

Press Release

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

About 880,000 Singaporean HDB households will receive the next instalment of the GST Voucher – Utilities-Save (U-Save) rebate in July 2017. As announced in Budget 2017, from this month, there will be **an increase of between \$40 and \$120 to the annual GST Voucher – U-Save rebate** to help households offset some of the increase in water prices. **This increase is permanent** (see Table 1).

Table 1: 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)	\$380 (↑ \$120)	\$340 (↑ \$100)	\$300 (↑ \$80)	\$260 (↑ \$60)	\$220 (↑ \$40)

Note: “ ↑ \$120” refers to an increase of \$120.

GST Voucher – U-Save

2 The GST Voucher – U-Save rebate is 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. As at July 2017, the U-Save rebate is expected to cost \$265 million over the next 4 quarters.

3 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.

4 In July 2017, eligible Singaporean households will each receive a GST Voucher – U-Save of up to \$95, depending on their HDB flat type (see Table 2).

Table 2: GST Voucher – U-Save for July 2017

Flat type	Rebate to be received in Jul 2017	Rebate to be received in Oct 2017	Rebate to be received in Jan 2018	Rebate to be received in Apr 2018	Total rebate annually
1- and 2-Room	\$95	\$95	\$95	\$95	\$380
3-Room	\$85	\$85	\$85	\$85	\$340
4-Room	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$300
5-Room	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$260
Executive/Multi-Generation	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$220

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

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. 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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