

Press Release

860,000 HDB Households to Receive GST Voucher – U-Save Rebate in January 2017

About 860,000 Singaporean HDB households will receive the next instalment of the GST Voucher – Utilities-Save (U-Save) rebate in January 2017. Annually, on average, those living in 1- and 2-room HDB flats are able to offset about **3 to 4 months** of utilities bills with their regular GST Voucher – U-Save whilst those living in 3- and 4-room HDB flats, about **1 to 2 months** of 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 January 2017, eligible Singaporean households will each receive a GST Voucher – U-Save of up to \$65, depending on their HDB flat type (see Table below).

GST Voucher – U-Save for January 2017

Flat type	Rebate given in Jul 2016	Rebate for 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.

For more information

4 For more information on the GST Voucher – U-Save, members of the public can call SP Services at 6671 7117, or email spservices@singaporepower.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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