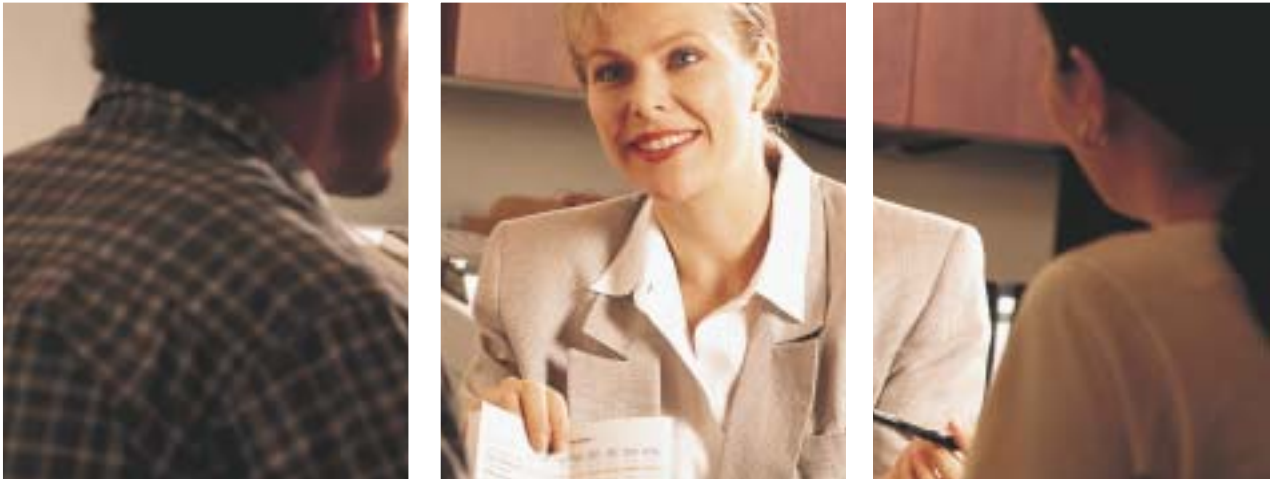


# need answers?



## Choosing a home loan that is right for you often leads to more questions than answers.

Here are some frequently asked home loan questions.

### What does a mortgage consist of?

A mortgage is a loan for the purpose of buying a home. The four basic components are principal, interest, taxes and insurance (PITI).

### What is a home equity loan?

Often referred to as a second mortgage, a home equity loan allows you to borrow against the equity accumulated in your home.

### What are closing costs?

Closing costs involve a variety of expenses in addition to the purchase price, including such items as points, credit report fees, and title insurance.

### What are points?

A point is equal to one percent of your mortgage loan. You may consider "buying down" your interest rate by paying discount points up front.

### What is an Escrow Account?

An account held by the lender into which the home buyer pays money for tax or insurance payments. Also earnest deposits held pending loan closing.

### Loan-to-Value Ratio

The relationship between the amount of the mortgage loan and the appraised value of the property expressed as a percentage.

Let us help you get all the answers you need.  
Give our experienced loan specialists a call.