

# **Remortgaging early: what you need to know**

***Remortgaging before your current deal ends could help you save money – here's why!***



With interest rates continuing to change, it's natural to wonder if it's possible to remortgage early, and whether it might be a smart move. For some homeowners, securing a fixed rate sooner rather than later can offer long-term savings and a bit more certainty, particularly if rates rise further in the future.

That said, early remortgaging isn't always the right choice for everyone. Before making a decision, it's worth understanding how remortgaging works and the various pros and cons.

## **What does remortgaging involve?**

Remortgaging simply means moving from one mortgage deal to another. This could be with your current lender or a new one altogether.

It gives you the chance to review whether your existing mortgage still suits your needs – much like switching energy providers or insurance when a better option comes along. While there are affordability checks involved, it can be a useful way to make sure your mortgage is still working for you.

As with any new mortgage application, lenders will assess your income and outgoings. You'll usually need to provide proof of income, and credit checks may be carried out again.

## **What is early remortgaging?**

Early remortgaging means changing your mortgage deal before your current one is due to end. People choose to do this for different reasons, depending on their circumstances and future plans.

For some, it's about locking in a more competitive rate. For others, it's about reshaping their finances or accessing equity in their home.

## **Why do people remortgage early?**

Saving money is often a key motivation, but it's not the only one. Homeowners may choose to remortgage to:

- Free up equity to fund home improvements or repay debts
- Plan ahead and not wait for their current mortgage to come to an end
- Make overpayments more easily

## **Are there charges for remortgaging early?**

In many cases, yes. Remortgaging before your deal ends can trigger an early repayment charge from your current lender. You may also need to pay an exit fee. These costs don't automatically rule out early remortgaging, but they do need to be carefully weighed against any potential savings from switching.

## **Can I remortgage early if I'm on a fixed rate?**

Yes, there's nothing stopping you from remortgaging early, even if you're on a fixed rate. However, fixed-rate mortgages often come with higher early repayment charges, so it's especially important to run the numbers before making a decision.

## **Take the next steps with confidence**

Remortgaging doesn't have to be complicated. Done at the right time, it can help reduce monthly payments, free up equity or give you greater flexibility with overpayments.

If you're considering remortgaging – or simply want to explore your options – speaking to an expert can help you understand whether early remortgaging makes sense for you.

Get in touch with Mortgages by Wellesley today to discuss your situation and receive clear, tailored advice on your next steps.

Note: You may have to pay an early repayment charge to your existing lender if you remortgage early.

Your home may be repossessed if you do not keep up repayments on your mortgage.