

## Important news from TSB: Residential\_LTI raised to 5 times income and more improvements to lending criteria

TSB has made the following **improvements** to lending criteria effective from **25 April 2022**:

- **Increased Residential loan to income multiple to 5 times**

**Raised** the income threshold to **£50,000** (previously £40,000) and **increased** the income multiple for loan to value, less than or equal to 85%, from 4.75 to **5 times income**. These new limits will apply to both employed and self-employed Residential applications.

**Removed the 4.49 times loan to income cap** for self-employed applicants.

- **Introduced lower interest coverage ratio (ICR) on Buy to Let for basic rate taxpayers**

**Reduced** the Interest Coverage Ratio (ICR) for basic rate **employed** taxpayers to **125%** to help applicants borrow more or use a smaller deposit (existing loan to value limits still apply). The existing rate of 145% still applies to higher rate taxpayers and self-employed applicants.

Initially, this will only be available to **employed applicants** and applies to joint applications where both applicants must be employed or on pension income. We expect to open this up to self-employed applicants soon.

### Residential stress rates

Residential stress rates have been updated to reflect the Bank of England base rate increase announced on 17 March 2022.

Applicant type	Stress rate
Residential (excluding First Time Buyers)	7.25%
First Time Buyer	6.25%
Like for like Remortgage (excluding Buy to Let to residential)	5.25%

### Regional case management teams helpline

TSB's multi-skilled case management teams now provide focussed support on a regional level. You can also reach specialists in **new build** and **self-employed** income cases using these regional contact telephone numbers.

**Central and South: 0330 123 3292**

**London and South East: 0330 123 3289**

**Scotland and North: 0330 123 3288**

**Telephone BDMs: 0330 1233291**

For more information about criteria please visit the [TSB website](#) or contact your National Account Manager.