

Property Tax Guidelines

Adapt Mortgage will generally collect and remit property taxes on all mortgages. Below are some guidelines to assist in understanding the collection and payment process.

Conventional	Customer to pay taxes through Adapt Mortgage. Customer may pay own taxes if approved by Adapt Mortgage: • Must have good payment history • Must not have arrears or tax sale Customer to pay taxes through Adapt Mortgage. Customer may pay own taxes if approved by Adapt Mortgage: • If they are on a payment plan (TIPPS), or • After 1 year repayment, Adapt Mortgage may consider allowing customer to pay their own taxes
Who Provides Tax Amount?	(subject to strong payment history, no arrears & must demonstrate proof of payment annually) Property Taxes must be included with all applications to Adapt Mortgage. Purchase: Provided by Broker based on MLS. Switch: Provided by Broker. New Build: Provided by Broker until bill from municipality received. Solicitor confirms final property tax amount at closing.
Where is Property Tax amount listed on CMLS Financial documents?	Property Tax owing can be found on: Adapt Mortgage Commitment Letter at time of approval Realty Tax Form at closing Adapt Mortgage Welcome Letter to Customer after funding
Transfer/Switch	If the borrower wants Adapt Mortgage to collect and pay their taxes, then any tax account balance from the previous lender will be carried over to Adapt Mortgage.
Permission to Pay Taxes	Customers will sign a Adapt Mortgage "Realty Tax Form" at closing which lists the correct property tax amount, and confirms that Adapt Mortgage will be collecting and paying the property taxes.
Tax Submission Frequency	Adapt Mortgage pays property taxes 1-2 times annually based on municipality guidelines. Twice per year: Ontario & Vancouver, BC Annual: Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan & rest of British Columbia
Annual Tax Increase	Adapt Mortgage increases the property tax annual estimate by approximately 3% or by the written amount provided by the municipality once the final tax bill has been paid. Customers are notified in writing from Adapt Mortgage of any change.
IAD	IAD (interest adjustment date) if applicable, is used to determine the holdback percentage.

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Tax Holdbacks (all provinces)	Tax Holdbacks are funds that are held back (deducted) from the advance of a mortgage and deposited into the tax account for the purpose of paying an upcoming tax bill. Holdback = Estimated Taxes/12 x # of months missing from collection year. Applicable to Alberta, BC, Manitoba, Saskatchewan & Ontario. Adapt Mortgage adjusts tax portion to include tax holdback if applicable OR the tax holdback is factored into the property tax portion calculated by Adapt Mortgage. Customer to pay first tax bill if insufficient time to collect funds. Example: Mortgage funded March 3, 2014. Annual 2013 taxes = \$2,500 + 3% = \$2,575 Full taxes due July 2, 2014 March 3 = IAD date which determines the holdback percentage (If IAD is not applicable, the funding date determines the % of holdback.) April 3 = First P&I + tax mortgage payment Therefore, Adapt Mortgage has to collect 9 months on holdback at funding. Calculation: \$2,575 (taxes) / 12 (months) x 9 months tax collection = \$1,931.25 (tax holdback amount due at funding)
Droporty Toy	Customer then pays 3 months taxes through regular mortgage payments (P&I + taxes). Total Estimated Yearly Net Taxes minus Realty Tax Holdback,
Property Tax Payment Calculation Example	divided by number of months until next year's final tax bill = monthly tax component. Example: First mortgage payment starts August 2nd, 2014. Next annual tax bill of \$4,000 due June 30, 2015. No holdback required. Calculation: \$4,000.00 - \$0.00 / 10 months = \$400.00 (monthly)
Customer Pays Taxes First	Based on the month the mortgage starts and the cycle of the taxes, the Customer may be responsible to pay the remainder of current year tax bill. Refer Customer to Realty Tax Form at closing that will indicate: Date when Adapt Mortgage will start paying the taxes Tax portion amount collected by Adapt Mortgage Total annual amount Holdback if applicable
Shortfall	A shortfall is when not enough funds were collected to pay the tax bill or a supplemental bill is received from the municipality If a shortfall occurs, Adapt Mortgage will increase the next year's tax payments pro-rated over 12 months to recover the shortfall.
BC Homeowner Grant	Applicable to BC primary Residences only. Homeowner must apply annually and send confirmation to Adapt Mortgage each year for Adapt Mortgage to adjust taxes.