

## Press Release

### 880,000 HDB Households to Receive GST Voucher – U-Save Rebate in April 2017

About 880,000 Singaporean HDB households will receive the next instalment of the GST Voucher – Utilities-Save (U-Save) rebate in April 2017. Annually, the permanent GST Voucher – U-Save scheme has enabled households in 1- and 2-room HDB flats to receive support which is equivalent to about **3 to 4 months** of their utilities bills on average. Those living in 3- and 4-room HDB flats receive support equivalent to about **1 to 2 months** of their utilities bills.

#### GST Voucher – U-Save

2 The GST Voucher – U-Save rebate forms one of three components under the permanent GST Voucher scheme. The U-Save rebate helps HDB households offset part of their utilities bills, and serves to lower overall household expenses. It is distributed every quarter and expected to cost \$190 million annually.

3 In April 2017, eligible Singaporean households will each receive a GST Voucher – U-Save of up to \$65, depending on their HDB flat type (see Table 1 below).

Table 1: GST Voucher – U-Save for April 2017

Flat type	Rebate given in Jul 2016	Rebate given in Oct 2016	Rebate given in Jan 2017	To be given in Apr 2017	Total rebate annually
1- and 2-Room	\$65	\$65	\$65	<b>\$65</b>	<b>\$260</b>
3-Room	\$60	\$60	\$60	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$240</b>
4-Room	\$55	\$55	\$55	<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$220</b>
5-Room	\$50	\$50	\$50	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$200</b>
Executive/Multi-Generation	\$45	\$45	\$45	<b>\$45</b>	<b>\$180</b>

*Note: Households whose members own more than one property are not eligible for the GST Voucher – U-Save.*

#### Permanent Increase in GST Voucher – U-Save from July 2017

4 As announced at Budget 2017, there will be an increase of \$40 to \$120 to the annual GST Voucher – U-Save rebate from July 2017 onwards (see Table 2 below) to help households offset some of the increase in water prices. The increase will be permanent.

**Table 2: Increase in GST Voucher – U-Save**

Flat Type	1- and 2-Room	3-Room	4-Room	5-Room	Executive / Multi-Generation
Annual U-Save (from Jul 2017)	<b>\$380</b> ( ↑ \$120)	<b>\$340</b> ( ↑ \$100)	<b>\$300</b> ( ↑ \$80)	<b>\$260</b> ( ↑ \$60)	<b>\$220</b> ( ↑ \$40)

**For more information**

5 For more information on the GST Voucher – U-Save, members of the public can call SP Services at 6671 7117, or email [customersupport@spgroup.com.sg](mailto:customersupport@spgroup.com.sg). More information on the GST Voucher can also be found at [www.gstvoucher.gov.sg](http://www.gstvoucher.gov.sg).

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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](http://www.gstvoucher.gov.sg).

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