

Press Release

800,000 HDB HOUSEHOLDS TO RECEIVE ABOUT \$80 MILLION OF S&CC REBATES AS PART OF BUDGET 2014

Around 800,000 Singaporean HDB households can expect to receive about \$80 million worth of Service & Conservancy Charges (S&CC) rebates in 2014. These S&CC rebates were announced during Budget 2014 to help households cope with increases in cost of living.

2. In total, each eligible Singaporean household will receive one to three months of S&CC rebates, depending on HDB flat type. Eligible households will receive a letter in April with more details of the S&CC rebates. The rebates will be disbursed over the months of April, July and October as follows:

HDB Flat Type	2014 S&CC Rebates (no. of months)			
	April 2014	July 2014	October 2014	Total for 2014
1-room	1	1	1	3
2-room	1	1	1	3
3-room	1	0.5	0.5	2
4-room	1	0.5	0.5	2
5-room	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5
Executive	0.5	0.5	–	1

3. The S&CC rebates will be used to offset a household's S&CC payment directly. For households who pay their S&CC through GIRO or any electronic mode of payment, Town Councils will arrange with the banks on the S&CC payments to take the rebates into account.

For more information

4. For enquiries on their S&CC payment and account status, residents can contact their respective Town Councils. Residents can also contact the Enquiries Line 1800-8663078 (Mondays to Fridays, 8.30am to 5pm), or email sccrebates@mailbox.hdb.gov.sg regarding their household's S&CC rebate eligibility.

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About the GST Voucher

The permanent GST Voucher scheme was introduced by the Government in Budget 2012 to help lower-income Singaporeans. The GST Voucher is given in three components – Cash, Medisave and U-Save. GST Voucher – Cash provides lower-income Singaporeans with some cash for immediate needs, and is paid every August. Similarly paid every August is the GST Voucher – Medisave, which provides elderly Singaporeans aged 65 and above with a CPF Medisave account top-up to support their medical needs. Lastly, the GST Voucher – U-Save provides lower- and middle-income HDB households with a rebate to offset their utilities bills, and is paid every January, April, July and October.

More information on the GST Voucher can be found at www.gstvoucher.gov.sg.

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