

Bay East Consumer Guide

Offers of Compensation

Learn how seller-authorized compensation can support your strategy.

What Is an Offer of Compensation?

An offer of compensation is when a seller authorizes payment to a buyer's agent after a successful closing.

Potential benefits include:

- Attracting more prospective buyers
- Helping reduce buyers' upfront costs
- Supporting a smoother transaction

What Sellers Should Know

Before offering compensation:

- ✓ Your written approval is required.
- ✓ Amount is determined by you and your agent.
- ✓ You choose whether or not to advertise the offer.
- ✓ Your strategy should reflect your selling goals.

Compensation vs. Seller Concessions

Offer of Compensation: Payment authorized by the seller to a buyer's agent after a successful closing.

Seller Concessions: Financial assistance provided directly to the buyer, such as help with closing costs or agreed-upon repairs.

Depending on your goals and local market conditions, one—or both—may be appropriate.



"Every home sale is unique. Your strategy should be, too."

How Can Offers Be Shared?

If you choose to offer compensation, it may be communicated through:

- Flyers or brochures
- Brokerage websites
- Social media
- Email or phone conversations

Offers of compensation cannot be advertised on a Multiple Listing Service (MLS).

We're Here to Help

A Bay East REALTOR® can help you:

- ✓ Explain compensation and seller concessions
- ✓ Develop marketing that fits your goals
- ✓ Navigate current real estate practices