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CHECKLIST

This simple checklist provides you with an overview of each step in the process and the parties involved.

Step	PURCHASER		SELLER		BOND ATTORNEY		TRANSFER ATTORNEY		BOND CANCELLATION ATTORNEY	
	Sign the full Sale Agreement (Offer to Purchase) and Addendums	*	Sign the Sale Agreement and Addendums. List the property defects for Purchaser/Agent. Discuss date of key hand over (occupation date) with Purchaser.	*	Will receive bond instruction from bank	*	Receive instruction from seller / purchaser to attend to transfer of property	*	Receive instruction from bank to attend to Bond Cancellation	*
2	Read agreement carefully	*	Appoint transfer attorney and forward sale agreement to transfer attorney	*	Conduct Deeds Office enquiry to ensure that property description is correct and no interdicts are noted	*	Send estate agent commission confirmation letter	*	Receive Deeds from bank	*
3	Inspect the property	*	Furnish FICA and other documents to transfer attorney	*	Acknowledge bond instruction to client within 24 hours	*	Obtain details and documents of seller and purchaser, inclusive of FICA documents, bond account details, title deed, etc.	*	Request guarantee from Transferring attorney and refund instruction	*
	Request a list of property defects from Seller/Agent	*	Furnish bond account details to transfer attorney	*	Obtain details of transfer attorney	*	Conduct a Deeds Office enquiry. Ensure no interdicts are noted against the property and that the property and owner descriptions are correct as per the sale agreement	*	Prepare consent for signature	*
2	Apply for bond (if applicable). Give information to Mortgage originator or bank to obtain bond	*	Give notice to mortgage bank of intention to cancel bond	*	Obtain FICA documents and information of purchaser	*	Receive payment of deposit from purchaser, obtain investment mandate and invest funds	*	Obtain signature of consent and proceed for lodgement	*
О	Advise the transfer attorney once bond granted. Read terms and conditions of loan agreement from bank	*	Maintain bond instalments until date of registration	*	Obtain guarantee requirements and draft deed from transfer attorney	*	Ensure suspense conditions are fulfilled	*	Obtain costs from transferring attorney	*
	Make payment of deposit to transfer attorney	*	Maintain property insurance until date of registration	*	Arrange for signature by purchaser of bond documents	*	Obtain details of bond attorneys	*	Confirm lodgement with transferring attorney	*
	Arrange key hand over time with Seller and date of occupation of property	*	Maintain property until date of registration	*	Obtain payment of bond registration costs	*	Request bond cancellation figures from Seller's bank	*	Lodge	*
	Furnish FICA documents to transfer and bond attorney	*	Arrange for issuing of electrical compliance certificate by registered electrician and gas certificate (if applicable)	*	Ensure special conditions in bond instruction are met	*	Request and obtain rates clearance and levy clearance figures	*	Register	*
10	Ensure any outstanding tax queries are addressed with SARS	*	Ensure that rates account and borehole certificate (if applicable) is in order and meters are in proper working condition	*	Submit documents to bank to obtain instruction from bank to proceed with lodgement	*	Prepare transfer documents for signature by seller and purchaser. Arrange for seller and purchaser to sign transfer documents	*	Advise bank of registration	*
11	Sign transfer documents with transfer attorney. Peruse the title deed conditions	*	Request rates clearance figures from council or appoint agent to obtain same	*	Issue guarantees to transfer attorney	*	Obtain payment of transfer costs and transfer duty amounts	*		*
12	Sign bond documents with bond attorney when called upon to do so	*	Ensure any outstanding tax queries are addressed with SARS	*	Prepare bond documents for lodgement	*	Receive rates clearance, levy clearance and homeowner's clearance certificates, as well as transfer duty receipt	*		*
	Make payment of transfer costs and transfer duty to transfer attorney	*	Sign transfer documents with transfer attorney. Furnish transfer attorney with banking details for payment of proceeds	*	Make payment of initiation fees (if applicable)	*	Obtain electrical compliance certificate / gas certificate	*		*
	Make payment of bond costs to bond attorney	*	Furnish details of Homeowners Association / Managing Agent to transfer attorney	*	Apply for insurance certificate (if applicable) on property. Apply for all building documents if building loan	*	Make payment of bond cancellation costs. Receive guarantee from Bond Attorney and forward guarantee to Bond Cancellation attorney	*		*
15	Pay occupational rent (if applicable)	*	Make payment of the rates clearance figures to the transfer attorney. It remains the responsibility of the seller to obtain his refund from the Council.	*	Confirm lodgement with transfer attorney	*	Arrange lodgement with bond cancellation attorneys and bond attorneys	*		*
	After registration ensure that you open a new account with the local municipality	*	Make payment of the levy clearance figures / homeowners association clearance figures (if applicable) to the transfer attorney upon receipt of the figures from the transfer attorney	*	Lodge	*	Lodge deeds	*		*
17		*	After registration of transfer, ensure accounts are closed at the local municipality	*	Register	*	Register transfer	*		*
18		*		*	Advise bank of registration	*	Advise seller, purchaser and agent of registration	*		*
19		*		×		*	Prepare final accounts and make payment of agent's commission, proceeds, interest refunds, etc.	*		*
20		*		*		*	Confirmation of registration to applicable municipality together with supporting documents.	*		*