

# How to calculate your equity and what you can buy whilst avoiding Lenders's Mortgage Insurance

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## Introduction

Every property investor who is in the throes of building a long term, high growth property portfolio knows the secret ingredient to success, is a little thing called equity.

Equity allows you to leverage into more property as your existing assets grow in value.

So how do you work out how much equity you have and therefore how much property you can afford? Better still, how do you work out what you can afford to buy before the added expense of Lender's Mortgage Insurance kicks in?

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**Most lenders will lend you up to 80% of your properties value without incurring a Lenders Mortgage Insurance (LMI) charge. LMI is a risk free associated with high LVR loans which protects the lender should you stop making payments.**

**A simple example:**

Assuming your home is worth \$650,000 with a current mortgage of only \$240,000, and you'd like to buy an investment property. Excluding your ability to service the loan, how much could you spend?

$$\begin{aligned} \$650,000 \times 80\% \text{ (borrowable equity)} &= \$520,000 \\ \$520,000 - \$240,000 \text{ (your current loan)} &= \$280,000 \end{aligned}$$

Ok, so \$280,000 could be extracted from your home and be used to cover off a 20% deposit and 5% closing costs on a new property.

But how much will that buy?

Easy...

$$\$280,000 = 25\% \text{ deposit on purchase}$$

$$\$280,000 \text{ divided by } 25 = \$11,200$$

$$\$11,200 \times 100 = \$1,120,000$$

So you could go and buy (not necessarily afford) \$1,120,000 worth of residential real estate and have sufficient funds to cover all closing costs.

It goes without saying (maybe not) that this equation is purely an equity equation and doesn't take into account your ability to service the new loans.

So don't go and buy anything until you speak to one of our brokers who can establish how much a real property will cost you to hold.



**\$650K**  
Home

**\$240K**  
Loan

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