Measures to promote a stable and sustainable property market

Measures are applicable to all residential property transactions with Options-to-Purchase granted on or after 16 Dec 2021









1. Higher Additional Buyers' Stamp Duty (ABSD) rates

ABSD rates for first property purchase by Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents will remain <u>unchanged</u> at 0% and 5% respectively.

Type of buyers		Rates from 6 July 2018 to 15 Dec 2021	Rates on or after 16 Dec 2021
Singapore Citizens	Buying first residential property	0%	0% (No Change)
	Buying second residential property	12%	17% (Revised ↑)
	Buying third and subsequent residential property	15%	25% (Revised +)
Permanent Residents	Buying first residential property	5%	5% (No Change)
	Buying second residential property	15%	25% (Revised ↑)
	Buying third and subsequent residential property	15%	30% (Revised ↑)
Foreigners	Buying any residential property	20%	30% (Revised ↑)
Entities	Buying any residential property	25% ¹ (Plus additional 5% for Housing Developers ² (non-remittable) ³)	35%¹ (Revised ↑) (Plus additional 5% for Housing Developers² (non-remittable)³)



2. Tightened Total Debt Servicing Ratio (TDSR) threshold from 60% to 55%

New mortgages cannot cause borrowers' total monthly loan repayments to exceed 55% of monthly income.

TDSR threshold for refinancing existing property loans granted before 16 Dec 2021 remains at 60%.



3. Reduced Loan-to-Value (LTV) limit for HDB-granted loans from 90% to 85%

Reduces the maximum amount potential homebuyers can borrow from HDB.

LTV limit for loans obtained from financial institutions to purchase HDB flats remains unchanged at 75%.

The Government remains vigilant to the risk of a sustained increase in housing prices relative to income trends.

The measures undertaken in this cooling package seek to promote a stable and sustainable property market.

- ¹ As entities, Housing Developers will also be subject to the ABSD rate for entities. Housing Developers may apply for remission of this ABSD, subject to conditions.
- ² Housing Developers refer to entities in the business of housing development (i.e. construction and sale of housing units) with respect to the subject property acquired.
- ³ This 5% ABSD for Housing Developers is in addition to the ABSD for all entities. This 5% will not be remitted, and is to be paid upfront upon purchase of residential property.