

**Loan-to-value ratio (LTV) caps and debt servicing ratio (DSR) limits
for property mortgage loans with effect from 28 February 2024**

Table 1: LTV caps

Property value	Residential properties		Commercial and industrial properties and standalone car parking spaces
	Self-use ^{1,2}	Non-self-use or company held	
Applicants who have <u>not</u> borrowed or guaranteed other outstanding mortgage(s) at the time of making a mortgage application³			
DSR-based lending			
≤ HK\$30 million	70%	60%	70%
> HK\$30 million and ≤ HK\$35 million	60% – 70% (subject to a loan cap of HK\$21 million)		
> HK\$35 million	60%		
Net worth-based lending			
Regardless of value	60%		
Applicants who have borrowed or guaranteed other outstanding mortgage(s) at the time of making a mortgage application			
DSR-based lending or net worth-based lending			
The above applicable LTV caps will be lowered by 10 percentage points.			

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Table 2: DSR limits⁴

	Residential, commercial and industrial properties, and standalone car parking spaces	
	Self-use^{1, 2}	Non-self-use
Applicants who have <u>not</u> borrowed or guaranteed other outstanding mortgage(s) at the time of making a mortgage application³		
Base DSR limit	50%	40%
Applicants who have borrowed or guaranteed other outstanding mortgage(s) at the time of making a mortgage application		
Base DSR limit	40%	

Notes:

- 1 “Self-use” refers to occupancy by the owners or their immediate family members (which include parents, spouse, children, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren and parents-in-law), or by an individual majority shareholder or his/her immediate family members if the property is held by a shell company.
- 2 The HKMA’s countercyclical macroprudential measures are intended to apply to mortgage loans for the purpose of financing property transactions or the refinancing of existing properties. They are not intended to apply to credit facilities secured by properties for the purpose of financing the business operation of corporates, as these credit facilities are subject to a set of comprehensive credit underwriting standards and regular credit reviews by authorized institutions.
- 3 The limits are applicable to a borrower who has one property under mortgage and is making a mortgage application for either (i) refinancing or (ii) acquiring a new property before disposing the existing one. In the latter case, the applicant has to repay the outstanding mortgage loan for the existing property within 6 months upon the drawdown of the mortgage loan for the new property.
- 4 The stress test requirement with a stressed DSR limit assuming a 200-basis-point hike in interest rate is suspended with effect from 28 February 2024.