

Get Started...

CHECKLIST



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1	 Think about what type of property you want to purchase; What are your goals? Do you want this as a career path, or a part-time job? Are you starting off small (1 bedroom / 2 bedrooms)? What is your expected rental income from your investment? Are you investing alone, or have you considered a partner or partners? Is there competition in the area you are researching? Are there a lot of other rental properties in this area? You want competition to be at a minimum. 	
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2	 Once you have made the decision on your purchase Think about the ways in which you can refurbish and add value to the property Consider your 'exit strategy' - yes, even at this stage! Two long term strategies could be 'buy and hold' or 'buy, renovate, rental, refinance and repeat'! Consider how you can attract 'quality' tenants. How will you do this? 	
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3	 How are you going to fund your purchase? Have you applied for a mortgage? Do you have an agreement in principle (AIP)? Get your finances pre-approved prior to searching, that way you will know exactly what your 'budget' is. Have you considered survey costs, solicitors costs, insurance? Are you going to use an Accountant? For your overall 'strategy' have you considered 'asset and income backed investment' OR 'joint ventures' or 'earn as you learn'? Have you considered if cash flow will suffice your financial requirements? (work out the interest/depreciation) What level of risk are you happy with? How long do you want to 'tie-up' your money for? 	
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4	 How active do you want to be in your purchase/renting? What is the average house price in the area you would like to target? What type of tenant do you want for your property? (family? student?) Has the area got any 'up and coming' developments, that might add further value or depreciate the property in the future? How close do you want the BTL to your own property? Ease of management, etc. Have you considered/factored in charges from a letting agency, if you do decide to use them. Have you researched potential costs? 	
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