

Understand Lenders Mortgage Insurance.

Buying a home



20% deposit

plus costs

Typically, lenders require a deposit of 20% of the purchase price

5% deposit

plus costs

But you can secure a home loan with as little as 5% deposit

To do this your lender may require LMI

What is LMI?

LMI protects your lender if you default on your loan and your lender is unable to recover the full loan amount you owe



What is the cost of LMI?

Use the **Helia LMI Fee Estimator** to calculate the fee payable

LMI typically costs between 1% – 2% of the loan but this can vary depending on:

- Deposit amount
- Type of loan
- Value of the property purchased

[Helia's LMI Fee Estimator](#)

Are refunds available?

Partial refunds may be available within the first two years

Or you may have received a greater discount on the LMI fee in lieu of a refund



How does LMI benefit you?

It enables you to:

- Buy a home now
- Save on paying rent
- Start growing equity in a home
- Access competitive interest rates

Who pays for LMI?

Your lender will pass on the cost to you as a fee

Payment options:

- Fee can be added to your loan amount and included in your loan repayments
- Pay it as an upfront lump sum cost
- Pay by the month
- Family can support and contribute to the cost



**Check with
your lender or
mortgage broker**

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