

SIPP/SSAS Borrowing from a connected party

Both SIPP and SSAS can borrow additional funds to assist in the purchase of commercial property. There are set rules that govern this and these limit the amount of the borrowing to 50% of the net pension value.

These rules also permit borrowing from either an unconnected or connected party.

Unconnected generally means an institutional lender such as a High Street bank or building society. Connected means either the SIPP/SSAS member or someone connected to them such as a business partner, spouse or their business.

So how does connected party borrowing work?

To ensure the loan is setup on an 'arms-length' basis, the client, as lender, must demonstrate that the terms are commercial. This means that they will need to:





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Seek out a comparable loan from a mainstream lender

 Ensure terms in the connected party loan match what is commercially available Consider arranging for a solicitor to create a standard security charge for the loan

Once @sipp confirm this is acceptable, the following steps can be taken:

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Confirm the property is acceptable using the free @sipp review service

Establish the SIPP (or SSAS)

Arrange funding from transfers and/or contributions

Appoint a solicitor to purchase the property on behalf of the SIPP (or SSAS)

Arrange funding with the connected party lender

Complete the purchase of the property and commence rental payments which service the loan

What are the benefits of a connected party loan?

Some of the key benefits to consider on this include:



All associated loan charges and interest are paid to the client/their business, not a bank



Connected party loans are often faster to process compared to a bank



Banks can insist on limiting a client to their panel of RICS member surveyors. If acting as lender, the client can use any surveyor of their choice and control associated costs.



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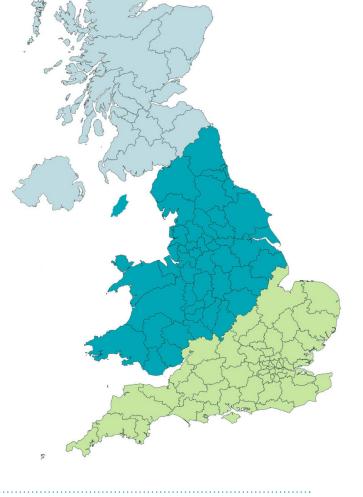
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