

### Stamp Duty

Stamp duty is a government tax, charged for properties above £125,000. If your new home is priced between £125,000 and £250,000, you will pay 1% of the property price. However, for first-time buyers there is no stamp duty on properties up to £250,000 until 24 March 2012. From £250,000 to £500,000, it will be 3% and over £500,000 it will be 4%. So, for example, if you are paying £200,000 for your home you pay £2,000 in stamp duty. For a £300,000 property the stamp duty at 3% is much higher in proportion to the purchase cost (£9,000).