



CMHC Improvement

Greater Financing Choice for New Construction and Home Improvements

CMHC Improvement enables mortgage professionals to offer greater financing choice to borrowers who are building new homes or who want to undertake small or large scale improvements when purchasing existing homes where the improvements will increase the value of the property.

Features

- Available for new home construction and purchase of an existing home with improvements.
- CMHC-insured advances during construction or improvement period with flexible advancing options to meet financing needs.
- Loan-to-Value (LTV) ratios for purchase transactions: up to 95% for 1–2 unit and 90% for 3–4 unit owner-occupied properties based on as-improved value.
- No additional fees or premiums for progress advances.
- CMHC offers mortgage loan insurance premium refunds for homeowners who purchase an energy-efficient home or purchase an existing home and make energy-savings renovations. See CMHC Green Home for more information.

Benefits of CMHC Improvement

Funds Advanced when Needed

Funds can be advanced during construction / improvements at different stages of work.

Competitive Interest Rates

Access to CMHC-insured financing, and as a result, competitive interest rates.

Availability

Products and services available coast-to-coast-to-coast.

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Product Highlights:

Loan Purpose	New construction, purchase with improvements (existing properties)
Loan-to-Value (LTV) Ratio	Purchase: up to 95% LTV for 1– 2 units and up to 90% LTV for 3– 4 units Based on as-improved value
Minimum Equity Requirement	5% down payment for the purchase price (or lending value) portion ≤ \$500,000. 10% down payment for the purchase price (or lending value) portion > \$500,000.
Maximum Purchase Price	Maximum purchase price or as-improved property value must be below \$1,000,000.
Advancing Options for New Construction (Progress Advances)	Full Service emili advancing: CMHC validation of advances for up to 4 advances at no cost. Basic Service emili advancing: Lender determines the stage of construction reached and reasonableness of advance amount without consultation or pre-approval from CMHC.
Advancing Options for Improvements to Existing Properties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Where the increase is greater than 10% of the as-improved value, the advancing options for new construction apply (progress advances). ■ Where the increase to the market value of the property is less than or equal to 10% of the as-improved market value, funds can be advanced by the lender without requiring CMHC authorization. ■ Advances are calculated in order that sufficient funds are retained to ensure that all work, including seasonal work, is completed.
As Improved Value	Lender’s assessment of the property’s value, once the improvements are completed. Down payment requirements are based on as-improved value. The as-improved value is used to determine maximum loan amount (maximum LTV varies by product and number of units). Examples of minimum documentation requirements may include list of improvements, cost estimates and plans, verification of completion of home improvements.
Borrower Types for New Construction or Large Scale Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Individual Borrower: The borrower owns the land prior to start of construction, and has a contract with a builder to construct the unit. ■ Self-built: The property is registered in the name of the borrower who does the work or contracts with one or more subcontractors to build or renovate the property. The borrower will ultimately occupy the property. ■ Homebuilder Pre-sold: The builder retains title during the course of construction. The Approved Lender advances directly to the builder during construction. The builder does not start construction until an agreement of Purchase and Sale for the land and unit has been finalized with the future homeowner (i.e. mortgage loan insurance applicant).
New Home Warranty Coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Builders and contractors are required to be registered with a CMHC recognized new home warranty provider and have enrolled the building in the same program, where new home warranty coverage is available. Owner-builders are exempt.

Applicable Premiums (Owner-occupied properties)	
Loan-to-Value Ratio	Premium on Total Loan Amount
Up to and including 65%	0.60%
Up to and including 75%	1.70%
Up to and including 80%	2.40%
Up to and including 85%	2.80%
Up to and including 90%	3.10%
Up to and including 95%	
Traditional Down Payment*	4.00%
Non-traditional Down Payment**	4.50%

Premiums in Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec are subject to provincial sales tax – the sales tax cannot be added to the loan amount.

* Traditional sources of down payment include: Applicant’s savings, RRSP withdrawal, funds borrowed against proven assets, sweat equity (< 50% of minimum required equity), land unencumbered, proceeds from sale of another property, non-repayable gift from immediate relative, equity grant (non-repayable grant from federal, provincial or municipal agency).

** Non-traditional sources of down payment include: Any source that is arm’s length to and not tied to the purchase or sale of the property such as borrowed funds, gifts and 100% sweat equity.