

The applicant

- The minimum age is 55 (the maximum age at application is 84).
- 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 must be on the title, regardless of whether they are ineligible for the plan due to not meeting the minimum age requirements.
- Where an applicant has been previously married or in a civil partnership and they have subsequently divorced or separated within the last five years then a copy of the separation agreement or decree absolute is required.
- Where an applicant is still married but separated, a formal deed of separation must be in place confirming the ex-partner has no further financial or legal claim over the property
- Intermediaries may not provide equity release advice in relation to their own application or that of their immediate family

Residency

Applicants must be:

- UK Nationals or individuals with settled status (permanent right to reside or indefinite leave to remain). An individual with a pre-settled status (maximum right to reside of 5 years) will not be accepted. This applies to both Initial and Further Advances. Any applicants who are US Citizens and Permanent Residents, regardless if they have rights to reside, are unacceptable.
- Where a property is unencumbered and the client has resided/owned the property for less than six months a reason for taking equity release must be provided as part of the application process.

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. In the case of a joint borrower, neither borrower may appoint the other as Power of Attorney however they can be named providing there is another acting Attorney who is independent from the mortgage.
- 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) greater than six years prior to application.
- Satisfactorily completed the term of an Individual Voluntary Arrangement (known as Protected Trust Deed in Scotland).
- No more than three satisfied CCJ's with a maximum accumulative value of £3,000 registered in the last four years.

Applications will NOT be accepted from applicants who:

- Are undischarged bankrupts, or, in Scotland, are currently the subject of sequestration.
- Have been discharged from bankruptcy within the last six years.
- 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 three or an accumulative value of over £3,000 satisfied CCJ's in the last four years.
- Have any unsatisfied CCJ's
- 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

- The minimum loan amount is £10,000.
- The maximum loan amount is £950,000.

The property

- The minimum property value is £120,000 (£150,000 for ex-public sector houses and bungalows).
- The maximum property value is £2,000,000 in England or £1,000,000 in Scotland and Wales.

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. Any purpose built eco properties must be referred prior to application

Use of property

The whole of the property, including any 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, with the exception of the following lodger rule. Properties with lodgers can be considered up to a maximum of two lodgers with formal agreements residing in the property subject to the following – lodger(s) do not reside in any self-contained accommodation and any formal agreements do not have a notice period greater than one month.

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 – 84 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 re-inspection 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	England, Wales and Mainland Scotland
Tenure England and Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Freehold houses & bungalows• Leasehold houses & bungalows• Tenants in Common are acceptable where both tenants are party to the mortgage and the agreement is between the applicants• Minor areas of Possessory title, subject to title insurance• Good leasehold
Tenure Scotland	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Absolute ownership
Annex	Annexes which are internally integrated to the main property are acceptable subject to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	A minimum of 125 years remaining at the time of completion
Property type	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Properties with a maximum of five bedrooms• Coach House Properties, subject to survey• Applications may be accepted where there are lodgers residing on an informal basis without security of tenure (i.e. government rent a room scheme). Subject to a maximum 2 people, excluding family members• Barn conversions, subject to all relevant permissions obtained• Ex-public Sector houses & bungalows with a minimum property value of £150,000, subject to surveyor confirmation of demand for owner occupation, and no saleability issues, providing the freehold is owned by the

	<p>applicants (i.e. not the council or a housing trust/association)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listed buildings – Grade 2 in England/Wales or Grade C in Scotland • Properties containing low grade asbestos. The property must be in good condition and have no negative comments on future saleability i.e. Soffix boards, Artex, flues, older roof slates • Up to seven acres of land, subject to no agricultural restrictions. • Flying Freeholds up to 15% of total floor area, subject to indemnity policy cover • Septic tanks for the property's sole use that meet the most recent regulatory requirements. The tank must be within the property's curtilage • Solar Panels owned by the borrower or where leased, subject to a satisfactory lease review • Ground or Air Source heating is acceptable where installed as part of the original build
Construction: Walls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conventional walls (deemed as traditional or standard construction by the panel surveyor) e.g. 265mm+ cavity, 225mm+ of solid brick, block, stone, flint etc. • Modern timber framed built post 1970 with an outer skin of brick or stone & compliant with building regulations • Historic timber framed properties (subject to satisfactory comments by Surveyor and no saleability issues) • Steel framed houses & bungalows, built post 2000 • Wimpey No Fines Concrete • Laing Easiform Concrete • SSHA (Scottish Specialist Housing Association) • Single skin =<20% excluding non-habitable accommodation i.e. garage, conservatory etc. • Mundic concrete block, graded A1
Construction: Roof	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tile/slate • Flat roofs up to a maximum of 25% of the total roof area over habitable accommodation • Flat roofs over non-habitable accommodation i.e. garage, conservatory etc. • External roof coatings applied for maintenance purposes can be considered
Builder's warranties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHBC • LABC • Zurich Municipal New Build Guarantee • BLP • Principal • Build Zone • Checkmate/Castle 10 Warranty Certificate – separate endorsement needed for unattached garages

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ark Residential New Build Latent Defects Insurance – separate endorsement needed for unattached garages/outbuildings • CRL Limited Warranty – where Ark Insurance Group Ltd have underwritten the policy • A Foundation 15 Certificate • Architect's certificate • Premier Guarantee • One Guarantee • Build Assure (New Home Structural Defects Insurance) • Global Home Warranties (Structural Defects Insurance) • Protek • ICW • ABC+ • The Q Policy for residential properties • The Q Policy for bespoke properties (detached only) • Advantage (no more than 10 units in any continuous structure) • Aedis (no more than 20 units in structure)
HS Links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to no negative comments from the valuer on saleability
Service/estate charges and ground rent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum ground rent or estate charge cannot exceed £500 or 0.2% of the property value. The charge should only cover gardening and road maintenance costs with a clear basis of escalation of the charges which does not exceed RPI or a similar index. Where we are made aware a clause exists that allows the 'Charger' to establish the lease on non-payment then this should be removed. Where it is not being removed there should be a requirement that advanced notice is given to the lender with at least 2 months' notice • The maximum total service charge and ground rent payable is £2,500 or 1.5% of the property value • Historic rent charges (pre 1977 Act) must be equal to or less than £25
Environmental matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English properties or areas in flood zone 1 (see link below) which have flooded more than 5 years ago can be considered providing it is classed as an isolated event, it does not impact on the valuation and insurance can be obtained under normal terms. Any instance where the flooding relates to surface water is not considered acceptable regardless if it is a one off event. https://floodmap-for-planning.service.gov.uk/ • Any properties on the border between flood zone 1 & 2 are considered acceptable subject to valuers comments and insurance being obtained under normal terms. • Properties in Scotland & Wales are not graded on a zone basis and enquiries must be made with all parties to establish if a known flood risk exists and insurance can be obtained under normal terms

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Properties not exposed to coastal erosion as noted by the client, solicitor or valuer
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster carers providing they are registered and any occupier waivers are signed where appropriate • Live in carers subject to an occupier waivers are signed where appropriate • Unadopted roads – where the road/drive servicing the property is un-adopted this is acceptable where the road is well kept and in good condition. It must be confirmed that there is an agreement (either formal or informal) in place between residents for general maintenance and upkeep of the road. The road must only service residential properties. • Shared access is acceptable providing it is not shared with any commercial premises • Properties greater than 75m away from pylons, over-head power cables (excluding electricity supplied by wooden poles), or mobile phone masts • Retentions for essential works up to a maximum of £5,000, only applicable on Maxi Choice and Maxi Choice Plus

Unacceptable property types

Location	Scottish Isles, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands and any other island excluding Portsea, Isle of Wight, Anglesey, Isle of Sheppey, Canvey and Hayling.
Tenure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commonhold Tenure • Crofting tenure • Tenants in Common are not acceptable where there is an active restriction on the title • Leasehold Properties in Scotland
Property type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flats/Maisonettes • Shared Ownership (other than between the applicants) • Ex-public Sector houses & bungalows valued below £150,000 • Where a property is a new build currently under construction or where the property is already completed but the applicant(s) will be the 1st occupants upon purchase then this will be unacceptable • Properties with more than five bedrooms • Listed Buildings – Grade 1 & 2 star in England/Wales or A & B in Scotland • Commercial properties or above commercial properties

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park homes • Second homes/holiday homes • Adjacent to commercial properties • With over seven acres of land, or land with agricultural restrictions • Flying Freeholds greater than 15% of the overall floor space • Shared septic tanks or tanks outside of the property's curtilage • Private water supplies • Ground or Air Source heating which was not installed as part of the original build • Heavily cluttered properties
Annex	<p>Detached annexes or any annex which is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used for anything other than family/personal use or any annex with formal letting • Not on the same title as the main property • Not of standard construction as advised by the valuer • Not compliant with the applicable lending criteria for the property
Construction: Roof	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asbestos roof (low content cement based tiles can be considered subject to valuation) • Thatched • Roofs internally insulated with foam insulation and externally with coatings applied to prolong the longevity of the material • Flat roofs over 25% of the total roof area above habitable accommodation
Environmental matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Properties in an area flooded within the last 5 years which were not proven to be one-off events, or properties where the whole or part of the garden has flooded regardless of zone • Properties in flood zones 2 & 3 • Properties exposed to coastal erosion • Properties impacted by fracking
Construction: Walls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older timber framed (pre 1965, unless historic in nature and deemed acceptable by the surveyor) • Properties built entirely of wood • Asbestos Walls • Single skin walls > 20% excluding non-habitable accommodation i.e. garages, conservatories etc. • Prefabricated, or any properties constructed of or supported by concrete (with the exception of Wimpey no fines, Laing Easiform or SSHA concrete walls & subject to individual approval by the Surveyor) • Colt construction • Cobb Construction • Wattle & Daub • Alumina Cement • Bryant Wall Frame • Concrete Panels

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camus Construction • Canadian Cedar Wood Frame, with Cedar Wood panels & PVC • Concrete Panels & Cement Render • Concrete Pre-Cast • Cornish Unit • Cross Wall • Cubbitt – Steel framed • Mundic concrete block, unless graded A1 in the latest RICS guidance • Norfolk Clay Lump • Norwegian Log • Norwegian Timber Frame • Poured concrete • Tarran – Pre-Fabricated • Salt Home (Swedish Unit) • BISF – steel framed timber frame with fibreglass & plasterboard insulation • Timber frame with cement & rendered outer wall • Woolway Homes • Modern methods of construction • Huf Haus • PRC properties, whether repaired or not
<p>Service/estate charges and ground rent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where the maximum ground rent or estate charge exceeds £500 or 0.2% of the property value. Estate charges relating to services other than gardening or road maintenance. Charges with no clear basis of escalation or escalation which exceeds RPI or a similar index • Where the maximum total service charge and ground rent payable exceeds £2,500 or 1.5% of the property value • If the ground rent or service charge are considered onerous the property is not acceptable. This includes ground rent which doubles at regular intervals with no cap or ground rent escalations which exceed RPI or similar index • Historic rent charges (pre 1977 Act) greater than £25
<p>Other</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Properties with Japanese Knotweed category A-D • Unadopted roads in poor condition or where there is no agreement (either formal or informal) in place between residents for general maintenance and upkeep of the road. Where the road is the main service road to a commercial premises is also deemed unacceptable. • Shared access with any commercial premises • Properties within 75m of pylons, over-head power cables (excluding electricity supplied by wooden poles), or mobile phone masts • Retentions for essential works greater than £5,000 or on Maxi Extra or Super 1 & 2 are unacceptable • Where the valuer identifies cladding is present an EWS1 form may be required before a decision to proceed can be made

NB. The unacceptable property criteria should not be used as an exhaustive list, if in any doubt refer to more2life for a decision on acceptance.

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