## Lesson 3: Mortgages

In this lesson you will take a look at mortgages and the monthly payments they require. More detailed calculations will be examined in Lesson 4.
While home ownership can be a rewarding experience, it is important to ensure that you buy a home that falls within your financial limits. The question of affordability will be discussed later, but the monthly mortgage payment will be one of your largest ongoing costs.

Mortgage is a loan secured by property.

The fundamental components of a mortgage are:

| Principal | The amount of money you borrow. <br> Initially the difference between the selling price of the property and the down payment. <br> Principal $=$ Selling Price - Down Payment |
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| Interest | The amount you will pay for borrowing money. <br> Interest (monthly) $=$ Principal $x$ Rate $x$ Time <br> *To calculate Total Interest you need to create a mortgage table/chart. |
| Mortgage Payments | A regular installment, usually monthly, made up of principal and interest. <br> Over time, the principal portion increases and the interest portion decreases. This means more of your money is paying off the loan. |



## CONVENTIONAL MORTGAGE

If you have at least $25 \%$ of the purchase price (or appraised value if this is lower than the purchase price) as a down payment, you can apply for a conventional mortgage.

Some lenders will require CMHC insurance because of the property's location or type, even though you have $25 \%$ or more equity.


## HIGH-RATIO MORTGAGE

If you have between $5 \%$ and $25 \%$ of the purchase price as your down payment, you can apply for a high-ratio mortgage. Usually these have to be insured through CMHC (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation) or GE (GE Capital). These are mortgage insurance companies.

Purchasing insurance is a common way of qualifying for a mortgage when you have less than $25 \%$ equity. The insurance premium is charged only once (per mortgage), when the mortgage funds are advanced. You can pay the premium yourself, but most people choose to add the funds on top of the mortgage.

## Negotiating a Mortgage

There is no such thing as "just a mortgage." There are numerous types of mortgages and payment options designed to meet the unique requirements of every homeowner.

Mortgages are available on a closed, open, or convertible basis, and at fixed, capped, or variable rates. Your choices will ultimately reflect your short-term plans, your desire for longer-term security, and whether you believe interest rates are going up or down.

## CLOSED MORTGAGES

Closed mortgages are usually the better choice for buyers who suspect that interest rates may be on the rise and for those who are not planning to move in the short term. Closed mortgages are generally available in a full range of terms.

ADVANTAGE: interest rates are generally lower than for open mortgages and first-time buyers are often more secure knowing exactly how much their mortgage payments will be over a set period of time.

DISADVANTAGE: you must pay compensation, or breakage costs, to the mortgage lender in order to renegotiate the interest rate or pay off the balance prior to the end of the term.

## OPEN MORTGAGES

Open mortgages usually have short terms of six months or one year.

ADVANTAGE: allows you to pay off part or the entire mortgage at any time without penalties.

DISADVANTAGE: the interest rates are higher than those for closed mortgages with similar terms.

## CONVERTIBLE MORTGAGE

These are fixed rate mortgages for terms of 6 months or 1 year. Not all lending institutions offer convertible mortgages. With a convertible rate mortgage you can lock into a longer term during the current term of your mortgage without penalty - but only with the same lender. For example, if after a couple of months you hear that interest rates are going to increase, you may change to a longer term mortgage such as the 5 year term.


VARIABLE RATE MORTGAGES/ ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGES

At the start of a variable rate mortgage, the lender will calculate a mortgage payment that includes principal \& interest.

For the term of the mortgage your payments usually do not change. However, as the rate changes so will your mortgage rate.

HOW IT WORKS:

- If interest rates are dropping, less of each payment will go toward interest and more will go toward principal.
- If interest rates rise, more of your payment will be interest and less money will be reducing your principal.


## CAPPED RATE MORTGAGES

These are variable rate mortgages that the lending institution has rate 'capped'.

ADVANTAGE: even though the rate will fluctuate, the institution guarantees that you will not pay more than a certain interest rate, set by them.

DISADVANTAGES: these mortgages often have a penalty for early 'payment in full' and are often not portable (i.e. cannot change banks).

## FIXED RATE MORTGAGES

Fixed rate mortgages are the most popular type of mortgage. You benefit from the security of locking in your mortgage interest rate, for lengths of time ranging from 3 months up to 25 years. The rates are slightly lower than for an open mortgage for the same term.

## HOW IT WORKS:

- If you think interest rates could rise, you may want to choose a longer term, such as a 5 or 10 year term.
- If you think that rates are going lower, you may want to gamble on a shorter length of time.

Payments are set in advance for the term, providing buyers with the security of knowing precisely how much their payment will be throughout the entire term. Many people like this because it is easier to budget for a constant loan payment.

Read more at http://www.mortgage-made-easy.com/types.htm

## Complete Assignment3A

## Looking at the Amortization Period of Mortgage Loan Table



You will always owe more to the bank than the initial amount you borrowed. This is because there is a cost to borrow the money (called interest).
The INTEREST RATE and the LENGTH OF THE MORTGAGE will both affect your actual total cost of your home.

- What happens to the dollar amounts inside the table as the interest rate increases?
- What happens to the dollar amounts inside the table as the length of time increases?

The dollar values inside the table represent:
the amount you pay per month for every $\$ 1000$ you borrow.
This repays the amount you borrow, as well as, the interest you owe.

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## FINDING MONTHLY MORTGAGE AND TOTAL MORTGAGE COSTS

## EXAMPLE 1:

If you were to mortgage/borrow exactly $\$ 1000$ at $4 \%$ over 25 years, then...

- Using the table, locate $4 \%$ and 25 years. What dollar amount do you find?
- This is the amount you owe every month for 25 years. What is the total amount you will have paid at the end of the 25 years?
$\$ 5.26 /$ month $\times 12$ months $\times 25$ years $=\$ 1578$ In the end, the actual total you pay would be $\$ 1578$.
- What does this mean?

At the end of the 25 years, you will have paid back the $\$ 1000$ plus $\$ 578$ interest. (In other words, the cost of borrowing $\$ 1000$ is $\$ 578$.)

## EXAMPLE 2:

In the case of a mortgage, the loan amount is usually in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. So using the numbers above, if you borrowed $\$ 200000$ (instead of just $\$ 1000$ ) you would owe 200 times as much!
$\$ 200000$ is 200 thousands. $\$ 5.26 /$ month $\times 200=\$ 1052 /$ month

Over the total time, the total cost of the mortgage would be:
$\$ 1052 /$ month $\times 12$ months $\times 25$ years $=\$ 315600$.
At the end of the 25 years, the actual total you pay would be $\$ 315600$.
(In other words, the cost of borrowing $\$ 200000$ is $\$ 115600$ !)


## Practice Question:

You take out a mortgage of $\$ 75,000.00$ from the credit union for 25 years at a rate of $4.75 \%$.
a) Find the monthly payment.
b) Find the total amount you pay at the end of the 25 years.

## WHAT DOES OUR MONTHLY MORTGAGE PAYMENT TELL US?

After we find the monthly mortgage payment, we will be able to find out how much we pay for interest and principal. We will also be able to find the unpaid balance and the owner's equity.

| Owner's |
| :---: |
| Equity |


| Interest |
| :---: |
| Portion |$-$| Monthly |
| :---: |
| Mortgage |
| Payment |


| Prinicpal |
| :---: |
| Portion |

Unpaid<br>Loan<br>Balance

## EXAMPLE 3:

The total mortgage payment per month is $\$ 361.80$. The interest portion is $\$ 200.00$. Find the portion paid toward the principal.

## Solution

Monthly mortgage payment = interest portion + principal portion $\$ 361.80-\$ 200.00=\$ 161.80$ goes toward paying down the mortgage loan.

Suppose instead, we knew the mortgage payment was $\$ 512.65$ and the principal portion was $\$ 112.65$. How would we determine the interest portion?


## CALCULATING INTEREST PORTION

## EXAMPLE 4:

You owe \$45000 on your mortgage loan. Your monthly mortgage payment is $\$ 379.35$. The interest rate is $8.25 \%$.
Find the interest portion for the month.

## Solution

We find interest for the month on \$45000 using I = Prt $I$ = we need to find
$P=$ the amount owing on the mortgage loan $=\$ 45000$

$r=$ rate (written as a decimal, not as a \%) $=0.0825$
$t=$ time (in years, so 1 month is $1 / 12$ of a year) $=\frac{1}{12}$ (or divide by 12 )
$\$ 45000 \times 0.0825 \div 12=\$ 309.38$ is the interest portion for the month

Why are these two numbers not the same?

## Mortgage Example - Unpaid Balance and Owners Equity

The unpaid balance last month was $\$ 23472$. The owner's equity last month was $\$ 18785$. The principal paid this month is $\$ 75.68$.
Calculate the new unpaid balance and the new owner's equity.

## Solution

New Unpaid Loan Balance $=$ Past Unpaid Loan Balance - Principal $\$ 23,472.00-\$ 75.68=\$ 23,396.32$ is the New Unpaid Loan Balance

The Unpaid Loan Balance decreased. Is this what you expected would happen?

New Equity Balance $=$ Past Equity Balance + Principal $\$ 18,785.00+\$ 75.68=\$ 18,860.68$ is the New Owner's Equity

The Owner's Equity Balance increased. Is this what you expected would happen?


## Example 1:

Jack Palmer purchases a home for $\$ 120000$. He makes a down payment of $\$ 40000$ and takes out a fixed-rate mortgage at $4.5 \%$ for the balance of the purchase price. The mortgage is to be amortized over 20 years. Determine Jack's monthly mortgage payment.

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## Example 2:

Calculate the amount of interest Jack pays during the 20-year amortization period.

## Example 3:

a) Find the interest portion for Jack's first month mortgage repayment.
b) Explain where the remaining amount of his monthly mortgage payment goes.

Name: $\qquad$

## Assignment 3A

Number the following terms based on the relationship in the diagrams provided:


When financing a mortgage loan of $4.5 \%$ for 15 years, you will find the amount of $\$ 7.63$ in the table below.
Show what you
understand
about mortgage
loan repayment
by answering
the following
multiple choice
questions (circle
your choice):

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1. The amount $\$ 7.63$ means:
a) The lender (person borrowing) owes the bank $\$ 7.63$.
b) The lender owes the bank $\$ 7.63$ every month for 15 years.
c) The bank charges the lender $\$ 7.63$ for each year they borrow.
d) The bank charges the lender $\$ 7.63$ for every $\$ 1000$ they borrowed.
2. The mortgage repayment must be paid:
a) Every week for 15 years.
b) Every month for 15 years.
c) Every year for 15 years.
d) Every month until the loan is paid off.
3. Once we find $\$ 7.63$ in the table, we calculate:
a) The monthly mortgage payment.
b) The monthly interest portion.
c) The monthly principal portion.
d) The annual mortgage payment.
4. With a mortgage loan of $\$ 200000$, the mortgage repayment amount is:
a) $\$ 763$
b) $\$ 1526$
c) $\$ 114.45$
d) $\$ 7.63$

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## Assignment 3B

1. Arlin takes out a mortgage of $\$ 160000$ from the bank for 20 years at $4.75 \%$. Determine her monthly mortgage payment.
2. You take out a mortgage of $\$ 150000$ from the bank for 25 years at $4.25 \%$. Calculate the monthly mortgage payment.
3. Tom buys a house and borrows $\$ 75000$ over a period of 15 years at a rate of $5.5 \%$. Find his monthly mortgage payment.

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4. Sam borrows $\$ 240,000$ at $8.75 \%$. Determine the interest portion will he pay in the first month.
5. You owe $\$ 95000$ at $9.75 \%$. Calculate the interest portion will you pay in this month.
6. Jane takes out a 25-year mortgage for $\$ 320000$ at $5.25 \%$. Determine the interest would she pay over the life of the loan.

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7. You pay $\$ 675.75$ per month for your mortgage and the interest portion you pay this month is $\$ 602.08$. Determine the principal portion you have paid.
8. Ellen pays $\$ 453.00$ per month on her mortgage. This month $\$ 337.50$ goes to the interest portion. Calculate the principal portion she will have paid this month.
9. The unpaid loan balance on Juan's mortgage was $\$ 43724$ and the owner's equity balance was $\$ 15587$. The monthly mortgage payment principal portion for this month is $\$ 68.75$.
a) Determine the new unpaid loan balance.
b) Determine the new owner's equity balance.
10. Sam and Laura's monthly mortgage payment is $\$ 532.31$. After their March payment, the unpaid balance is $\$ 51284.62$ and the owner's equity is $\$ 25$ 634.10. From the April payment, $\$ 404.44$ is the interest portion.
a) Determine the new unpaid loan balance at the end of April.
b) Determine the new owner's equity balance at the end of April.
11. Explain why you pay less interest in the second month of a mortgage than in the first month.
