

Guidance for shared ownership providers when completing 'Key information about the home'

The information in this document is for the **new shared ownership model**. These homes will conform to the requirements of the Affordable Homes Programme (AHP) 2021 to 2026 or the Social and Affordable Homes Programme 2026 to 2036 (SAHP).

This document is intended to accompany property listings for initial sales and resales.

It's for prospective homebuyers:

- who are looking at different homes
- before they have completed a financial assessment

Use it to give homebuyers standardised information when they register interest in a shared ownership home. Providers may brand the document but must not alter the content or order of information.

To complete the document:

1. Follow the instructions highlighted in yellow.
2. Enter the specific information about the home in the highlighted fields.
3. Delete the statements that do not apply to the home.
4. Delete the instructions.

Feedback

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Key information about the home

This document relates to the **New model shared ownership** scheme.

Shared ownership rules can vary depending on what rules were in place at the time the home was funded or planning permission granted, where the home is located and whether the home is for a specific group of people.

The scheme which applies to your home is shown in white in the table below.

Shared ownership model	Older model shared ownership	Standard model shared ownership	New model shared ownership
Minimum initial share	25%	25%	10%
Lease length	Typically, leases were issued for 99 years from new	Leases are for a minimum of 99 years from new but typically at least 125 years	Leases will be for a minimum of 990 years from new
Initial repair period	No	No	Yes
Buying more shares - minimum purchase	10% or 25%	10%	5%
1% share purchase	No	No	Yes
Landlord's nomination period	8 weeks or 12 weeks	8 weeks	4 weeks

The **minimum initial share** will vary depending on the home; discuss with the housing provider for more detail. For more information, see section 1, 'How shared ownership works', in the 'Key information about shared ownership' document.

When you are looking for shared ownership homes, you should always check the Key Information Document to see which model covers that specific home.

When you buy a home through shared ownership, you enter into a shared ownership lease. The lease is a legal agreement between you (the 'leaseholder') and the landlord. It sets out the rights and responsibilities of both parties.

Before committing to buy a shared ownership property, you should take independent legal and financial advice.

This key information document is to help you decide if shared ownership is right for you. You should read this document carefully so that you understand what you are buying, and then keep it safe for future reference. This document 'Key information about the home' is a summary and you should consider the information in 'Summary of costs' and 'Guide to shared ownership' before making a decision.

This does not form part of the lease. You should carefully consider the information and the accompanying lease and discuss any issues with your legal adviser before signing the lease.

Failure to pay your rent, service charge, or mortgage could risk your lease being forfeited and your home being repossessed.

The costs in this document are the costs as at the date issued. These will increase (typically on an annual basis) and you should take financial advice on whether this will be sustainable for you.

	<p>Buildings insurance £7.18 Management fee £0 Reserve/sinking fund payment £0 Other service charges £10.17 Total monthly payment excluding rent £17.35</p> <p>Total monthly payments will typically be reviewed on an annual basis.</p> <p>For more information, see section 4, 'Service Charges', in the 'Key information about shared ownership' document.</p>
Reservation fee	<p>£200</p> <p>You'll need to pay a reservation fee to secure your home. When you pay the fee, no one else will be able to reserve the home.</p> <p>The reservation fee secures the home for 28 days. If you buy the home, the fee will be taken off the final amount you pay on completion. If you do not buy the home, the fee is not refundable.</p>
Eligibility assessment	<p>The housing provider will assess whether you meet the eligibility criteria for the scheme.</p> <p>This will be based on the eligibility criteria for the shared ownership scheme and the housing provider's specific policies. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The order in which you will be assessed (first come first serve policy) <p>Shared ownership policies - Leeds Federated Housing Association</p> <p>You can apply to buy the home if both of the following apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your household income is £80,000 or less • you cannot afford all of the deposit and mortgage payments to buy a home that meets your needs <p>One of the following must also be true:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you're a first-time buyer • you used to own a home but cannot afford to buy one now • you're forming a new household - for example, after a relationship breakdown • you're an existing shared owner, and you want to move • you own a home and want to move but cannot afford to buy a new home for your needs <p>If you own a home, you must have completed the sale of the home on or before the date you complete your shared ownership purchase.</p> <p>As part of your application, your finances and credit history will be assessed to ensure that you can afford and sustain the rental and mortgage payments.</p>
<p>Affordability assessment</p>	<p>You will be assessed to check you can afford the home.</p> <p>Your affordability assessment will be carried out by a suitably qualified and experienced adviser.</p> <p>As part of the affordability assessment, you will need to provide documents to confirm your income, savings, and financial commitments.</p> <p>The assessment will take into account the housing provider's specific policies including:</p> <p>How much money you will need to have available to be able to afford the home (Shared ownership policies - Leeds Federated Housing Association)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minimum requirements for your credit history (Adverse Credit Policy)
<p>Tenure</p>	<p>Leasehold</p>
<p>Lease type</p>	<p>Shared ownership house lease</p>
<p>Lease term</p>	<p>990 years</p>

	For more information, see section 2.5, 'Lease extensions', in the 'Key information about shared ownership' document.
Rent review	<p>Your rent will be reviewed each year by a set formula using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous 12 months [plus] 1%.</p> <p>For more information, see the 'Rent Review' section in the 'Summary of Costs' document which includes an example of how rent could increase over a 5 year period. A worked example demonstrating how the rent is calculated at review is also set out in Appendix 2 of the lease.</p>
Maximum share you can own	You can buy up to 100% of your home.
Transfer of freehold	At 100% ownership, the freehold will transfer to you.
Landlord	Leeds Federated Housing The Tannery 91 Kirkstall Road Leeds LS3 1HS
Initial repair period	<p>Up to <u>£500</u> a year for the first <u>10</u> years to help with essential repairs. For more information, see section 6, 'Maintaining and living in the home', in the 'Key information about shared ownership' document.</p> <p>For more information, see section 6, 'Maintaining and living in the home', in the 'Key information about shared ownership' document.</p>
Landlord's nomination period	<p>When you give the landlord notice that you intend to sell your share in your home, the landlord has 4 weeks to find a buyer. The landlord may offer to buy back your share, but only in exceptional circumstances and if they have funds available. If they do not find a buyer within 4 weeks, you can sell your share yourself on the open market. For example, through an estate agent.</p> <p>The landlord may decide to waive their rights to the nomination period (either from the outset or during the existing nomination period).</p>

	For more information, see section 8.4, 'Landlords Nomination Period', in the 'Key information about shared ownership' document
Pets	You can keep pets at the home.
Subletting	<p>You cannot sublet (rent out) your entire home unless you either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• own a 100% share; or• have your landlord's permission which they will only give in exceptional circumstances (see section 1.6 in 'Key information about shared ownership' document) <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• have your mortgage lender's permission if you have a mortgage