

CRITERIA FOR APPLYING FOR A PENSION BACKED LENDING HOUSING LOAN

1. Pension Backed Lending is a unique way to apply for a loan for housing purposes.
2. The MEU Retirement Fund has an agreement with Standard Bank where you as a member of the MEU Retirement Fund can apply for a loan of up to 70% of your retirement benefit and your benefit will stand as surety alone against this loan.
3. **IMPORTANT** : You do not borrow your own accumulated retirement benefit, your retirement benefit only stands for surety should you default on paying your loan for any reason.
4. You can apply for a Pension Backed Lending loan if you want to do the following :
 - Buy a house,
 - Buy a vacant land,
 - Improve an existing home,
 - Use it as a deposit for buying a home
 - Pay your bond fees
5. A Pension Backed Lending loan is subject to the National Credit Act. You must therefore submit all required documentation in order for Standard Bank to do a full credit check on your financial background.
6. Should your financial credit record not be good and you are in arrears with any other institution where you have an account, Standard Bank will not approve your loan application. It is therefore important that you ensure that you have a good credit record before considering applying for a Pension Backed Lending loan.
7. It is in the sole discretion of Standard Bank to approve or reject your Pension Backed Lending loan application based on your credit record and affordability.
8. For further information regarding the procedure for applying, kindly refer to the "Procedure for applying for a housing loan" document.