FIRST HOME BUYERS AUSTRALIA CHECKLIST: Home Loan Comparison



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So many loans to compare, so many features to compare. This checklist will help guide you through your First Home Loan. Choosing a home loan for the first time can be challenging and it can be difficult to differentiate between the various home loans products. For those First Home Buyers who don't have any time to research their own products our mortgage broking partner eChoice can walk you through the home loan process and help you compare home loans you are eligible for. The checklists below will allow you to record the core features of up to 4 different home loan products.

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NAME OF LENDER:	1	2	3	4
Loan Offer				
Special Offer Expiry Date (if applicable)				
Term of the Loan (Years)				
Maximum LVR Requirement (without LMI) (%)				
Lenders Mortgage Insurance (if applicable)				
Interest rates				
Variable Interest Rate				
Best Available Fixed Rate				
Term of Best Available Fixed Rate				
Combined Variable/Fixed Rate (Split Loan)				
Home Loan Package Discount				
Honeymoon (Introductory Special rate)				
Comparison Rate (as advertised by the Lender)				
Fees & Charges				
Establishment Fees				
Account Keeping Fees (per annum)				
Redraw Fees				
Refinance Fees				
Package Fees (per annum)				
Early Repayment Fees				
Important Loan Features				
Offset Account				
Allow extra repayments				
Redraw extra repartments				
Repayment Frequency (Weekly, Fortnightly, Monthly, In advance)				
Loan Portability in the future				
Flexible Repayment options (Repayment Holiday)				
Progress Draw facility (if building a new house)				
Top up facility (Increasing loan in the future for renovations)				
Low Doc application option (if self employed)				
Customer Service				
Dealings with the Bank (Fantastic; Good; Average; Poor)				

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