

Press Release

800,000 HDB households to receive \$45 million worth of GST Voucher – U-Save in April 2015.

Over 800,000 Singaporean HDB households will receive \$45 million worth of GST Voucher – Utilities-Save (U-Save) rebate in April 2015.

2. The GST Voucher – U-Save forms one component of the permanent GST Voucher scheme, designed to help lower- and middle-income Singaporean households with their living expenses. The U-Save component is distributed every quarter.

3. In April 2015, eligible Singaporean households will each receive a GST Voucher – U-Save of up to \$65, depending on their HDB flat type (see Table below).

Table 1: GST Voucher – U-Save for April 2015

Flat type	Rebate for April 2016	July 2015	Oct 2015	Jan 2016	Total rebate annually
1- and 2-Room	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$260
3-Room	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$240
4-Room	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$220
5-Room	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$200
Executive/Multi-Generation	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$180

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

4. The GST Voucher – U-Save provides substantial direct assistance to households. Those living in 1- to 2-room HDB flats can offset about 3 to 4 months of utilities bills on average with their regular GST Voucher – U-Save. Meanwhile, those living in 3- to 4-room HDB flats can offset about 1 to 2 months of utilities bills on average.

For more information

5. For more information on the GST Voucher – U-Save, members of the public can call SP Group at 6671-7117, or email customersupport@spgroup.com.sg. More information on the GST Voucher can also be found at 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.

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