

Product name: 1 year Self Employed and 6 month CIS products

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Our approach to meeting the Products & Services Outcome and Price & Value Outcome – Information for distributors of the Product.

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This information is intended for intermediary use only and should not be provided to customers.

1. Summary of our assessment

We have assessed that:

- Our self employed and Contract Worker (CIS) fixed rate product range meets the needs, characteristics, and objectives of customers in the identified target market.
- The intended distribution strategy remains appropriate for the target market.
- The Product provides fair value to customers in the target market (i.e. the total benefits are proportionate to total costs).

2. Product characteristics & benefits

The products are designed to meet the needs of residential home buyers and remortgage customers with either one year of self-employed evidence or six months of contract (CIS) payment evidence, who would not meet Principality's standard self-employed or CIS income evidence requirements. The product features and eligibility criteria are intentionally structured to support this customer group by enabling an assessment for a mortgage earlier than would be possible under standard income verification rules. Reflecting the additional assessment complexity and associated costs, these products are priced at a higher interest rate than equivalent products in the standard range.

- A fixed-rate, capital and interest repayment mortgage for the purchase of residential properties in England and Wales, providing certainty through stable monthly payments for the duration of the fixed rate.
- Fixed-rate terms available up to five years.
- A maximum loan-to-value (LTV) of up to 90%, supporting customers with smaller deposits.
- Products may be available with or without a product fee.
- Cashback may be offered on selected products.
- Incentives may be available, such as a free basic valuation.
- An Early Repayment Charge (ERC) of up to 5% applies to full or partial repayments exceeding agreed overpayment allowances during the fixed-rate period. ERCs are tiered and reduce over the life of the fixed term.
- Overpayments of up to 10% of the outstanding balance at the start of each calendar year can be made without incurring an ERC.

Full eligibility criteria can be accessed on our intermediary website via [Intermediaries \(principality.co.uk\)](http://intermediaries.principality.co.uk)

3. Target market assessment and distribution strategy

This target market assessment matrix segments the target customers for the product, recognising their different needs to enable you to tailor the services you provide when you distribute the product.

Customer Circumstances	Distribution Strategy	Customer Needs & Objectives
Customers buying a home or refinancing their existing mortgage, who do not yet meet standard income evidence criteria.	Our mortgages can only be taken out by registered Intermediaries and are sold on an advised basis.	<p>Customers who value certainty in their monthly repayments over a fixed period.</p> <p>Customers with a minimum deposit/equity of 10% available to purchase or refinance a property.</p> <p>Self-employed and CIS customers who are comfortable paying a higher interest rate in return for being assessed earlier than PBS's standard evidence requirements.</p>

The product is **not** designed for customers who:

- Want to purchase a property for the purpose of renting it out.
- Want the flexibility to make large overpayments (more than 10%) or full early repayment without incurring a charge.
- Do not meet our lending criteria set out for this product

4. Customers with characteristics of vulnerability

The Product is designed for residential mortgage customers with at least 10% deposit in a property, which is likely to include some customers with characteristics of vulnerability or who will experience vulnerability over time.

For our target market, characteristics of vulnerability that may be experienced include those of:

- Resilience – outgoings exceed income, for example, more likely with those who have less experience of long-term borrowing like first time buyers.
- Life events – reduction in disposable income due to unemployment, ill-health, or the arrival of children, for example
- Life events – relationship breakdown may occur, particularly during periods of financial stress.

Where we identify customers displaying characteristics of vulnerability, we have a clear policy to offer support and to monitor that customers in these circumstances continue to be treated fairly and do not experience foreseeable harm.

Please contact us if you need any further information about how we support the needs of all our customers in relation to the product.

Intermediaries should continue to comply with your obligations to ensure that you treat customers in vulnerable circumstances fairly.

5. Our assessment of value

We have developed an assessment process which evaluates several aspects of our business to determine the value of our mortgage products. This analysis is used to ascertain whether the product delivers fair value for customers.

We have implemented Fair Value into our pricing and approval process to evidence that we have considered fair value when we are setting the rates of our mortgage products and any fees we may charge. The outcomes of the assessment process are captured and reported, allowing for challenge and further investigation, before we sign-off the outcomes and share the summary of our assessment with you.

Our fair value assessment has considered the following:

Benefits	Price	Costs	Limitations
The range of features that the Product provides, the quality of the Product, the level of customer service that is provided and any other features that the Product may offer.	The interest rates, fees and charges customers pay for the Product, comparable market rates, advice fees paid to intermediaries and non-financial costs associated with operating the Product.	The cost of funding the Product and any other reductions in costs to the customer made possible by economies of scale.	Any limitations on the scope and service we provide or the features of the Product.

Results of our assessment

Our assessment concluded that the products continue to deliver fair value for the target market