

#### FIRST HOME BUYER:

# FIRST HOME OWNER GRANT

The **First Home Owner Grant** is the Australian Government's helping hand, making it easier for first home owners to realise their home ownership dreams. Here's a handy overview to help you find out if you qualify for the grant and other practical information.

#### What is the First Home Owner Grant?

- The Australian Government offers the First Home
  Owners Grant (often referred to as FHOG), as a one-off
  financial grant, to eligible home buyers who are buying or
  building their first home.
- The FHOG is aimed at helping eligible first time buyers by providing them a lump-sum payment to offset purchase costs including transfer duty (stamp duty) and legal fees.
- The grant is tax-free and is not means tested.
- Each state sets a property value limit for grant eligibility. Check with your own state government's requirements regarding property value limits.
- In some states there are additional incentives for first home owners who are building a new home, so it pays to do some research to find out if you are eligible for other types of financial assistance.





#### How much is the grant?

- The amount of the FHOG varies depending on the state Please check the Australian Federal Government or territory in which you live.
  - website www.firsthome.gov.au for more information.

## Stamp/transfer duty

- As a first home owner you may be eligible for exemptions Want to know more? Visit the Australian Federal or concessions on the transfer duty (stamp duty) for your new home.
- These concessions and exemptions are dependent on the value of your home or property if you build on vacant land.
- Government website to find out about the savings you may be eligible for.

#### How do you qualify for the FHOG?

- At least one applicant must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- Neither applicant has previously received the FHOG.
- Each applicant must be over 18 years of age.
- Each state has specific qualifications for the FHOG including applicants' prior property ownerships, your
- home's value and home occupation requirements. Check with your state's Office of State Revenue for more information.
- The property you're buying also has to meet certain criteria set by your state government. These criteria vary from state to state, so verify your property's eligibility before applying.

## How we can help!

- Metricon has helped thousands of families and young people move into their first home and we're here to help you too.
- Talk to one of our sales consultants about your plans and we can assist you on your home ownership journey!

