



10 Steps

REAL ESTATE HANDBOOK

*THE OFFER WAS
ACCEPTED, NOW
WHAT?*

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

THE GUIDE'S OVERVIEW



Vision

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Mission

It is crucial for clients to understand the transaction process from contract to close. This will prevent any issues from happening during or after the closing.

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STEPS INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS

The real estate timeline from contract to close can vary depending on various factors, including local practices, the complexity of the transaction, financing arrangements, and the parties involved. However, here's a generalized timeline that gives you an idea of the typical steps involved in the process:

1. Offer and Acceptance (Contract)



- **Day 1:** The buyer makes an offer to purchase the property, typically with the help of their real estate agent.
- **Day 1-2:** Negotiations may occur, and once both parties agree on the terms and conditions, they sign the purchase agreement or contract.

2. Escrow and Due Diligence Period:



- **Day 2-10:** The buyer typically enters an escrow or due diligence period during which they conduct inspections, appraisals, and review the property's disclosures.
- Depending on the contract and local practices, this period can last anywhere from a few days to a few weeks.

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3. Mortgage Approval and Financing:



- **Day 10-30:** The buyer works on securing a mortgage loan (if needed) during this period. This can take a few weeks, depending on the lender's processes and the buyer's financial situation.

4. Title Search and Insurance:



- **Day 10-30:** The title company performs a title search to ensure there are no liens or ownership disputes on the property. They also issue title insurance to protect the buyer and the lender against any potential title issues

5. Contingency Period (if applicable):



- **Day 10-45:** Some contracts include contingency clauses, such as the sale of the buyer's current home. The closing date may be extended to accommodate these contingencies.

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6. Loan Underwriting and Approval:



- **Day 20-45:** The lender reviews all the buyer's financial information and the property's appraisal to underwrite the loan. This process can take a few weeks.

7. Clearing Contingencies:



- **Day 30-60:** The buyer must address any issues that arise during the inspection and appraisal process, and the seller may need to make repairs or provide credits as per the agreement.

8. Final Walkthrough



- **Day of closing or a day before:** The buyer does a final walkthrough of the property to ensure it's in the agreed-upon condition.

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9. Closing Preparation:



- **Day 30-60:** The necessary paperwork and funds are prepared by the respective parties and their agents.

10. Closing! CONGRATS

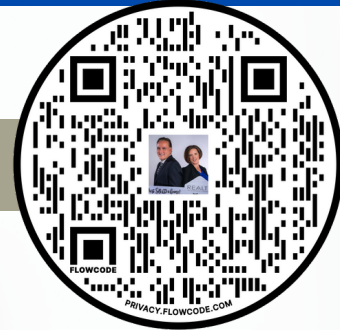


- **Day 45-60:** The closing date is scheduled, and during this meeting, the buyer and seller sign all the required documents. The buyer pays the remaining funds, and the property's ownership transfers to the buyer.
- Please note that this timeline is approximate and may vary significantly based on individual circumstances and local practices. It's essential to work closely with your real estate agent and other professionals involved in the transaction to get a more accurate timeline for your specific situation.

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