

HOME BUYER'S GLOSSARY

Adjustable-rate Mortgage (ARM) - A mortgage for which the interest rate and the payments change during the life of the loan.

Agreement of Sale - The contract in which the seller agrees to sell and buyer agrees to buy, with conditions and terms spelled out and signed by both parties.

Amortization - A plan for gradually repaying, in periodic payments, money borrowed.

Balloon Mortgage - A mortgage that has a large amount of the principle due at the time of maturity.

Bridge Loan - A loan that finances a mortgage at the end of one loan and the start of a new one.

Closing Costs - Expenses and fees that are added to the price of the property, paid by the buyer and the seller at the closing. The Agreement of Sale states who pays which costs.

Commercial Bank - A financial institution authorized to provide a variety of financial services, including consumer and business loans (generally short-term), checking services, credit cards and savings accounts.

Condominium - The buyer owns title to a residential unit, shares common areas with other unit owners and pays maintenance fees to the condominium association for property upkeep.

Conventional Loan - A loan not guaranteed by the VA or insured by the FHA.

Co-op - In exchange for the right to occupy a co-op unit, the buyer owns shares in the co-op corporation (made up of co-op residents), rather than owning real property.

Debt-to-income Ratio - A percentage arrived at by dividing the borrower's fixed monthly obligations by the borrower's monthly income.

Due-on-sale Clause - A mortgage stipulation demanding payment of the entire loan balance upon sale or other transfer of the real estate securing the loan.

Equity - The ownership interest remaining in property after payment of all liens or other charges on the property.

Escrow - Funds left in trust with a third party, to be paid to a designated recipient at a designated time.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC or Freddie Mac) - A quasi-governmental secondary market agency that purchases whole mortgage loans. Freddie Mac sells interest in pools of mortgage loans to obtain funds for mortgage loan purchases.

Federal Housing Administration (FHA) - A government agency within the Department of Housing and Urban Development that administers many programs involving housing loans made from private funds, including mortgage insurance for lenders and rent or interest assistance for low-income tenants and mortgagors.

Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA or Fannie Mae) - A privately owned and managed corporation that purchases mortgage loans originated by other lenders. Fannie Mae issues stocks and securities to obtain funds for its purchases.

Fixed-Rate Mortgage - A loan that has one set interest rate. **Installment Debts** - A buyer's long-term debts; they usually extend for periods longer than nine months.

Intermediate-term Loan - A home loan of less than 30 years.

Life-of-loan Cap - A consumer protection on some adjustable loans. It limits the total upward adjustment that may occur during the life of the loan. Also known as an overall cap.

Loan-to-value Ratio - The relationship between the amount of a home loan and the total value of the property. Lenders may limit their maximum loan to 80-95 percent of value.

Lock-in Rate - A rate commitment made by lenders when making a mortgage loan to commit to or "lock in" that rate pending loan approval. Lock-in commitment periods vary.

Market Value - The highest price the buyer is willing to pay for a property and the lowest price the seller will accept.

Mortgage - A lien or claim on property given by a buyer to a lender as security for money borrowed.

Mortgage Broker - An individual or company that obtains mortgages for others by finding lending institutions, insurance companies, or private lenders to lend money.

Payment Cap - Limits the amount that a monthly payment on an ARM loan can increase at the time of adjustment.

Points - One percent of the amount of the mortgage loan.

Prepayment - Payment of a mortgage loan, or portion of the loan, before the due date.

Prime Rate - The interest rate that banks charge to their preferred customers. Changes in prime rate are used as indexes in some adjustable rate mortgages, especially home equity lines of credit.

Principal - The basic loan amount, separate from interest, insurance, and taxes.

Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI) - The insurance coverage offered by a private company that protects a lender against loss on a default mortgage loan. Its use is usually limited to loans with high loan-to-value ratios. The borrower pays the premiums.

Title - Proof of ownership.

Title Search - A check of title records to assure that the buyer is purchasing property with no liens, encumbrances, or other claims which might adversely affect the title's value or marketability.

Veterans Administration (VA) - A government agency that helps veterans of the armed forces obtain housing.

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New upgrades & remodeled 3 BR, 1.5 BA home. New propane forced air furnace, new appliances, newly re-surfaced wood floors & paint. Extra lot makes for a great large fenced yard.
#16257817 \$195,000



Excellent 606 AC of non-irrigated crop land in a beautiful setting. There is 435 tillable AC w/ seasonal creeks. Plenty of timbered areas for excellent deer, elk & grouse hunting.
#16330570 \$599,000



Must See! 3 BR, 1 BA home with attention to details. This home has many custom features throughout & lots of storage space. Additional room added to north side with laundry room.
#16375643 \$189,000



Buildable 20 AC w/ elevated Wallowa Mountain & valley views. Power is to the property & there is a community well. Level areas for building your home. Paved road for year around access.
#16379221 \$149,000



Move-in ready remote 4 BR, 2 BA home on 8+ AC in Troy, OR. Home is 3-levels of living space with 2-car garage with work shop, patio & outbuildings. Surrounded by wildlife.
#165031123 \$299,000



Buildable 5 AC view parcel. Irrigation water rights. Tillable land currently raising hay. Parcel is located not far from downtown Joseph. Nice level ground to build. Possible Owner Terms!
#15523076 \$160,000



Grazing & deer, elk hunting property on 1,040 AC w/ lower elevation for early season grazing. Located in rural Joseph w/ good access from Coyote Creek RD & Dead Horse Ridge RD.
#14312582 \$520,000



Remodeled & upgraded 3 BR, 2 BA on 9+ irrigated AC. New kitchen. Sunroom w/ great views, barn, shop, corrals & other outbuildings. Irrigation wheel lines & fenced & cross fenced.
#16190735 \$449,000



Buildable 125 AC parcel w/ big panoramic views, great pasture land w/ some tillable farm ground recently in CRP. Several great spots ideal for a home site w/ paved country road access.
#13127730 \$249,000



Beautiful 5 AC on the edge of Lostine. City water, power & phone are located on the lot boundary. Under-ground irrigation to the lot. Irrigation rights for at least 4 AC. Buildable w/ Views!
#13322452 \$140,000



Ranch style 3 BR, 2 BA w/ many upgrades located in Elgin. Oversized garage, gas forced air heat & air conditioning. New kitchen counters & stainless steel range. Spacious floor plan.
#16123769 \$169,900



Wallowa Mountain views on 1,036 AC of dryland farm & grazing land. 110 AC in CRP & 377 AC currently being farmed. Balance is grazing land. Located just minutes from Enterprise.
#15020022 \$799,000