

## Press Release

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### **\$280 million in GST Voucher – Cash Special Payment in Nov 2016** **Reminder letters sent to citizens who have not signed up yet**

#### Eligible GST Voucher recipients who have previously signed up

1. Eligible GST Voucher – Cash recipients who have previously signed up for the GST Voucher or past Government payout schemes, and have received up to \$300 in August 2016, will be receiving another payout of up to \$200 under the one-off GST Voucher – Cash Special Payment by 5 November 2016. No action is required from them.

#### Eligible GST Voucher – Cash/Medisave recipients yet to sign up

2. **Singapore citizens who are eligible for the GST Voucher – Cash/Medisave but have yet to sign up are reminded to do so by 31 December 2016.** They would have already received a letter in June 2016 informing them of their benefits. The Ministry of Finance will send a second reminder letter in early November 2016 to those who have yet to sign up.
3. The eligibility criteria and payout tables can be found in Annexes A and B respectively.
4. Eligible Singaporeans may sign up:
  - a) At the GST Voucher website ([www.gstvoucher.gov.sg](http://www.gstvoucher.gov.sg)) with their SingPass, or seek assistance at any CitizenConnect centre (see Annex C for list); or
  - b) By completing the GST Voucher sign-up form that is enclosed in the reminder letters. The sign-up form is also available at any Community Centre, Social Service Office (SSO) or CPF Service Centre. The forms should be sent to Robinson Road Post Office, P.O. Box 2609, Singapore 904609, before 31 December 2016.

#### GST Vouchers and Medisave Top-Ups for eligible citizens in 2016

5. In **2016**, eligible citizens can receive a total of **\$890 million** in GST Vouchers and Medisave Top-Ups. This includes **\$280 million in November 2016** from the one-off GST Voucher – Cash Special Payment.
6. More information can be found at [www.gstvoucher.gov.sg](http://www.gstvoucher.gov.sg). Singaporeans can also call 1800-2222-888 for details on the GST Voucher – Cash/Medisave, 5-Year Medisave Top-Up, Pioneer Generation Package, or 6671-7117 for information on the GST Voucher – U-Save.

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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).

**About Ministry of Finance**

The Ministry of Finance aims to create a better Singapore through Finance. The Ministry strives to achieve a balanced budget through prudent fiscal policy, foster a regulatory environment conducive to business and enterprise, and ensure prudent investment of the Government's reserves and other public funds. It sets policies for government procurement, e-government, customs regulation, accounting standards and business regulation. We achieve this together with our departments (Accountant-General's Department, Centre for Public Project Management, Singapore Customs and Vital), and statutory boards (Accounting & Corporate Regulatory Authority, Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore and Tote Board).

For more information, please visit [www.mof.gov.sg](http://www.mof.gov.sg).

## **ANNEX A: GST VOUCHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

### **GSTV – Cash and one-off GSTV – Cash Special Payment**

To receive the GST Voucher – Cash / GST Voucher – Cash Special Payment in 2016, you must fulfil the following criteria:

- i) You must be a Singapore citizen, residing in Singapore;
- ii) You must be aged 21 or above in 2016;
- iii) Your Assessable Income (AI) for the Year of Assessment 2015 must not exceed \$26,000 (i.e. income earned<sup>1</sup> in 2014);
- iv) The Annual Value (AV) of your home (as indicated on your NRIC) as at 31 December 2015 must not exceed \$21,000 (Your AV is found in the property tax bill sent to the owner of your home); and
- v) You must not own more than one property.

### **GSTV – Medisave**

To receive the GST Voucher – Medisave in 2016, you must fulfil the following criteria:

- i) You must be a Singapore citizen, residing in Singapore;
- ii) You must be aged 65 and above in 2016;
- iii) The Annual Value of your home (as indicated on your NRIC) as at 31 December 2016 must not exceed \$21,000; and
- iv) You must not own more than one property.

### **GSTV – U-Save**

To receive the GST Voucher – U-Save (which will be credited to your HDB flat's utilities account), your household has to fulfil the following conditions:

- i) If you own and live in your HDB flat, there must be at least one Singapore citizen owner or occupier in the flat; or
- ii) If you partially sublet the HDB flat that you own and live in, there must be at least one Singapore citizen owner or occupier in the flat; or
- iii) If the entire flat is sublet to you, there must be at least one Singaporean tenant;  
**AND**
- iv) immediate family members living in the same flat must not own or have any interest in more than one property.

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<sup>1</sup> Your AI is your total income after deducting allowable expenses and approved donations. For more information on how your AI is calculated, please visit <https://www.iras.gov.sg/irashome/Individuals/Locals/Learning-the-basics/Basic-Guide-for-New-Taxpayers/Income-Tax-Glossary.%20%20>

**ANNEX B: PAYOUT TABLES****GSTV – Cash payouts and one-off GSTV – Cash Special Payment for 2016**

GST Voucher	Assessable Income for YA 2015 ≤ \$26,000	Annual Value of Home as at 31 Dec 2015	
		Up to \$13,000	\$13,001 to \$21,000
Regular – Cash	Singaporeans aged 21 years and above	\$300	\$150
One-off – Cash Special Payment		\$200	\$100

*Payout month: August 2016 for regular GSTV – Cash; November 2016 for one-off GSTV – Cash Special Payment*

**Total Medisave Top-Ups**

Includes GSTV – Medisave, Pioneer Generation Medisave Top-Up and/or 5-Year Medisave Top-Up for non-Pioneers.

Age in 2016	Amount of Medisave Top-Up
57 to 64 years	Up to \$200
65 to 71 years	Up to \$450
72 to 74 years	Up to \$650
75 to 76 years	Up to \$750
77 to 81 years	Up to \$950
82 to 84 years	Up to \$1,150
85 years and above	Up to \$1,250

**GSTV – U-Save**

Flat type	Rebate given in Jul 2016	Rebate given in Oct 2016	To be given in Jan 2017	To be given in Apr 2017	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 GST Voucher – U-Save.*

## ANNEX C: CITIZENCONNECT CENTRES

Singaporeans without computer or internet access can visit any of the following CitizenConnect Centres (CCCs) around Singapore to get assistance to access the GSTV website to view their benefits, update their contact details and payment modes.

Operating hours for the CCCs at the Community Centres/Clubs are from **9am to 9pm, Mondays to Sundays**. The CCCs are closed on public holidays.

CCC Location	Address	Telephone
<b>Central</b>		
Kallang Community Club	45 Boon Keng Road, Singapore 339771	6298-4582 6298-9038
Kim Seng Community Centre	570 Havelock Road, Singapore 169640	6272-3878
Tanjong Pagar Community Club	101 Cantoment Road, Singapore 089774	6221-9898 6223-6847
Toa Payoh Central Community Club	93 Toa Payoh Central, Singapore 319194	6252-1249
Thomson Community Club	194 Upper Thomson Road, Singapore 574339	6254-4550 6251-6344
Yio Chu Kang Community Club	50 Ang Mo Kio Street 61, Singapore 569163	6457-0414 6456-1324
<b>Northeast</b>		
Eunos Community Club	180 Bedok Reservoir Road, Singapore 479220	6448-6971
Pasir Ris East Community Club	1 Pasir Ris Drive 4 #01-08, Singapore 519457	6584-2798
Sengkang Community Club	2 Sengkang Square, #01-01 Sengkang Community Hub, Singapore 545025	6312-5400
Tampines West Community Club	5 Tampines Avenue 3, Singapore 529705	6783-7910 6788-6202
The Serangoon	10 Serangoon North Ave 2, Singapore 555877	6285-6264
<b>Northwest</b>		
Chong Pang Community Club	21 Yishun Ring Road, Singapore 768677	6758-8258
Fuchun Community Club	1 Woodlands Street 31, Singapore 738581	6365-6911

Ulu Pandan Community Club	170 Ghim Moh Road #01-01, Singapore 279621	6469-3154 6463-7333
Woodlands Community Club	1 Woodlands Street 81, Singapore 738526	6368-9938
Zhenghua Community Club	1 Segar Road, Singapore 677638	6310-6702
<b>Southeast</b>		
Bedok Community Centre	850 New Upper Changi Road, Singapore 467352	6442-5317 6445-0633
Changi Simei Community Club	10 Simei Street 2, Singapore 529915	6781-6058
Marine Parade Community Club	278 Marine Parade Road, Singapore 449282	6346-7703
<b>Southwest</b>		
Bukit Batok East Community Club	23 Bukit Batok East Ave 4, Singapore 659841	6565-9330
Chua Chu Kang Community Club	35 Teck Whye Avenue, Singapore 688892	6769-1694
Gek Poh Ville Community Club	1, Jurong West St. 74, Singapore 649149	6792-2750
The Frontier	60 Jurong West Central 3 #01-01, Singapore 648346	6795-8229
West Coast Community Centre	West Coast Community Centre 2 Clementi West Street 2, Singapore 129605	6779-1098
Yew Tee Community Club	20 Chua Chu Kang Street 52 #01-01, Singapore 689286	6769-3672

Citizens can also visit the IRAS service centre from 8 am to 5 pm on Mondays to Fridays, to access the GSTV website. The centre is closed on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

<b>IRAS service centre</b>		
Revenue House	55 Newton Road, Revenue House, Singapore 307987	6351-3893 6351-3894