



**> First Home Buyers' Guide**  
**NSW Programs & Grants 2020**

## ABOUT

The 'PRD First Home Buyers' Guide' is designed to help you quickly understand what is on offer to first home buyers around Australia.

With so many programs and grants available at the various State and Federal Government levels, it can be difficult to know where to turn to learn what is relevant to your personal situation. This guide helps you do just that.

A combined understanding of all the applicable programs and grants will help you maximise the benefits you can access as a first home buyer, and get you into the property market sooner.

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## NATIONAL

### FIRST HOME LOAN DEPOSIT SCHEME (FHLDS)

#### OVERVIEW

The FHLDS enables first home buyers to purchase a home with a minimum **5% deposit** while **paying no LMI** (Lenders Mortgage Insurance) with participating lenders. The scheme will support 10,000 buyers from **1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021**. Price thresholds on property values apply as per the table below.

#### WITHDRAWAL THRESHOLDS

State/Territory	Capital Cities/ Regional Centres	Rest of State
NSW	\$700K	\$450K
VIC	\$600K	\$375K
QLD	\$475K	\$400K
WA	\$400K	\$300K
SA	\$400K	\$300K
TAS	\$400K	\$250K
ACT	\$400K	-
NT	\$375K	-

**MORE INFO:** [PRD.com.au/first-home](https://www.prd.com.au/first-home)

#### CAPITALS & REGIONAL CENTRES

- Capital cities and regional centres are separated from the rest of each State, as regional centres often have higher prices than other regional areas
- Regional centres have populations over 250,000, and include Newcastle & Lake Macquarie, Wollongong (Illawarra), Geelong, Gold Coast, and Sunshine Coast

#### ELIGIBLE PROPERTY TYPES

**All residential property**, including:

- New house and land construction
- New off-the-plan purchases
- Established houses, townhouses, units/apartments
- Vacant land with intention to build a home

#### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Must be an individual (not a trust or company)
- Must be aged 18+ years
- Income below \$125K in FY18/19 if single, or below \$200K if a couple
- Must be an Australian citizen
- Must not have previously held an interest in Australian property
- Couples must be married or in a de facto relationship



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### HomeBuilder

#### OVERVIEW

HomeBuilder is a **\$25,000 grant** available to home buyers of new builds or substantial renovations of existing residential properties purchased from **4 June 2020 to 31 December 2020**. Price thresholds on property values apply as per the table below.

#### PRICE THRESHOLDS

Type	Limit
New construction	Up to \$750K
Renovation	\$150K to \$750K, and valued below \$1.5M

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#### ELIGIBLE PROPERTY TYPES

**Newly built\*** residential property, including:

- House and land construction
- Off-the-plan purchases

**Substantial renovations** on residential property

#### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Must be an individual (not a trust or company)
- Must be aged 18+ years
- Income below \$125K in FY18/19 if single, or below \$200K if a couple
- Must be an Australian citizen
- Work must be completed a licensed builder service contractor (owner builders ineligible)
- Construction commencing from 4 June 2020 onwards and within 3 months of contract date

### FIRST HOME SUPER SAVER SCHEME (FHSS)

#### OVERVIEW

The FHSS Scheme is a tax-effective method which allows the release of **voluntary superannuation contributions** plus any associated earnings from **1 July 2018** onwards, using voluntary contributions made from **1 July 2017** onwards. Thresholds on withdrawals are as per the table below.

#### WITHDRAWAL THRESHOLDS

Period	Limit
One Financial Year	\$15K plus earnings
All years (total limit)	\$30K plus earnings

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#### ELIGIBLE PROPERTY TYPES

**All residential property**, including:

- New house and land construction
- New off-the-plan purchases
- Established houses, townhouses, units/apartments
- Vacant land with intention to build a home

#### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Must be an individual (not a trust or company)
- Must be aged 18+ years
- Must not have previously held an interest in Australian property (exemption for financial hardship)
- Must not have previously requested the release of funds under the scheme
- Must intend to move into and live in the property as soon as practicable
- Must intend to live in the property for 6 months+ in the first year owned, and once practical to move in



## NEW SOUTH WALES

### FIRST HOME OWNER GRANT (FHOG)

#### OVERVIEW

The FHOG is a **\$15,000 grant** made available solely to first home buyers for new\* residential properties purchased from **1 July 2018** onwards. Price thresholds on property values apply as per the table below.

#### PRICE THRESHOLDS

Type	Limit
New homes	Up to \$750K

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#### ELIGIBLE PROPERTY TYPES

**Newly built\* residential property**, including:

- House and land construction
- Off-the-plan purchases
- Substantially renovated established properties

#### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Must be an individual (not a trust or company)
- Must be aged 18+ years
- Buyer (and partner) must not have previously held an interest in Australian property
- Buyer (and partner) must not have previously received funds under any first home buyer scheme
- At least one of buyer and partner must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Must move in within 12 months of purchase and remain for 6 continuous months

### FIRST HOME BUYER ASSISTANCE SCHEME (FHBAS)

#### OVERVIEW

The FHBAS is a **duty exemption/concession** made available exclusively to first home buyers of residential properties purchased from **1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021**. Price thresholds on property values apply as per the table below.

#### PRICE THRESHOLDS

Type	Exemption	Concession
New homes	Below \$800K	\$800K-\$1M
Existing homes	Below \$650K	\$650K-\$850K
Vacant land	Below \$350K	\$350K-\$450K

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#### ELIGIBLE PROPERTY TYPES

**All residential property**, including:

- New house and land packages
- New off-the-plan purchases
- Established houses, townhouses, units/apartments
- Vacant land with intention to build a home

#### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Must be an individual (not a trust or company)
- Must be aged 18+ years
- Buyer (and partner) must not have previously held an interest in Australian property
- Buyer (and partner) must not have previously received funds under the scheme
- At least one of buyer and partner must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Must move in within 12 months of purchase and remain for 6 continuous months

## ABOUT PRD RESEARCH

PRD Research Division provides reliable, unbiased, and authoritative property research and consultancy to clients in metro and regional locations across Australia

Our extensive research capability and specialised approach ensures our clients can make the most informed and financially sound decisions about residential and commercial properties.

## OUR KNOWLEDGE

Access to accurate and objective research is the foundation of all good property decisions.

As the first and only truly knowledge based property services company,

PRD shares experience and knowledge to deliver innovative and effective solutions to our clients.

We have a unique approach that integrates people, experience, systems and technology to create meaningful business connections. We focus on understanding new issues impacting the property industry; such as the environment and sustainability, the economy, demographic and psychographic shifts, commercial and residential design; and forecast future implications around such issues based on historical data and fact.

## OUR PEOPLE

Our research team is made up of highly qualified researchers who focus solely on property analysis.

Skilled in deriving macro and micro quantitative information from multiple credible sources, we partner with clients to provide strategic advice and direction regarding property and market performance. We have the added advantage of sourcing valuable and factual qualitative market research in order to ensure our solutions are the most well considered and financially viable.

Our experts are highly sought after consultants for both corporate and government bodies and their advice has helped steer the direction of a number of property developments and secured successful outcomes for our clients.

## OUR SERVICES

**Our research services span over every suburb, LGA, and state within Australia; captured in a variety of standard and customized products.**

We have the ability and systems to monitor market movements, demographic changes and property trends. We use our knowledge of market sizes, price structure and buyer profiles to identify opportunities for clients and provide market knowledge that is unbiased, thorough and reliable.



## OUR SERVICES INCLUDE

- Advisory and consultancy
- Market Analysis including profiling and trends
- Primary qualitative and quantitative research
- Demographic and target market Analysis
- Geographic information mapping
- Project Analysis including product and pricing recommendations
- Rental and investment return analysis

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