ANNUAL REVIEW OF RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LENDING REQUIREMENTS

28 November 2017
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## Details of LTV and LTI Regulations

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<th>For primary dwelling homes:</th>
<th>FTBs: 90%</th>
<th>5% of new lending to FTBs allowed above 90%</th>
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<td>Non-FTBs: 80%</td>
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<td>20% of non-FTB new lending allowed above 80%</td>
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<td>For buy-to-let borrowers (BTLs):</td>
<td>70% LTV limit</td>
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<td>10% of new lending allowed above the BTL limit</td>
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<td>LTI Limit</td>
<td>For primary dwelling homes:</td>
<td>3.5 times income</td>
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<td>20% of new PDH lending above the LTI limit is allowed</td>
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<td>Exemptions</td>
<td>From LTV limit:</td>
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<td>From both limits:</td>
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<td>Borrowers in negative equity</td>
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<td>Restructuring of mortgages in arrears</td>
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Distribution of LTI allowances in the market closely matches the new calibration

Distribution of FTB LTI Ratio 2006 – H1 2017  
Distribution of SSB LTI Ratio 2006 – H1 2017

Source: Central Bank of Ireland Loan Level Data and Monitoring Templates Data

Note: Percentages are based on the value of lending in each group. LTI distributions are based on a 4-bank view from 2006-2014.
Increase in new mortgages still reflecting post-crisis adjustment, with overall change in mortgage credit remaining subdued.

Annual rate of change in outstanding mortgages (PDH, BTL, Total)

Volume of mortgage approvals and drawdowns

Source: Central Bank of Ireland.

Source: BPFI and Central Bank of Ireland calculations
Notes: Data refer to mortgage drawdowns for housing transactions only, i.e., mortgages to FTBs, mover purchasers and BTL / RILs.
Recent increases in house prices and in house price expectations

**CSO RPPI and annual change: National**

index = 100, Apr 2007  
per cent, year-on-year change

![Graph showing CSO RPPI and annual change: National](image)

Source: CSO.  
Notes: Latest observation August 2017.

**CBI/SCSI property survey house price expectations**

per cent

![Graph showing CBI/SCSI property survey house price expectations](image)

Source: Central Bank of Ireland / SCSI Property Survey.  
Notes: Chart provides details of survey results from the past 13 quarters (2014Q3 to 2017Q3). Number of observations vary from survey to survey.
With low supply relative to favourable current and expected macroeconomic conditions being the main driver.

Residential construction activity: (rolling annual total)

Stock listed for sale or rent on Daft.ie

Source: Department of housing, planning and local government, CSO and Goodbody Stockbrokers.

Notes: The adoption of new building codes from March 2014 resulted in a significant front-loading of commencements in the first quarter of 2014, the impact of which remained in the statistics until 2015Q1. This period is represented by the jagged red line.

Source: Daft.ie

The role of non-household buyers and non-mortgage financed transactions in the overall housing market remains significant.

Share of non-mortgage financed buyers per market segment

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<th>Per cent of transactions</th>
<th>2015</th>
<th>2016</th>
<th>2017H1</th>
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<td>% cash buyers (household market transactions only)</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>42</td>
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<td>% cash buyers (all household transactions)</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>38</td>
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<td>% cash buyers (all transactions - adj. for self builds)</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>35</td>
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Developments in average prices for total and mortgage-financed residential property transactions.

- Change in average mortgage-financed price
- Change in average price - all transactions

Source: CSO RPPI (Average Total Price) and Central Bank of Ireland Monitoring Templates Data (Mortgage-Financed Price).

Note: Average (all transactions) price is not based on a hedonic price index. Mortgage financed price series is based on Average collateral value for in-scope PDH loans on new property purchases during each time period, where no outliers have been removed. Data excludes self-builds.
Property price levels in-line with economic fundamentals, but careful monitoring required given expected and potential paths of supply and demand factors.
# Overview of H1 2017 lending by banks reporting Monitoring Templates

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<th>Total Value</th>
<th>No. Loans</th>
<th>H1 2017</th>
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<td><strong>Total Lending</strong></td>
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<td>14,997</td>
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<td>In-Scope Lending*</td>
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<td>13,940</td>
<td>93</td>
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<td><strong>PDH Lending</strong></td>
<td>2,736</td>
<td>13,237</td>
<td>97</td>
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<td>FTB Lending</td>
<td>1,443</td>
<td>7,210</td>
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<td>of which FTB over LTV Cap</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>0.4</td>
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<td>SSB Lending</td>
<td>1,293</td>
<td>6,027</td>
<td>47</td>
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<td>of which SSB over LTV Cap</td>
<td>255</td>
<td>884</td>
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<td>of which FTB over LTI Cap</td>
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<td>1,336</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>16</td>
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<td>SSB Lending ***</td>
<td>1,327</td>
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<td><strong>BTL Lending</strong></td>
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<td>BTL over LTV Cap</td>
<td>90</td>
<td>703</td>
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<td><strong>Exempt from Regulations</strong></td>
<td>227</td>
<td>1,057</td>
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Source: Central Bank Monitoring Templates Data. * This figure excludes negative equity loans which are in-scope for LTI purposes only.

** Total PDH loans (FTB + SSB) over the LTI allowance were 18 per cent in H1 2017.

*** Includes negative equity loans in-scope for LTI allowances.
Marginal shift upwards in FTB LTV and LTI distribution, with clustering at the limits remaining common to post-implementation period.

**FTB – LTV H1 2016 vs H1 2017**
Percentage of loans

**FTB – LTI H1 2016 vs H1 2017**
Percentage of loans

Similar upward shift in LTV and LTI distribution for SSBs

SSB – LTV H1 2016 vs H1 2017
Percentage of loans

SSB – LTI H1 2016 vs H1 2017
Percentage of loans

Source: Monitoring template data. Excluding observations at 1st & 99th percentiles. In-scope new property purchases & self-builds only
H1 2017 FTB LTV and LTI patterns in-line with what would be expected given market developments

Source: Box E1 of 2017 Review. H1 2017 evolved distribution based on applying regional growth rates of income over H1 2016 to H1 2017 to H1 2016 Monitoring Template (MT) data on incomes and deposits, and similar regional house price growth over the period to H1 2016 MT data.
Technical amendment – collateral valuation

- Clarifies the value of the collateral in the case of all mortgages issued for construction purposes.
- At the time of entering a loan agreement, when calculating the value of the collateral lenders will be required to take the lower of:
  - The estimated market value of the property after completion of all works, or
  - The sum of the site cost plus the cost of works, as estimated at the time of entering into the loan agreement.
- By taking the lowest available valuation estimate, a more prudent perspective on borrower LTV is achieved.
- We are satisfied that this reflects the dominant practice in the market at the moment, with the amendment being made to ensure that the prudent practice is continued into the future.
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APPENDIX
Very little change in average LTV ratios, and compression at upper end relative to before the measures has remained.

**FTB LTV**
Per cent

**SSB LTV**
per cent

Source: Authors calculation combining Central Bank of Ireland Loan-Level-Data and Monitoring Template Data
A similar pattern evident for average LTI ratios

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