

Module two: Real estate course, understanding the basics | Infographic

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We've distilled the key insights from module two of our comprehensive property investment masterclass into a convenient infographic. This visual guide covers the essential topics every aspiring real estate investor needs to know, including:

- The different types of properties to consider for investment
- Crucial financial concepts and metrics to understand
- How a new investor should approach getting started
- Evaluating your investment performance effectively
- Financing options available for property investments
- Common pitfalls to avoid on your investment journey
- Advanced strategies to explore as you gain experience

Whether you're just beginning to explore property investing or looking to enhance your existing knowledge, this infographic serves as a handy reference packed with practical tips and valuable insights.

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Property types:

- Residential properties:** Family homes, flats, HMO's, bungalows and more.
- Commercial properties:** Offices, retail spaces, warehouses and hotels.
- Land:** Investing requires thorough research of local regulations for promising long-term gains.
- Real estate investment trusts (REITs):** Diversification without direct property ownership.
- Fractional ownership:** Multiple investors share ownership, spreading risk while maintaining direct ownership.

Key financial concepts:

- Return on investment (ROI):** Percentage of returns calculated by dividing net profit by initial cost.
- Cash flow:** Income or loss from investment over time, positive if income exceeds expenses.
- Yield:** Percentage showing investment return by comparing income to total value.

New investor steps:

- Define your goals:** Outline why you're investing in property and set clear financial milestones.
- Assess your resources:** Check your budget, time and risk tolerance closely. Shaping your investment plan.
- Research the market:** Dive into property types, market trends and investment approaches.
- Seek expert guidance:** Connect with financial advisers or property investment companies for tailored advice. They offer valuable insights to help you succeed.

Evaluate potential performance

- Gross rental yield:** Annual rental income divided by property value, showing earning potential.
- Occupancy rate:** How often your property is rented out. High occupancy means a steady income.
- Operating expenses:** Management fees, maintenance and taxes. Subtract from rental income for net cash flow.
- Appreciation potential:** Assesses property value increase over time due to location, trends and development.

Financing options:

- Mortgages:** Borrow with property as security, deposit of 5.00% or more and monthly payments over up to 30 years.
- Other financing options:** Consider personal or business loans, partnerships or private investors based on your finances and strategy.

Avoiding pitfalls:

- Overleveraging:** Avoid borrowing too much, it could strain finances if the property underperforms.
- Neglecting due diligence:** Research thoroughly to avoid unexpected issues like safety or legal concerns.
- Ignoring market trends:** Stay informed to make smart decisions; ignoring trends can hurt your investments.
- Underestimating expenses:** Assess costs accurately to avoid surprises; set aside funds for unexpected expenses.

Investment strategies:

Portfolio diversification: Spread investments across

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