

There's so much to think about when buying your first home. Once you have established how much you can borrow and have secured conditional pre-approval, you can confidently view properties.

This handy checklist will help you focus on the features that you want most for your home. Good luck with your search.

Property details

Address

Advertised / indicative price

Property type (e.g. unit, townhouse, house)

Apartment is: On plan Off plan N/A

Auction date (if applicable)

Real estate agent's details

Location

Public transport

Buses Trains Ferries Light rail/tram Expected commute time

Education

Child care Primary school Secondary school Private school TAFE University Library

Medical facilities

Doctor Hospital Dentist Other

Amenities

Supermarket/s Shopping centre Restaurants & cafes Cinema Pool Gym

Other

Additional location details

Crime rate for the area Parking availability Yes No Are pets allowed? Yes No

Access to parks / green space nearby Yes No

Personal rating: Location rating out of 5

Property exterior

Parking

On street Off street Garage Carport Other

Car spaces: One Two Three+

Noise factors

Planes Trains Cars Neighbours Dogs Other

Outdoor areas

Balcony Backyard Entertainer's deck Enclosed garden Pool Gym Spa

Are outdoor areas safe for children? Yes No Are outdoor areas private? Yes No

Is it possible to extend the property? Yes No

Aspect

North South East West Does any part of the building overhang an adjoining property? Yes No

Likelihood of bushfires? Yes No Likelihood of floods? Yes No Area well lit? Yes No

Signs of damp? Yes No

Personal rating: Exterior rating out of 5

Strata (if applicable)

Are communal areas in good repair? Yes No What are the strata fees?

How many units?

Property interior

General points

Open plan Security Flyscreens Window locks Double glazing Storage Air conditioning

Sufficient power outlets TV points Gas outlets Phone points Fireplace Smoke detectors Natural light

When built?

Rates

Council rates estimate Water rates estimate

Personal rating: Interior rating out of 10

Kitchen

Dimensions	<input type="text"/>
Oven (gas/electric)	<input type="text"/>
Hob (gas/electric)	<input type="text"/>
Cupboards/storage	<input type="text"/>
Built-in appliances	<input type="text"/>
Dishwasher	<input type="text"/>
Water pressure	<input type="text"/>
Power outlets	<input type="text"/>
Flooring	<input type="text"/>
Other	<input type="text"/>

Bathroom/s

	1	2
Dimensions	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Shower	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Bath	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Toilet	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Vanity unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Extractor fan	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Tower rails	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Water pressure	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Flooring	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Sign of leaks	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Laundry

Dimensions	<input type="text"/>
Space for appliance/s	<input type="text"/>
Internal/detached	<input type="text"/>
Sink	<input type="text"/>
Storage	<input type="text"/>

Home office/study nook

Available?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Dimensions	<input type="text"/>
Storage	<input type="text"/>

Bedroom/s

	1	2	3	4
Dimensions	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Built in wardrobes	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Storage	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Air conditioning	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Ceiling fans	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Ensuite bathroom	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
TV points	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Phone points	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Power outlets	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Curtains or blinds	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Flooring	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Nursery	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Miscellaneous

Unapproved extensions or attachments Insulation Hot water system Renovation required Yes No

Utilities

Gas Electric Solar

Personal rating: Total property rating out of 20

Request another inspection of this property Yes No

Notes