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## **Lesson 3 Gross Debt Service Ratio (GDSR)**

Gross Debt Service Ratio is one of the factors used to determine whether you will be approved for a mortgage. It determines whether you can afford the mortgage payments for the house you have chosen.

A GDSR over **0.32 or 32%** will not be approved.

$$= \frac{(Monthly\ Mortgage + Monthly\ Property\ Taxes + Monthly\ Heating)}{Gross\ Monthly\ Income} x\ 100$$

## Example 1

Nick wants to purchase a house for \$215 000. His monthly mortgage payment would be \$1125. The monthly property taxes would be \$220 and the monthly utilities for that property are \$200. Nick and his partner have a combined gross monthly income of \$5100.

a.) Calculate the GDSR.

GDSR = 
$$\frac{(1125 + 220 + 200)}{5100} \times 100$$

Example 2

The Seavers want to purchase their dream home. They would have a monthly mortgage payment of \$1212.75. Maggie has a gross monthly income of \$2450 and Jason has a gross monthly income of \$2400. The utility company estimates the annual utilities on this property to be \$2460 and the municipality shows property taxes as \$3600 per year. Determine whether the bank will approve this mortgage.

## Example 3

Alex Keaton has saved up \$12,500 for a down payment. He earns \$2800 per month. Using an interest rate of 7% and estimating monthly property taxes to be \$180 and monthly heating costs to be \$125.

a.) Determine the maximum amount of mortgage Alex can afford.

