

✓ *Checklist*
**FOR BUYING
A PROPERTY**





As you know, there is a lot to think about when buying a home. Use this checklist when inspecting properties so you can compare the pros and cons of each.

A detailed checklist can be downloaded from our website genworth.com.au/lmitoolkit

Happy house hunting!

THE LOCATION

- Does the area have the local amenities you might need?
 - Shops
 - Schools and child care
 - Doctors/hospital
 - Public transport
 - Food and entertainment
- Are there any local council planning changes or planned infrastructure developments in the near future?
- How long will it take you to travel to work?

INSIDE THE PROPERTY

- Check what is included – carpets, curtains, blinds, light fittings, air conditioning, heating and any appliances
- Are there enough bedrooms and bathrooms?
- What is the condition of the electrical wiring?
- Is the plumbing operational?
- Are walls, ceilings and floors in good condition?
- Is the kitchen in good condition?
- Do all the windows and doors open?
- Is there enough storage space?
- Is there space for your fridge, dishwasher, washing machine and dryer?



OUTSIDE THE PROPERTY

- Is there off-street parking?
- Is the building structurally sound?
- Are there signs of damp around the property (eg bubbling paint, a musty smell)?
- Check the condition of paintwork, windows, fences, gardens, roof and guttering
- Is it possible to extend the property in the future?
- How much northerly sunlight does it get?
- Is it noisy? Traffic, trains, planes

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