



Buy-to-Let criteria for UK Expats and International 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 experienced 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
- 5 year fixed term periods
- 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 – all available with a Green discount for properties holding an EPC rating of A or B
- Finance to individuals, sole proprietors and UK registered Limited Companies, LLPs and SPV structures
- No requirement for Assets Under Management



Buy-to-Let finance at a glance

FINANCE AVAILABLE FOR

- INDIVIDUALS
- PARTNERSHIPS
- UK registered LIMITED COMPANIES, LLPs and SPV's

FSCR from 125%

GREEN FINANCE OPTIONS
WITH LOWER
RENTAL RATES

PROPERTY TYPES INCLUDE

- MUFb (MULTI-UNIT FREEHOLD BLOCKS) - UK Expats & International residents
- HMO (HOUSES OF MULTIPLE OCCUPATION) – UK Expats Only
- HOUSES & FLATS INCLUDING NEW BUILD

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

ACQUISITION & RENT
or RENT ONLY
OVER
5 YEAR FIXED TERMS

MAX FTV 80%

MINIMUM
INCOME £18,000

PORTFOLIO LANDLORDS
NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF
PROPERTIES



Buy-to-Let Product Criteria for UK Expats and International residents

	BTL	BTL Portfolio	HMO & MUFb – (HMOs AVAILABLE TO UK EXPATS ONLY)
Financing			
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 or MUFbS) 75% up to £3m 70% up to £5m	75% up to £3m of Finance 70% up to £5m
Finance Basis	The finance offered will be based on the Purchase Price or Valuation, whichever is the lower	The finance offered will be based on the Purchase Price or Valuation, whichever is the lower	The 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"> UK Expat Individual = 130% (Non-UK taxpayer) 125% if UK basic rate taxpayer, 145% if UK higher rate/additional rate taxpayer Limited Company =125% 5-Year fixed term products stressed at pay rate. For International Residents: 130% for private individuals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UK Expat Individual = 130% (Non-UK taxpayer) 125% if UK basic rate taxpayer, 145% if UK higher rate/additional rate taxpayer Limited Company =125% 5-Year fixed term products stressed at pay rate. For International Residents: 130% for private individuals. Applicants existing portfolio will be stress tested. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual =145% Limited Company =145% 5-Year fixed term products stressed at pay rate. Applicants existing portfolio will be stress tested.
BTL Supporting documents	Property licences as required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property schedule Business plan Cash flow forecast HMO or other property licences as required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property schedule Business plan Cash flow forecast HMO or other property licences as required
Customer Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals – for Partnerships or UK registered Limited Companies/SPVs & LLPs, please refer to the Gatehouse requirements for UK incorporated SPVs 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: Rent Only 25 years / Acquisition & Rent 25 years	Min: 5 years Max: Rent Only 25 years / Acquisition & Rent 25 years	Min: 5 years Max: Rent Only 25 years / Acquisition & Rent 25 years



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Applicant			
Applicant Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Time Buyers (FTBs) / First Time Landlords Allowed for UK Expats• First Time Buyers (FTBs) / First Time Landlords Allowed for International applicants.	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">• Individuals – maximum of 4 applicants (best two incomes used)• Sole Traders, Partnerships and UK registered Limited Companies, LLPs and SPVs (with a property business related SIC code) considered.• 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.• No minimum trading period required - newly formed companies may be considered.• 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.• We will not accept Personal Guarantees on applications by individuals.• All Trust Structures, Joint borrower sole proprietor or similar arrangements are NOT acceptable.• 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.		
Maximum Numbers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individuals – 4 applicants (best 2 incomes used)• SPV/Limited companies = 4 directors/Shareholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individuals – 4 applicants (best 2 incomes used)• SPV/Limited companies = 4 directors/Shareholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individuals – 4 applicants (best 2 incomes used)• SPV/Limited companies = 4 directors/Shareholders
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)		
Additional Requirements	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. Applicant must have a UK current account for the duration of the financing to enable direct debit payment. Green Products – To be eligible for the Green Rental Rate and Carbon Neutral incentives, all properties must have an EPC rating of A or B.		
Employment			
Employed Income Verification (Including Directors with less than 25% shareholding)	Employed – permanent employment over 3 months at same employer.	Employed – permanent employment over 3 months at same employer.	Employed – permanent employment over 3 months at same employer.
Employed Acceptable Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic pay• 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 continued) net rental income, occupational pension income and housing allowance• 50% of any regular bonus (evidenced over the past 2-years) Other allowances/income (including pension and dividend income) may be accepted.		



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Self Employed Income Verification	<p>An applicant will be classed as self-employed if they fall into one of the following categories:</p> <p>Sole Trader, Partner in a firm, Member of a LLP, any director with 25% or more shareholding (anyone with a 10% shareholding in the applying company may be required to provide identification documentation and be subject to Know Your Customer (KYC) checks).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Income will be calculated based on latest years income (unless the latest years profit/income is significantly different than the previous year, when more detail will be required by the Underwriters)Special consideration may be given to medical professionals with less than 12 months self-employed income history. <p>The year end on all documentation provided must be the most recent and the latest document must not be dated more than 18 months before the date of application.</p>		
Contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Signed copy of contract.If more than 6 months to run on current contract – no further evidence required.If less than 6 months to run on current contract – then 12 months evidence of same work required.		
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 and all customer residencies).		
Maximum Finance to income	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additional Income	Additional income can be considered, but must be verifiable	Additional income can be considered, but must be verifiable	Additional income can be considered, but must be verifiable
Deposit Details			
Evidence of Deposit	Evidence of the source of deposit is always required Satisfactory evidence of source of wealth	Evidence of the source of deposit is always required Satisfactory evidence of source of wealth	Evidence of the source of deposit is always required Satisfactory evidence of source of wealth
Deposits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Proof of deposit requiredBuilder vendor deposits considered up to 5%Gifted deposits are acceptable for UK resident and UK Expat clients.For International applications Gifted Deposits are only acceptable from a donor who is either a UK Resident or a UK Expat. Gifted deposit from international donors is not acceptable.Gifted deposits accepted from a range of family members and are subject to an interested party waiver. For more information on gifted deposits, please refer to the following documents on the Bank's website: Gifted Deposit Guidance and Gifted Deposit Declaration of Source of Funds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Proof of deposit requiredBuilder vendor deposits considered up to 5%Gifted deposits are acceptable for UK resident and UK Expat clients.For International applications Gifted Deposits are only acceptable from a donor who is either a UK Resident or a UK Expat. Gifted deposit from international donors is not acceptable.Gifted deposits accepted from a range of family members and are subject to an interested party waiver. For more information on gifted deposits, please refer to the following documents on the Bank's website: Gifted Deposit Guidance and Gifted Deposit Declaration of Source of Funds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Proof of deposit requiredBuilder vendor deposits considered up to 5%Gifted deposits are acceptable for UK resident and UK Expat clients.For International applications Gifted Deposits are only acceptable from a donor who is either a UK Resident or a UK Expat. Gifted deposit from international donors is not acceptable.Gifted deposits accepted from a range of family members and are subject to an interested party waiver. For more information on gifted deposits, please refer to the following documents on the Bank's website: Gifted Deposit Guidance and Gifted Deposit Declaration of Source of Funds.



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Director's Loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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).• For the avoidance of doubt the Bank will not provide finance for cases involving any inter-company loans. <p>For more information on director's loans that are acceptable as a deposit, please refer to the Director's Loans Guidance 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	£94,000 at 80% FTV	£100,000 at 75% FTV
	£115,000 at 65% FTV	£100,000 at 75% FTV for any HMOs or MUFBs	£115,000 at 65% FTV
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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 website. 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 organization.</p>		
Finance Criteria			
Credit History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Bankruptcy / CVA or IVA in last 3 years / repossessions or debt relief orders• No CCJs in last 3 years (all previous CCJs must be satisfied before application)• No missed mortgage or other property finance payments in last 12 months• No voluntary enforced possession• Up to date UK credit report required from all applicants with a UK footprint• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Bankruptcy / CVA or IVA in last 3 years / repossessions or debt relief orders• No CCJs in last 3 years (all previous CCJs must be satisfied before application)• No missed mortgage or other property finance payments in last 12 months• No voluntary enforced possession• Up to date UK credit report required from all applicants with a UK footprint• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Bankruptcy / CVA or IVA in last 3 years / repossessions or debt relief orders• No CCJs in last 3 years (all previous CCJs must be satisfied before application)• No missed mortgage or other property finance payments in last 12 months• No voluntary enforced possession• Up to date UK credit report required from all applicants with a UK footprint• 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 assessment up to a maximum of £300 in total regardless of when they



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Existing mortgage/ Financing	Proof of conduct for all mortgages / home finance / BTL finance	Proof of conduct for all mortgages / home finance / BTL finance	Proof of conduct for all mortgages / home finance / BTL finance
Residency			
Applicant Residency Status & ID Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK Expats (UK Citizens resident abroad) are only eligible to apply for our UK Expat Buy-to-Let products. – ID Evidence – Valid UK Passport • International Residents (Foreign Nationals non-resident in the UK) are only eligible to apply for our standard International Buy-to-Let products. ID Evidence – Valid Passport or, if a passport is not available, a valid National ID card issued by the government. • Where an applicant holds dual nationality, proof of all nationalities must now be provided when uploading the proof of ID documentation. • Other applicants who hold British passports and do not have an automatic right to live and work in the UK are only eligible to apply for our standard International Buy-to-Let products. Please see https://www.gov.uk/types-of-british-nationality for a full list. <p>Terms and requirements may differ according to status – for more detailed information please refer to our document Gatehouse ID Requirements on the Bank's website.</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
£100,000 - £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 fees:	£199 UK EXPATS £299 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTS		
Product fee:	1.5% (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.

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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.

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.



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