## A home of your own

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If you dream of having your own home, shared ownership could be

the answer



#### What is shared ownership?

Shared ownership is when you buy a percentage of a property and pay rent on the remainder.

That means a smaller mortage and a smaller deposit than buying a property outright.

It's an easier way to get onto the housing ladder when outright ownership is unaffordable.

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# How does it work?

The minimum share you can buy is 25%. You may be able to increase your share at a later date, which is known as 'stair-casing'.

If you decide to move, you just sell your share for its market value.

## Am I eligible for shared ownership?

To qualify you must:

- Have an annual household income of less than £90,000
- Be able to afford a deposit and total monthly costs
- Not be in mortgage or rent arrears
- Have a good credit score.

Other criteria may apply.

Making home ownership a reality!

#### Where can I see available properties?

Shared ownership properties available across the UK are advertised on www.sharetobuy.com

London properties can also be found at the 'Homes for Londoners property search' at **www.london.gov.uk** 

As well as searching and registering for properties, you'll find a lot of useful information about shared ownership and eligibility criteria.

# Contact us and find out more

Find 'Homes for Londoners property search' at **www. Iondon.gov.uk** to find out more.

You can also read more about shared ownership on the council's website at www.harrow.gov.uk/ homeownership

To speak to someone at the council about whether shared ownership may be right for you, call us on 07395 840491 or email lowcost.ownership @harrow.gov.uk

