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# **Introducing Mortgage Choice Freedom**

Mortgage Choice Freedom home loans will put you in control - helping you pay off your home loan faster and rewarding you for your loyalty. Apply directly for a Mortgage Choice Freedom loan on Australia's Home of Homes - realestate.com.au.

Depending on your needs, you can choose from:

- A basic low variable rate loan
- A variable rate loan with features like multi-offset and the ability to split your loan
- A fixed-rate loan.



# Mortgage Choice Freedom home loan features



#### **Automatic Rate Match**

You'll never pay a higher rate than a new customer on a like-forlike variable loan.<sup>1</sup>



#### No Fees

There are no lender fees of any description on our Mortgage Choice Freedom Saver or Freedom Flex home



#### **Drop Your Rate**

As you pay off your loan and drop to the next LVR tier on an applicable variable loan, your interest rate tier will also drop.

## <sup>1</sup>A like-for-like variable loan means that the product as advertised to new customers is the same as the product available to an existing customer. For full details on Automatic Rate Match, please see our Terms & Conditions. Only available on Mortgage Choice Freedom Saver or Mortgage Choice Freedom Flex home loans.

#### **Automatic Rate Match**

Are you one of the 98% of Australian borrowers who feel they should be rewarded for their loyalty? If so, you'll love Mortgage Choice Freedom.

82% of Australian home loan customers surveyed say they're loyal to their lender, yet 86% feel they are being penalised for their loyalty when a lender gives a better rate to new customers.<sup>4</sup>

On average, Australians with existing home loans pay 0.29% more than customers with new loans. Keeping these new customer rates for the life of the loan can mean significant savings of up to \$1,428 per year, or up to \$35,713 across the life of your loan.<sup>5</sup>



Our loans carry our Automatic Rate Match guarantee that we'll keep your rate the same as new customers on a like-for-like variable loan. So if they get a lower rate, you will too.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Depending on your situation, you may be charged government fees or fees from third parties.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Drop Your Rate is only available on Mortgage Choice Freedom Saver or Mortgage Choice Freedom Flex home loans.

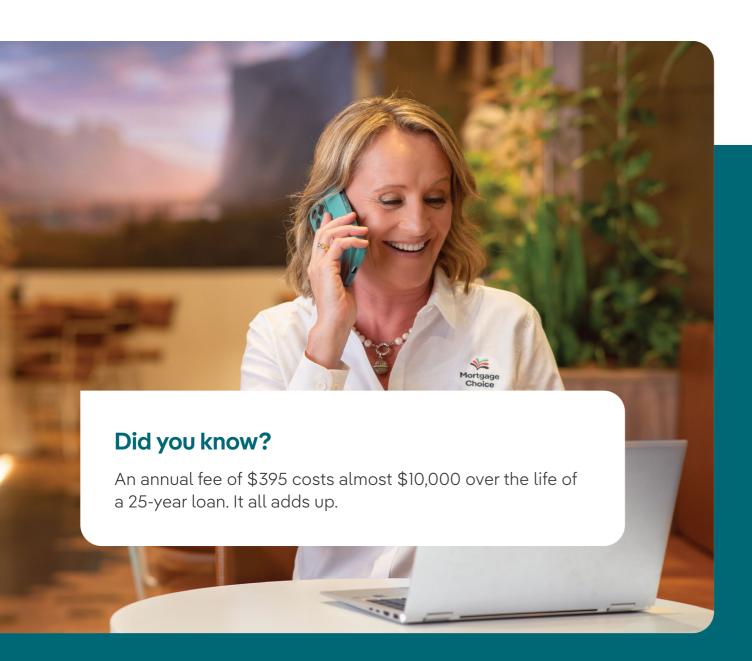
<sup>4 2022</sup> research conducted by Athena and CoreData.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Uses RBA data from March 2025 for the average interest rate difference between new and existing loans since September 2019. Calculated based on savings on a \$600,000 loan across a 25-year period. Your situation may be different.

#### **No Fees**

Mortgage Choice Freedom Saver & Freedom Flex home loans are free of lender fees. No application fees, no ongoing fees and no discharge fees.

Compare this to your standard home loan where, on average, borrowers pay \$263 a year in fees. Over a 25-year loan, this can add up to nearly \$6,575 in fees.<sup>7</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Depending on your situation, you may be charged government fees or fees from third parties. Only applicable on Mortgage Choice Freedom Saver and Mortgage Choice Freedom Flex.

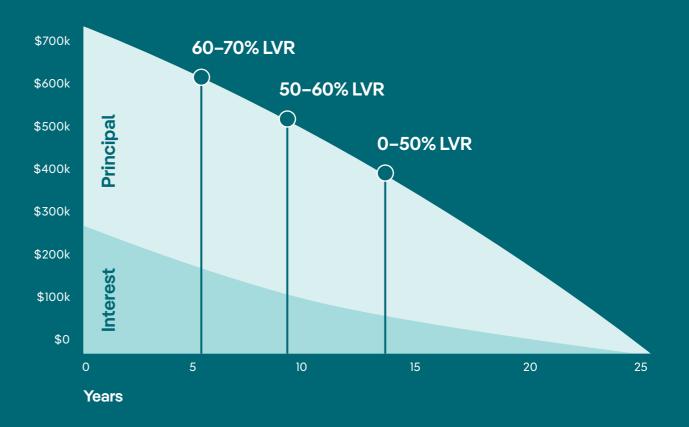
### **Drop Your Rate**

Mortgage Choice Freedom Saver & Freedom Flex variable loans allow you to drop your own interest rate.

How does it work? As you pay off your loan principal, your loan-to-value ratio (LVR) reduces. Each time you drop to the next eligible LVR tier on an applicable variable loan, we'll reward you for paying down your loan by automatically dropping your rate.

Across the life of a 25-year loan, a customer who starts with a 75% LVR and a \$600,000 mortgage could save up to \$8,240 from the Drop Your Rate LVR feature.<sup>8</sup>

The scenario below shows a customer who purchased a \$500,000 property with an initial loan of \$400,000. As the customer pays down the loan, they receive a reduced rate without making any extra repayments.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Rates and LVR tiers as at June 2024

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Calculated using the RBA 2025 Bank Fees Report, which found that Australians paid \$856 million in 2024 on home loans (RBA January 2025), divided by the number of households with a mortgage (ABS Housing: Census 2021). Your situation may be different.

# What Mortgage Choice Freedom could save you

The lowest rate isn't always the best choice. Low introductory rates and cashback offers can cost you more in the long run. Mortgage Choice Freedom Saver & Freedom Flex start with a competitive rate that stays great.

**Example:** Both Frank and Ollie have the same loan amount (\$600,000), loan structure (P&I loan over 25 years), and the same financial situation. Yet Frank could save \$23,523 over the life of his loan by selecting Mortgage Choice Freedom instead of a loan from another lender.

To help explain the benefits of Mortgage Choice Freedom over the life of a loan, we have created the Fair Value Comparison Rate (see table opposite). This shows the true cost of a loan from other lenders – including the interest rate 'penalty' existing customers pay vs new customers<sup>9</sup>, and average lender fees (based on RBA<sup>10</sup> and ABS<sup>11</sup> data).



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Based on RBA Lenders' Interest Rates (https://www.rba.gov.au/statistics/interest-rates/) using the average interest rate difference between new and existing loans since September 2019.

	Frank Mortgage Choice Freedom	Ollie Other bank loan		
Loan term	25 years	25 years		
Loan amount	\$600,000	\$600,000		
Repayment type	P&I	P&I		
Interest rate	6.04% p.a.	5.89% p.a.		
Fees	\$0	\$1,315		
Drop Your Rate LVR discounts	\$370 saving	None		
Existing customer interest rate 'penalty'	\$0	\$3,292 (0.29% over 5 years)		
		Ollie paid \$172,877		
In 5 years	Frank paid \$172,360	Ollie paid \$172,877		
In 5 years Amount saved	Frank paid \$172,360 \$517	Ollie paid \$172,877		
		<b>Ollie paid \$172,877</b> 6.18% p.a.		
Amount saved	\$517			
Amount saved Interest rate	<b>\$517</b> 5.99% p.a.	6.18% p.a.		
Amount saved Interest rate Fees Drop Your Rate	<b>\$517</b> 5.99% p.a. \$0	6.18% p.a. \$6,575		
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The Fair Value Comparison Rate is calculated on a \$600,000 loan with a 75% LVR, a 25-year term and P&I repayments on a Mortgage Choice Freedom Saver Owner Occupier loan. The Fair Value Comparison Rate calculation includes an existing customer interest rate 'penalty' rate increase applied at the start of each year for 5 years, with each yearly increase is equal to the penalty divided by 5 and annual fees for Ollie's loan and the Mortgage Choice Freedom 'Drop Your Rate' feature for Frank. Fees savings and future interest rate assumptions are based on past industry behaviour of all lenders and may not reflect future performance of all lenders. Therefore the savings are intended to provide an estimate of potential savings and are not guaranteed. Actual savings may vary. The product features are accurate as at 8 May 2025 and does not consider any changes to the product features in the future.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> RBA Bank Fees in Australia 2025 (https://www.rba.gov.au/publications/bulletin/2025/jan/bank-fees-in-australia.html).

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mbox{\tiny II}}\mbox{ABS}$  Census 2021 (https://www.abs.gov.au/census).

# Mortgage Choice Freedom home loans

Whatever your requirements and objectives, Mortgage Choice Freedom has a home loan that can help you reach them faster.

✓ Buy a home

✓ Access equity

✓ Invest in property

✓ Consolidate debt

✓ Top up a loan

✓ Refinance an existing home loan



### **Mortgage Choice Freedom Saver**

- Our lowest variable rate home loan offering the ability to make unlimited extra repayments and fee-free redraws.
- Includes Automatic Rate Match, No Fees and Drop Your Rate features.



### **Mortgage Choice Freedom Flex**

- Offers increased flexibility for those who want more features, like the ability to split your home loan, utilise multiple properties or have a multi-offset feature.
- Includes Automatic Rate Match, No Fees and Drop Your Rate features.
- Discount available on Freedom Flex Owner when bundled with Freedom Flex Investor.



### **Mortgage Choice Freedom Fixed**

- If you want certainty of repayments over a set period, you can lock in a fixed interest rate for terms of 1 to 3 years.
- Includes No Fees feature.

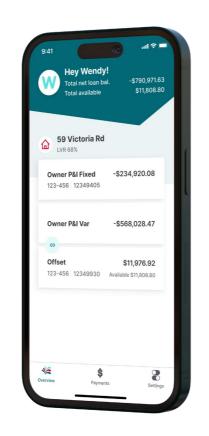
		(\$)	S	\$
		Mortgage Choice Freedom Saver	Mortgage Choice Freedom Flex	Mortgage Choice Freedom Fixed
Loan options	Min loan size	\$100K	\$100K	\$100K
	Max loan size	Up to \$3m - Metro \$2m - Regional	Up to \$3m - Metro \$2m - Regional	Up to \$3m - Metro \$2m - Regional
	Interest rate type	Variable	Variable	Fixed
	Owner or Investor	✓	✓	✓
	Principal and interest	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
	Interest only	1–5 years	√ 1–5 years	√ 1–3 years
	Split loans	X	✓ Max 10 splits Min \$10k per split	✓ Max 10 splits Min \$10k per split
	Multiple properties	×	✓	✓
	Bundle discount	X	(Available on Freedom Flex Owner when bundled with Freedom Flex Investor)	X
Repayment options	Choice of monthly, fortnightly or weekly repayments for P&I	✓ (P&l only)	√ (P&l only)	✓ (P&l only)
	Additional repayments	<b>✓</b>	✓	5% of the loan balance p.a.
	Direct debit	✓	✓	✓
	Salary credit	✓	✓	×
Redraw vs offset	Redraw	✓	Choose Redraw or Offset	Х
	Offset	X		X
	Multi-offset	×	✓	X
Management and	Instant payments out	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	N/A
payments	Mobile app	✓	✓	✓
	Manage repayments via mobile app	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓
Fair value features	Automatic Rate Match	<b>✓</b>	✓	x
	Drop Your Rate	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	x
	No Fees	✓	✓	<b>√</b> 13

<sup>13</sup> Government charges or break costs may apply when changes are made to your Fixed Loan.

## Mortgage Choice Freedom app

Managing your home loan is a breeze with the Mortgage Choice Freedom app.

- · View your loan details and transactions
- Make payments instantly
- Manage payees
- Manage your repayment frequency
- Make unlimited additional repayments on variable loans, and extra repayments of up to 5% of your fixed loan balance each year from your loan anniversary
- · Access with face or fingerprint recognition



## Interested in finding out more? Apply online or talk to us today.

You can start your Mortgage Choice Freedom application on realestate.com.au. If you need any assistance our Loan Experts are available to give you the support and guidance needed to get your application in. And with our fast approval process, you can have your loan underway in no time.

If you ever need support once you have a Mortgage Choice Freedom home loan, you can get in touch with our customer service team by phone, SMS or email.



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Product information <a href="http://realestate.com.au/home-loans/compare/mortgage-choice-freedom">http://realestate.com.au/home-loans/compare/mortgage-choice-freedom</a>

Target Market Determination https://mortgagechoice.athena.com.au/target-market-determination





# Mortgage Choice Freedom is powered by Athena

Mortgage Choice has partnered with Athena Home Loans to bring you the Mortgage Choice Freedom range of products. By combining the expertise of Mortgage Choice with Athena's revolutionary home loan features, we want to help more Australians pay off their home loans sooner and secure their financial future.

Athena is an award-winning innovative digital lender that has helped more than 12,500 Australians save over \$704 million on their home loans (as at May 2025).

Launched in 2019, Athena is backed by some of the biggest names in the industry, including Australian Super, Hostplus, Macquarie Bank and Sunsuper.



