

RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE MARKET GUIDELINE



INTRODUCING THE NEW RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE MARKET GUIDELINE

EXISTING AND PROSPECTIVE HOME OWNERS

A home is one of the largest and most important investments you will undertake during your lifetime. Most individuals purchase a home by borrowing from a bank or other mortgage provider. It is important that you clearly understand the terms and conditions of the mortgage.

In an effort to improve the **disclosure** and **transparency** in the local residential mortgage market, the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, together with the commercial banks (BATT), have introduced the "**Residential Real Estate Mortgage Market Guideline**".

The Guideline contains two important features:

- 1) the requirement for your bank to provide you with a "**Disclosure Statement**"; and
- 2) the introduction of a "**Mortgage Market Reference Rate (MMRR)**" set by the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago.

The main aim of the **Guideline** is to help you become better informed on your mortgage. You need to ensure that your bank provides you with a "**Disclosure Statement**" which will contain the main elements of the mortgage contract in an easy to understand format.

The Mortgage Market Reference Rate (MMRR) will make you aware of changing conditions in the mortgage market. This will enable you to better determine when and why your mortgage rate is likely to change.

The Central's Banks "**OPENING THE DOOR TO YOUR OWN HOME: A guide to Home ownership**" booklet and the **RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE MARKET GUIDELINE** both make it easier for you to understand the major aspects of home ownership so you can work towards getting the home and mortgage rate that are right for you... **know your way home!**

YOU NEED TO KNOW - The Guideline takes effect

For NEW residential mortgages 1st December, 2011

For EXISTING residential mortgages 1st March, 2012

The Guideline applies only to commercial banks, their subsidiaries and affiliates.



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