

Laneway House Mortgage

Help your clients gain rental income or living space—and build community.

Diversify and grow your business with this unique lending product. By adding a secondary suite to their residential property, homeowners can increase their home's value, while enhancing their neighbourhood.

Types of secondary suites

A secondary suite is a self-contained dwelling with kitchen, bathroom, and sleeping facilities. It can be located within your client's home or on their property—such as above a laneway garage or in a coach house.



Product benefits

With this unique construction loan, your clients can:

- Add significant value to their property
- Provide additional income, while improving affordability of their own mortgage
- Provide additional office, guest, or living space for their family
- Increase access to housing in their community
- Use the space to downsize once children move out of main property, without having to relocate

Target market

- Homeowners with a free and clear property, or sufficient equity in their Equitable Bank mortgage
- Business-for-self or salaried borrowers with strong credit and high incomes

See reverse for credit parameters.



Laneway House Mortgage Credit Parameters¹

Product	Construction financing for laneway homes and garden suites, where permitted
Property eligibility	Only offered on properties that are free and clear, or where Equitable Bank holds (or will hold) a 1 st mortgage
Geographic eligibility	Greater Toronto Area, Greater Vancouver Area, Calgary
LTV	Lower of 75% of completed value or 80% of budget, subject to further adjustments
Pricing	Prime + 2%
Commitment fee	1.5%
Term	1 year open
Payments	Interest only
Credit score	680+
Occupancy	Owner-occupied, owner-occupied + rental, or rental/investment
Min. loan size	\$200,000
Draws	20/40/70/80/97% complete, supported by progress report from original appraiser, property inspection at Equitable Bank's discretion, satisfactory title search, and statutory declaration from the borrower regarding costs paid
Construction lien holdbacks	10% of every draw, released at minimum 45 days after 100% completion
Approved appraisers	 GTA: Cross-Town Appraisal GVA: Adlaw Appraisals Ltd. Calgary: Sage Appraisals
Construction documentation	 Budget that itemizes hard and soft costs Final drawings Building permits Survey of the property Builder contract Resume (if subject property is a self-build by the borrower)
Debt servicing	Standard. Not eligible for Extended Ratio Product.
Borrower equity	Proof of funds for 25% of budgeted construction costs by way of recent bank statements. Proof of additional liquid assets may be required at Equitable Bank's discretion.
Insurance	Builders all risk insurance naming Equitable Bank as the 1st mortgagee and standard mortgage clause with replacement cost endorsement of not less than \$2 million per occurrence.
Other fees	 \$250 for each advance \$175 for each property inspection, if required Standard mortgage servicing fees outlined in the Statement of Disclosure, including the Annual Account Maintenance Fee Standard fees for mortgage registration and discharge²

¹Terms, conditions, and interest rates are subject to change without notice. Additional pricing or mortgage lending requirements may apply.

² Upon completion of construction, a refinance by Equitable Bank of the secondary suite construction loan and any prior encumbrances will require a discharge of the existing mortgage charge(s) and registration of a new mortgage charge, with associated fees.

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