, it is possible to apply for a further advance with more2life. However, this will be subject to the future value of your home and/or changes to the maximum level of lending we are prepared to offer you. Lending terms and interest rates are subject to change and may be different to those which apply today. The borrower must pay all associated costs as detailed in the Tariff of Charges.

### References

References, the valuation and offer are valid for:

- Application Form 6 months
- Voters Roll/Credit Search 6 months
- Valuation Report 6 months
- Offer 90 days

### Valuer's report

Properties must be valued by an approved firm from the more2life valuers panel. A full internal inspection report must be prepared on an approved more2life valuation report and supported where applicable, by an approved more2life mortgage valuation reinspection report. Valuation reports are only acceptable where they have been instructed by more2life directly with the panel valuer or by an authorised service provider to more2life.

#### Solicitors

more2life will always instruct its own panel conveyancing firm to act on its behalf in respect of conveyancing. Applicants may proceed with a firm of their choice. Applicants are liable for their own legal costs.

### Acceptable property types

Location	Properties in England, Wales and Mainland Scotland	
Tenure England and Wales	<ul> <li>Freehold houses &amp; bungalows</li> <li>Leasehold flats/maisonettes, blocks up to 6 storeys with a lift and 4 storeys without (street level counts as 1). Properties of 6 floors without a lift can be considered providing the property is in the basement or on the ground floor</li> <li>Tenants in Common are acceptable where both tenants are party to the mortgage and the agreement is between the applicants</li> <li>Minor areas of Possessory title, subject to title insurance</li> <li>Good leasehold</li> <li>The following scenarios are also acceptable where a customer owns the Freehold to a block of flats, subject to the following criteria being met:</li> <li>If there is no lease but customer owns the freehold to the entire building, we will accept these subject to taking a charge over the entire freehold and subject to long leases being granted on the remaining flats (max of 4 flats)</li> <li>Any case where each flat is leasehold and the freehold is held jointly by each flat is acceptable. Any cases where our customer owns a leasehold flat but also owns the freehold on separate title, we will charge both the leasehold and freehold title subject to long leases being granted on the remaining flats (max of 4 flats)</li> </ul>	
Tenure Scotland Annex	Absolute ownership  Detached/integrated annexes are acceptable subject to the following:  The annex is only used for family/personal use with no formal letting  It is on the same title as the main property  There are no negative comments from the valuer  The annex must be standard construction as advised by the valuer  The property and annex must comply with the applicable lending criteria	
Leasehold Requirements England and Wales	Leasehold, 155 minus the youngest age with a minimum of 80 years remaining at the time of completion, for example:  • Applicant age 60 must have minimum of 95 years on the lease – 155 - 60 = 95, therefore the remaining lease term must be =>95 years  • Applicant age 77 must have a minimum of 80 years remaining – 155 - 77 = 78, therefore the remaining lease term must be =>80 years, and would be outside of the criteria unless the lease term were extended	

Туре	<ul> <li>Barn conversions, subject to all relevant permissions</li> <li>Studio Flat i.e. an open-plan living area that incorpor</li> <li>Ex Public Sector houses &amp; bungalows with a minimul confirmation of demand for owner occupation, and reflect the applicants (i.e. not the council or a housing trust)</li> <li>Listed buildings – Grade 2 in England/Wales or Grade</li> <li>Properties containing low grade asbestos. The proponon negative comments on future saleability i.e. Soffix</li> <li>Lending based on =&lt;5 acres. No maximum acreage and confirmed by the surveyor and no saleability iss</li> <li>Flying Freeholds – =&lt;25% of total floor area, subject</li> <li>PRC repaired properties, subject to the valuer confirmation</li> </ul>	property and has been treated under proses can be considered in are not acceptable ers residing on an informal basis without security of ct to a maximum 2 people, excluding family members is obtained rates kitchen and bedroom facilities cum property value of £150,000, subject to surveyor no saleability issues, providing the freehold is owned by //association) de B & C in Scotland erty must be in good condition and have ex boards, Artex, flues, older roof slates (subject to no agricultural restrictions uses) t to indemnity policy cover
Construction Walls	<ul> <li>Conventional walls (deemed as traditional or standard construction by the panel surveyor)</li> <li>e.g. 265mm+ cavity, 225mm+ of solid brick, block, stone, flint etc.</li> <li>Modern timber framed built post 1965 with an outer skin of brick or stone &amp; compliant with building regulations</li> <li>Historic timber framed properties (subject to satisfactory comments by Surveyor and no saleability issues)</li> <li>Steel framed houses &amp; bungalows built post 2000</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cross Wall Construction, subject to valuers comments</li> <li>Steel framed blocks of flats, subject to satisfactory comments by Surveyor and no saleability issues</li> <li>Wimpey No Fines Concrete</li> <li>Laing Easiform Concrete</li> <li>SSHA (Scottish Specialist Housing Association)</li> <li>No Fines Concrete</li> <li>Single skin =&lt;20% excluding non-habitable accommodation i.e. garage, conservatory etc.</li> <li>Huf Haus</li> </ul>
Warranties	The following are acceptable and are covered under title insurance therefore no proof of certification will be required:  NHBC  LABC  Zurich Municipal New Build Guarantee	The following are acceptable but are NOT covered under title insurance, therefore proof of certification will be required prior to completion:  Build Zone 10 year warranty  Castle 10 New Home Warranty  CRL (Construction Register Limited) 10 year structural insurance warranty  Build Life Plan  Liberty  Premier  Architect supervised
Roof	<ul> <li>Tile/slate</li> <li>Flat roofs max 30% (excluding non-habitable accommodation i.e. garage, conservatory etc.)</li> <li>Flat roofs between 30% – 45% can be considered depending on the condition, the materials used (i.e. those deemed as long lasting and durable such as aluminium) and future saleability</li> <li>100% Flat roofs are acceptable on blocks of flats subject to valuers comments</li> </ul>	
HS Link	Subject to no negative comments from the valuer on s	aleability
Service / Maintenance Charges	The maximum service charge payable including any sinking fund & ground rent cannot be greater than the following:  • Property value £100,000 – £150,000 (Max. 1.5%)  • Property value £150,001 – £400,000 (Max. 2.0%)  • Property value £400,001 – £5m (Max. 3.0%)  Properties in excess of the above cannot be considered. The maximum service charge and ground rent payable, excluding any sinking fund, cannot be greater than 1.5% or £1,000. Properties in excess of this deemed as prestige can be referred	

## Acceptable property types

Non-Traditional Modern Types of Construction	Huf Haus
Environmental Matters	<ul> <li>Properties that haven't flooded in the past 5 years due to environmental causes as disclosed by the client, solicitor or valuer</li> <li>Properties not exposed to coastal erosion as noted by the client, solicitor or valuer</li> <li>Properties which are in a designated flood risk area and have not flooded within the last 5 years, subject to insurance being obtained under normal terms</li> </ul>

# Unacceptable property types

Location	Scottish Isles, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland, Channel Is	slands
Tenure	<ul> <li>Freehold flats/maisonettes (unless in Scotland – but will be referred to as Absolute Ownership)</li> <li>Commonhold Tenure</li> <li>Blocks over 6 storey height or blocks over 4 storeys without a lift (unless a prestigious block &amp; subject to approval)</li> <li>Crofting tenure</li> <li>Flying Freeholds &gt;25% of the overall floor space</li> <li>Tenants in Common are not acceptable where there is an active restriction on the title</li> <li>Leasehold Properties in Scotland</li> <li>Listed Buildings – Grade 1 &amp; 2 star in England/Wales or equivalent in Scotland</li> </ul>	
Type	<ul> <li>Shared Ownership (other than between the applicants)</li> <li>Ex Public Sector flats/maisonettes or where the local authority/housing association are still the freeholder</li> <li>Ex Public Sector houses &amp; bungalows valued below £150,000</li> <li>Commercial properties or above commercial properties</li> <li>Tyneside flats</li> <li>Japanese Knotweed within 7 metres of the property</li> <li>Park homes</li> <li>Second homes/holiday homes</li> <li>Adjacent to commercial properties (those deemed to be in prestige areas can be considered on a referral basis)</li> <li>Properties within 100m of pylons, over-head power cables (excluding electricity supplied by wooden poles), or mobile phone masts</li> </ul>	
Roof	<ul> <li>Asbestos roof</li> <li>Thatched</li> <li>Roofs internally insulated with foam insulation</li> </ul>	
Environmental matters	<ul> <li>Properties that have flooded in the past 5 years due to environmental causes</li> <li>Properties exposed to coastal erosion</li> </ul>	
Construction walls	<ul> <li>Older timber framed (pre 1965, unless historic in nature and deemed acceptable by the surveyor)</li> <li>Properties built entirely of wood</li> <li>Asbestos Walls</li> <li>Single skin walls &gt; 20% excluding non-habitable accommodation i.e. garages, conservatories etc.</li> <li>Prefabricated, or any properties constructed of or supported by concrete (with the exception of larger blocks of flats, Wimpey no fines, Laing Easiform or SSHA concrete walls &amp; subject to individual approval by the Surveyor)</li> <li>Colt construction</li> <li>Cobb Construction</li> <li>Wattle &amp; Daub</li> <li>Alumina Cement</li> <li>Bryant Wall Frame</li> <li>Concrete Panels</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Camus Construction</li> <li>Canadian Cedar Wood Frame, with Cedar Wood panels &amp; PVC</li> <li>Concrete Panels &amp; Cement Render</li> <li>Concrete Pre-Cast</li> <li>Cornish Unit</li> <li>Cubbitt – Steel framed</li> <li>Mundic concrete block</li> <li>Norfolk Clay Lump</li> <li>Norwegian Log</li> <li>Norwegian Timber Frame</li> <li>Poured concrete</li> <li>Tarran – Pre-Fabricated</li> <li>Salt Home (Swedish Unit)</li> <li>BISF – steel framed timber frame with fibreglass &amp; plasterboard insulation</li> <li>Timber frame with cement &amp; rendered outer wall</li> <li>Woolway Homes</li> </ul>

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