

# What is the Help to Buy scheme?

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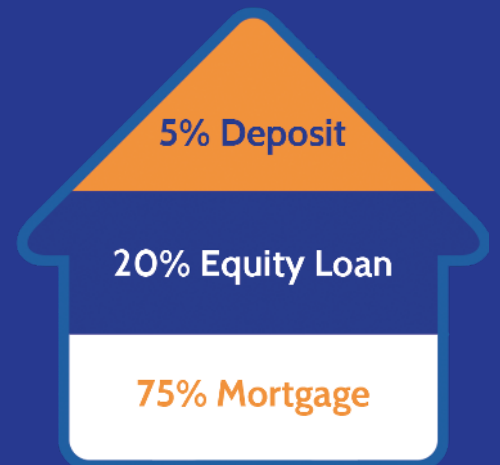
The Help to Buy scheme is designed to ensure that first-time buyers, as well as existing owners can afford to purchase a newly-built home up to the price of £600,000. This limit changes regionally, so be sure to check the maximum eligible property value in your area.

With this scheme, you will be able to borrow 20% (40% in London) of the purchase price from the government without needing to worry about interest rates for the first five years.

This means you may only need as little as 5% for the deposit.

## HOW DOES THE HOME EQUITY LOAN WORK?

So, let's say that you want to purchase a home that costs £400,000. You would save £20,000 which is your 5% deposit. You then borrow £80,000 in the 20% equity loan from the government and the other £300,000 is borrowed with your mortgage. That covers the remaining 75%.



## WHAT ABOUT INTEREST RATES?



Interest rates on the Help To Buy loan won't come into effect until the sixth year. At this point, you'll start to pay a 1.75% rate. This rises each year according to inflation at 1%. Interest is also added for the Retail Price Index. Be aware you'll still pay interest on your mortgage loan during this time.

## WHEN DOES THE SCHEME END?

The government has confirmed that the scheme will still be available through to March 2023. However, it's important to note that from 1st April 2021 it will only be available to first-time buyers and regional price caps will apply.



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