

# Searching for a home.



Once you've started to find properties that you're interested in it's time to start house viewing! But how do you know if you've found a gem? It's important to have a think about what you want, what you need, and what you are willing to compromise on before you start hunting for your home.

Check out our checklist below as a starting point of what to look for when house hunting – and add in your own selling points! You might also consider taking along friends or family members that have previously bought a home, as they'll be able to offer extra support and advice.

## General things to look for:

- ☐ Does the house look well-built, and in good condition?
- ☐ What do the neighbouring properties look like?
- ☐ Is there a driveway or garage for parking?
- ☐ Is there easy access from the road to the house?
- ☐ Does the house get natural light from the sun, or is it blocked?
- ☐ Are there any shared spaces like courtyards or driveways?
- ☐ Is the house insulated?
- ☐ Are the floors level?
- ☐ Is the water pressure good?
- ☐ Is there enough space for you and your possessions?
- ☐ Does the wiring work look safe?
- ☐ Is the house warm, or does it feel damp?
- ☐ Is the property safe and secure?

## Things I'm looking for:

☐☐☐☐☐

For more on finding your home check out [sbsbank.co.nz/finding-your-home](https://sbsbank.co.nz/finding-your-home) and learn to house hunt like the best of them.