

## Press Release

### 1.4 Million Singaporeans to Receive Bicentennial Bonus Benefits in November 2019

*Bicentennial Bonus supports individuals who need more help, including youth, working adults and older Singaporeans*

1.4 million Singaporeans will receive up to three of the Bicentennial Bonus benefits in November: these are the **GST Voucher – Cash (Bicentennial Payment)**, **CPF Top-up**, and **Workfare Bicentennial Bonus**.

2 In Budget 2019, the Government had announced a \$1.1 billion Bicentennial Bonus to commemorate Singapore’s Bicentennial and to support individuals who need more help. Some of the Bicentennial Bonus benefits were distributed over the past few months.

3 The list of all Bicentennial Bonus benefits is in the table below. Details are in the **Annex**.

Type of Bicentennial Bonus Benefit	Beneficiaries	Timeline of Notification / Payment
<b>GST Voucher (GSTV) – Cash (Bicentennial Payment)</b> - Addressed in this press release	1.4 million	<u>SMS Notification</u> End-October 2019  <u>Payment</u> November 2019
<b>CPF Top-up</b> - Addressed in this press release	300,000	<u>Letter Notification</u> November 2019  <u>Payment</u> November 2019
<b>Workfare Bicentennial Bonus</b> - Addressed in this press release	400,000	<u>SMS Notification</u> End-October 2019  <u>Payment</u> End-October 2019  <u>Letter Notification</u> November 2019

Type of Bicentennial Bonus Benefit	Beneficiaries	Timeline of Notification / Payment
<b>Top-ups to Edusave Accounts and Post-Secondary Education Accounts (PSEA)</b>	570,000	<u>Payment</u> Completed in June 2019
<b>Personal Income Tax (PIT) Rebate</b>	All tax resident individuals	Granted for the Year of Assessment 2019

4 To verify the authenticity of a SMS notification, citizens can check that the SMS is sent by “**SG-Workfare**” for the Workfare Bicentennial Bonus, or “**GSTV**” for GSTV – Cash (Bicentennial Payment). These SMS notifications only inform citizens of their respective benefits. Citizens will not be asked to reply to their SMS or to provide any information to “SG-Workfare” or “GSTV”.

5 For further clarifications, citizens may email or call the following contact points:

Benefit	More Information / Contact Details
GST Voucher – Cash (Bicentennial Payment)	Visit <a href="http://gstvoucher.gov.sg">gstvoucher.gov.sg</a> Call 1800-2222-888
CPF Top-up	Email <a href="mailto:contactus@govtopup.gov.sg">contactus@govtopup.gov.sg</a> Call 1800-2222-888
Workfare Bicentennial Bonus (Workfare Income Supplement)	Visit <a href="http://cpf.gov.sg/writetous">cpf.gov.sg/writetous</a> Call 1800-227-1188
Top-ups to Edusave Accounts and Post-Secondary Education Accounts	Email <a href="mailto:contact@moe.gov.sg">contact@moe.gov.sg</a>
Personal Income Tax Rebate	Email <a href="mailto:taxqueries@iras.gov.sg">taxqueries@iras.gov.sg</a> Call 1800-356-8300

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## **About the GST Voucher (GSTV)**

The Government introduced the permanent GST Voucher scheme in Budget 2012 to help eligible Singaporeans offset some of their GST expenses. The GST Voucher comprises three components – Cash, MediSave and U-Save.

The GST Voucher – Cash provides lower-income Singaporeans with some cash for immediate needs, and is paid every August. Also paid every August, the GST Voucher – MediSave provides elderly Singaporeans aged 65 and above with a CPF MediSave account top-up to support their medical needs. 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 GSTV is available at [www.gstvoucher.gov.sg](http://www.gstvoucher.gov.sg).

## **About Workfare Income Supplement Scheme (WIS)**

The Workfare Income Supplement (WIS) is paid to eligible Singaporean workers to top up their salaries and help them save for retirement. WIS payouts are targeted at lower-income workers with poor household support, with more going to older workers.

More information on WIS is available at [cpf.gov.sg/wis](http://cpf.gov.sg/wis).

## **About Ministry of Finance**

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<b>Workfare Bicentennial Bonus (Workfare Income Supplement)</b>	400,000 workers who qualify for the Workfare Income Supplement (WIS)	Recipients of the WIS will receive an additional 10% of the total annual payment for work done in 2018 or a minimum payment of \$100, to help them with their daily expenses.  Persons with disabilities below age 35 in 2018 and meet the WIS eligibility criteria will also receive between \$100 and \$150 based on work done in 2018.	<u>SMS Notification</u> Eligible Singaporeans who have registered their mobile numbers with SingPass will receive SMS notifications in end-October 2019.  <u>Letter Notification</u> Eligible Singaporeans will receive letters in November 2019.  <b>All eligible Singaporeans will receive their payments in end-October 2019.</b>														
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<b>Personal Income Tax (PIT) Rebate</b>	All tax resident individuals	All tax resident individuals received the rebate of 50% (of tax payable, up to \$200 per taxpayer) for their income earned in 2018.	Granted for the Year of Assessment 2019														