

# General Information Sheet

## Bridging Loan

## 1. Lender

HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c.  
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Valletta VLT 1444

## 2. Purposes for which this loan may be used

Bridging loans may be used to finance the purchase of a domestic property, pending the sale of an existing property, with the bridging loan being repaid from the sale proceeds.

## 3. Security

We will normally ask for the following security for your loan:

- First General Hypothec for the full loan amount.
- First Special Hypothec and Special Privilege for the full loan amount over the property being financed.
- Special Hypothec for the full loan amount over property being sold.
- Life assurance policy for the full loan amount.
- Buildings insurance policy for the replacement cost of the property being financed.
- Additional security may possibly be required.

## 4. Description of the types of home loans available

Variable rate loans - Variable interest rates are quoted as a margin over our Home Loans Base Rate which is currently 2.25%. The Bank may change the margin and/or the Home Loans Base Rate, and as a consequence your applicable variable interest rate, at any time. Your repayment amount or the number of repayments may change whenever there is a change in the interest rate. We will advise you should there be such a change (to the repayment amount or number of repayments).

Fixed rate loans - Fixed interest rates are not currently available on Bridging Loans.

## 5. Repayment

Bridging Loans have a monthly interest-only repayment with the loan capital being repaid from the sale proceeds of an existing domestic property.

## 6. Fees and costs

### Fees

Processing Fee of 0.5% of the loan amount, maximum of €1400. The fee is non-refundable. If the application for finance is withdrawn and cancelled after the sanction letter has been issued then the processing fee is due in full even if the Bank is offering a full waiver or discount of this fee.

Processing (Legal) Fee from a minimum of €150 to a maximum of €350.

Amendment Fee of €15.00 will be due when a request to change the conditions of the sanction letter is processed by the Bank.

Further Commitment Fee - Following expiry of the last date permitted for drawings of the loan as stated in the sanction letter, a further commitment fee will be debited to your account if the loan is not fully drawn. This is calculated at 0.10% on the undrawn amount and is payable quarterly in advance.

### Insurance Costs

Life assurance premium.

Property insurance premium.

### Third Party Costs

Architect's valuation costs.

Notarial fees and other contract related expenses (Public Registry fees, Land Registry fees and ancillary costs).

A charge of €30 per deed plus €20 for any immovable property situated in a Land Registration Area which is taken as security will be levied to cover third party costs with respect to post-deed updating of hypothecary security.

In the case of a pledge on shares, bonds, bank balances or insurance policies any fees charged by other financial institutions will be debited to your account.

If the funds are used for the construction or the completion of property the Special Privilege competent to the Bank by law on the amount which was used for this purpose must be registered in the Public Registry. The third party charges incurred by the Bank will be debited to your account.

## **7. Cost of a typical loan**

The cost of a Bridging loan of €200,000, at a variable borrowing interest rate of 4.25% p.a. with interest only repayment for a term of 24 months. The APRC will be 4.70% p.a. The loan will be repayable in 23 equal monthly instalments of €718.17 and one final instalment of €200,718.17 over a term of 2 years. The total sum payable throughout the term of the loan assuming the interest rate remains unchanged will be €218,516.08. Applicable charges on this loan are as follows - processing fee of €1000; processing (legal) fee of €250; and fee for post-deed checking of hypothecary charge of €30.

## **8. Early repayment**

Additional repayments may be made without any restrictions.

## **9. Duration**

Bridging Loans are normally to be repaid within a maximum term of 2 years .

## **10. Currency**

Bridging Loans are only available in euro.

## **11. Tax relief and public subsidies**

Please refer with your tax advisor or the relevant public entity for guidance on tax relief on interest or other public subsidies.

## **12. List of documents required**

- Evidence of income (three months' payslips and form FS3 if you are employed, or three income tax returns if you are self-employed)
- Identity card (or passport).
- Preliminary agreement or deed of purchase of property.
- Architect's valuation on our standard form. You will normally be able to appoint your own architect but in certain cases the valuation will need to be done by an architect appointed by the Bank.

## **13. Mandatory Ancillary Services**

In order to be able to take out a Loan you are

required to obtain life insurance cover and home owner insurance cover. These ancillary products may be obtained through HSBC or from any other third party providers who are able to offer adequate insurance cover deemed acceptable by the Bank.

## **14. Non-Compliance with your commitments towards the Bank**

It is important to take into consideration the consequences of non-compliance with the sanction letter and the General Conditions Regulating Loans especially where this is an event of default. Where there is an event of default as described in the General Conditions Regulating Loans, the Bank may be forced to act on the security that is securing the loan and this will mean that the property securing the loan will be sold through court auction in order to pay off the outstanding loan balance.

## **15. Other Consideration**

If you are resident in any country other than Malta, any regulatory protections afforded to you by your country of residence shall not apply to this Loan.

## **16. Tax Disclaimer**

If you are not a resident of Malta, you may have to pay tax arising in your country of residence over the Loan, which would be payable to the relative tax authority and which shall be separate and in addition to any interest payments over the Loan which fall due and are payable to Us.

There may however be relief available from the tax paid - you should seek advice from an independent tax advisor to ensure you understand any tax obligations and potential tax relief available.

If there is tax payable, you are solely responsible for paying the tax arising in your Country of residence or elsewhere.

If your country of residence imposes such tax, this would make the cost of your Loan higher than indicated in your loan statement/documentation.