



Be well accompanied to **buy** better...









# Your **buyer's** guide

We are very pleased to present our Buyer's Guide. It will allow you to understand the stages of this process and the importance of being well supported in the most important project of your life. Our role is to support you and respond to your needs and questions throughout the process.

Located on the West Island, RE/MAX Royal Jordan has been well known in the area for over 30 years. Our team counts over 270 experienced brokers whose reputation is well established. RE/MAX ROYAL JORDAN IS RES-PONSIBLE FOR MORE THAN 60% OF TRANSACTIONS IN ITS TERRITORY.

Winner of the #1 agency for the number and volume of transactions in 2021-2022 in the category "Multi-territory organization" within the RE/MAX network.





# **Steps**during the purchase

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## Choose your broker

- 1 Are they available?
- 2 How are their services different from other brokers?
- 3 Are they specialized in the type of property you are looking for?
- 4 Do they have a valid OACIQ license?
- 5 Do they have disciplinary mentions on file?
- Do they have good knowledge of the area or sector where you wish to purchase?
- 7 What costs are you to expect?





## **Desjardins**









## Mortgage-Pre-approval

At this stage, you can contact a mortgage broker who will inform and guide you with the different options available to you. For example: getting a mortgage pre-approval.

Although optional, pre-approval offers several advantages:

- Allows you to know the maximum value of the property that you can consider based on your borrowing capacity and your down payment;
- Guarantees you a mortgage rate;
- Demonstrates your seriousness as a potential buyer.

Depending on your situation, we refer you to the banking institution or mortgage brokers adapted to your needs.





## Establish needs

Here is an overview of the questions to ask yourself in order to properly identify your needs. This exercise will allow you to find a property that meets your priorities:

	perty are you looking for? roperty, condominium, new, used)
	ent do you prefer? ecent district, older district)
	rvices are a priority for you?  t, hospital, fire or police department, shopping center, close to work, etc.)
	iorities inside the home? (number of rooms / bedrooms / ing (electricity, gas, oil, dual energy), storage, brightness)
	o do some renovations? ms, exterior cladding)
	portant aspects for the exterior?  ard, swimming pool)
	operate an office or business? ychologist, hairdresser, etc.)
Do you intend to	house your parents? (Intergenerational property)







#### **GOOD TO KNOW**

Be sympathetic and respectul with the sellers. You never know, in a multiple offer situation this could benefit you...

# **Visits**What to do? What to say?

- Wait for the broker outside before entering.
- It is strongly recommended to have your children looked after during the visit. They will be welcome at a second visit if the property interests you. This will allow you to be 100% attentive and available.
- Please respect the visit schedule out of courtesy for the owners.
- You will receive a description sheet for each property we visit.
- At the time of the visit, if you feel that the property does not meet your expectations at all, you can signal me and we will politely shorten the visit.
- · Be comfortable opening doors and cabinets;
- Do not take photos during your visit without the seller's authorization;.
- No property is perfect. The building inspector will give you their opinion on the current state of the property.
- · Wear shoes that are easy to put on and take off.





# Analyze The seller's declaration

# What is this form? Why is it so important?

Selling a property involves different steps and obligations. One of these obligations for the seller consists of completing the mandatory form "Declarations by the Seller" with his broker. Created by the OACIQ to protect the parties concerned, this mandatory form allows the buyer to obtain details of the condition of the property, and the seller to protect themself from possible appeals.

 $Source: https://www.oaciq.com/fr/articles/le-cv-de-la-propriete?gclid=CjOKCQjwmdzzBRC7ARIsANdqRRmhQb8838P1jsuEnrDJ2Q2rOHYf1lPfTnxJNK8WVADLFNBmXphrvx4aAmPREALw_wcB$ 

# **Comparative** market analysis

#### What is this?

The broker who accompanies you in the buying process has a wealth of information to properly establish the value of a property. This knowledge comes from their experience and access to the sold properties sold in the coveted sector in recent months. The impact of certain renovations on the value of the property as well as the precise portrait of current market conditions are essential factors to analyze before submitting a promise to purchase. It goes without saying that everything is done to protect your interests and your financial future.



Me and my team will work

WITH YOU AND FOR YOU.



# **Promise** to purchase process

A promise to purchase is a contractual document that confirms the intention of the parties: that of buying the property and that of selling when it is signed by the seller. This promise commits the parties to conclude the transaction when all the conditions have been met. An Act of sale must be signed in order to make the transfer of ownership official.

# To the financial institution for final approval

Once your broker or lender has all the necessary information, they will send the request to the financial institution which will be your mortgage provider. They will then study your file to determine if your request meets their requirements. If the lender is satisfied that your finances and the property meet their criteria, they will approve your mortgage.

Source: https://www.ratehub.ca/processus-approbation-pret-hypothecaire)





## Inspection

It is highly recommended to have the property under consideration inspected.

The inspectors or professionals (e.g. architect, building technologist or structural engineer) should meet the following requirements:

- have professional liability insurance covering fault, errors and omission:
- use a recognized inspection service agreement;
- perform inspections according to recognized building inspection standards;
- submit a written report to the party that requested the inspection services.

The inspector you choose will evaluate everything that is visible: structure, roof, plumbing, electrical, etc. When you receive the inspection report, review it carefully and ask the inspector any questions you may have.

Sale without legal warranty of quality: An inspection is all the more necessary. It will complement the information contained in the Declarations by the seller of the immovable by going deeper. It will also show that you acted prudently.

Source : OACIQ buyer's guide





## **Notary**

The notary is responsible for drafting the Deed of sale in accordance with the terms agreed to in the Promise to purchase, while respecting the deadlines. They will contact you a few days before signing the Deed of sale to set up an appointment.

#### You will need:

- 2 pieces of identity;
- check book (for adjustments);
- proof of home insurance.

We will be pleased to be present at this very important meeting!





# The move

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Get quotes from moving com		
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PREPARATION AND STEPS		
Also notify your change of address:  Canada Post online orders relatives and friends	Notify insurance companies □ home □ auto/vehicles □ life/health/medical	Health professionnals  ☐ doctors ☐ dentist ☐ optometrist ☐ pharmacy
Set and close the following accounts:  water electricity celephone company cable/Internet supplier gas/oil retailer alarm system company  Cancel home deliveries newspapers subscriptions	Notify the School Board  report cards/ school records bus schedules and routes  Legal documents lawyer notary revise and/or adjust your will if necessary	Financial institutions  credit cards bank/caisse others  Membership cards clubs and associations library
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# Indirect costs calculation

When planning your down payment, don't forget to take into account the expenses and indirect costs that you will have to pay, such as:

Brokerage fees	
Building inspection and other experts	
Legal fees and notary fees	
GST/QST (new house) if applicable	
Transfer tax and Welcome tax	
Tax adjustments and allocations	
Water quality and quantity certification (artesian well) if applicable	
Taxes on Mortgage insurance	
Moving costs	
Renovations and maintenance	
Furniture, appliances, carpet, paint, etc.	
Connection to public services (new house)	
Other (Bell, Videotron, etc.)	
Total	









GENERAL TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

# Monthly budget calculator

INSURANCE	HOBBIES
Home	Cinema
Health	Concerts
Life	Sporting events
	Music
CHILDREN	Live theater
Extra-curricular activities	Vidéo/DVD (purchases)
School supplies	
Tuition fees	
Medical costs	LOANS
	Credit card I
SAVINGS	Credit card 2
Retirement account	- Ctudonto
Investment account	Personal
INCOME TAX	MEALS
Federal	— Groceries
Provincial	Restaurant
Local taxes	
	PERSONAL CARE
HOUSING	Sports club
Cable/satellite	Hairdresser/manicure
Recycle bin and waste disposal	Medical fees
Mortgage or rent	
Water and sanitation	
Electricity	
Maintenance	
Gas	
Internet	Registrations
Cleaning service	Bus/taxi
Goods	Fuel
Phone (cellular)	Maintenance
Home phone	
Natural gas/fuel oil	Vehicle payment





# Why choose a RE/MAX broker?

#### For our protection programs...

Without a doubt, buying or selling a property is one of the most important transaction in people's lives today. Your RE/MAX real estate broker is very aware of this, and they work in your best interest to make sure your dream comes true.

The Tranquilli-T program is your peace of mind guaranteed. The 3 components of the program:



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# Other program **protection**

The Integri-T program is a guarantee offered to buyers who want peace of mind in the event of latent defects when buying a new property. This unique and exclusive guarantee from RE/MAX provides you with financial protection in the event of a claim. If latent defects are discovered, the Conciliation Services manages claims and allows the parties to avoid recourse to the courts, which will save you expenses, expert fees and time.

With Intégri-T, you benefit from considerable advantages!



#### **INSPECTION**

An inspector performs a pre-purchase inspection to qualify the building.



#### CONCILIATION

A fast and free conciliation service is offered to you in the event of a complaint for latent defects.



#### **GUARANTEE**

The building is guaranteed against latent defects for 3 years, for up to \$40,000.



#### **SECURITY**

The warranty is issued by a reputable organization and gives the buyer peace of mind in the event of latent defects.

For more information: https://www.remax-quebec.com/en/integri-t/index.rmx



### **GOOD TO KNOW**

The seller is responsible for the hidden defect even if he was unaware of it's existence at the time of the sale.



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## Fiscal programs

## What if mortgage interest on your new personal residence was deductible from your income?

In fact, self-employed workers who are not incorporated are eligible for such an advantage. Following a recent decision by the Supreme Court of Canada, combined with a new administrative position taken by Revenue Canada, these workers may now use the so called "cash damming" technique and therefore convert non-deductible mortgage interest on their personal residence into deductible interest.

### **Astounding figures**

By referring to the table below, we observe that an individual who has chosen to amortize their residential mortgage of \$ 150,000 (at an average rate of 6%) over a period of 20 years, will be able to, over the years, deduct from his income the imposing sum of \$ 106,388.

	Amortization period			
Mortgage	10 years	15 years	20 years	25 years
\$100,000	32 781	51 179	70 925	91 942
\$150,000	49 172	76 768	106 388	137 913
\$200,000	65 562	102 358	141 850	183 884
\$250,000	81 953	127 947	177 313	229 855

By using a 45% tax rate, the taxpayer will eventually be richer by \$47,875 after taxes. In addition, the cost of using this strategy ranges from very low to zero! So...

## 40 km program

Federal and provincial tax regulations say that when an individual moves their place of residence within Canada due to a new workplace or because they will open a business in a new location, they can deduct eligible moving expenses, including the real estate broker's retribution, as long as the new residence (house, rented apartment, condo, etc.) is at least 40 kilometers from the new workplace (whether it's full-time or part-time work).

\*Certain conditions apply. For more information: https://www.remax-quebec.com/en/conseils/programme40km.rmx

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## Other programs

#### **HBP**

You can become a homeowner while accumulating funds for your retirement by opting for a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP).

### Is a HBP suitable for my situation?

It is suitable for most homes. With the HBP, your dream of becoming a homeowner comes to life while saving thousands of dollars in tax refunds. For working spouses, repayments could be between \$ 20,000 and \$ 30,000, more than enough to buy your first home. The HBP allows each taxpayer to withdraw up to \$ 35,000 tax-free from their Registered Retirement Savings Plan for the purpose of acquiring property.



#### **Key Program**

You have just listed your property with your RE/MAX broker?

You now have the privilege of being a member of the RE/MAX KEY Program! This program will allow you to save on an impressive selection of products thanks to our carefully selected partners..

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