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Hi, we're constantly looking for ways to help you and your clients, including keeping you up to date with our latest information and policy changes, such as:

- Easter long weekend important information.
- · Update to Builders Packs for Construction Loans.
- Changes to acceptable lending scenarios.

Important matters.

Easter long weekend - important information.

In preparation for the upcoming Easter long weekend, please note the following:

- Executed documents for purchase, settlements, and refinances must be submitted by close of business day 22 March 2024 if settlement is required by 28 March 2024.
- Our Broker and Credit Hotline will be here to help. Their opening hours will remain unchanged over the Easter long weekend.

Update to Builders Packs for Construction Loans.

We've listened to your feedback and are excited to tell you that our Certifications and Settlements team will now be emailing the Builders Pack directly to builders and brokers.

A copy of the Builders Pack will still be available on BrokerHub for you to access and share with the customer, if needed.

Changes to acceptable lending scenarios.

Effective **7 April 2024**, the following lending scenarios will **no longer** be available:

- Refinances where there is any second mortgage / financial caveat on the property being offered as security.
 - Example: A customer has a first mortgage with another lender and a second mortgage with Westpac as guarantor for their children's loan. The customer now wishes to move their finances to Westpac. This will no longer be accepted.
- 2. New lending for the purpose of paying out a second mortgage / financial caveat.
 - Example: A customer has a property with a Westpac loan (first mortgagee) and an OFI loan (second mortgagee) and wishes to apply for new lending to payout the OFI loan. This will no longer be accepted.

The customer will need to clear and close their OFI loan and discharge their mortgage prior to seeking new lending with us.

Reminder: St.George, Bank of Melbourne, BankSA and RAMS are considered to be 'other' financial institutions.

3. Refinances where any existing family debts / private mortgages / financial caveats on title will remain open after settlement i.e. if a customer is proposing an existing private mortgage remain open after they refinance.

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Conditions, credit criteria, fees and charges apply. Based on Westpac's credit criteria, residential lending is not available for Non-Australian resident borrowers. More information available at westpac.com.au/brokers.

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