

Press Release

1.4 million Singaporeans and 950,000 HDB Households to receive \$1.3 billion in permanent and one-off GST Vouchers in 2021

1.4 million Singaporeans will receive up to \$500 in GST Voucher – Cash and Cash Special Payment; eligible seniors will receive up to \$450 in GST Voucher – MediSave top-ups.

950,000 Singaporean HDB households will receive up to \$595 in GST Voucher – U-Save and U-Save Special Payment in FY2021.

Since 2012, GST Voucher (GSTV) benefits have been disbursed to lower- and middle-income Singaporean households. This year, 1.4 million Singaporeans will be receiving their GSTV – Cash Special Payment and GSTV – Cash and MediSave from June and July respectively. Of these eligible citizens, nine in 10 will receive their GSTV payouts automatically.

2 In addition, about 950,000 Singaporean households living in HDB flats will be receiving their quarterly GSTV – U-Save rebates, as well as the GSTV – U-Save Special Payment this July.

3 The GSTV – Cash Special Payment and GSTV – U-Save Special Payment are part of the **\$900 million Household Support Package** announced at Budget 2021, to provide additional support to families during this period of uncertainty, with lower- to middle-income families receiving more.

4 The following table summarises what eligible citizens will receive over the coming months.

Month	What Eligible Citizens will Receive
June 2021	<p><u>GST Voucher – Cash Special Payment</u></p> <p>The GSTV – Cash Special Payment of \$200 will be credited directly into citizens’ bank accounts from 23 June (Wed).</p> <p>Those who have linked their NRIC to PayNow by 15 June (Tue) will receive their GSTV – Cash payouts on 23 June (Wed). Those who do not have a PayNow-NRIC-linked bank account but have provided their bank account numbers to the Government previously, will receive their payouts via bank transfer on 30 June (Wed). Those who have not provided their bank account numbers previously, can do so easily at gstvoucher.gov.sg. The rest will receive cheques sent to their address registered on their NRICs, from 15 July (Thu).</p> <p>In total, the GSTV – Cash Special Payment will amount to about \$280 million.</p>
July – August 2021	<p><u>GSTV – U-Save and U-Save Special Payment</u></p> <p>About 950,000 Singaporean HDB households will receive an additional 50% of their regular GSTV – U-Save in FY2021, through a one-off GSTV – U-</p>

Month	What Eligible Citizens will Receive
	<p>Save Special Payment in April and July 2021. The total amount of rebates to be received in FY2021 ranges from \$355 to \$595, depending on the HDB flat type.</p> <p>In total, the GSTV – U-Save and U-Save Special Payment rebates will amount to about \$460 million¹.</p>
	<p><u>GST Voucher – Cash</u></p> <p>The GSTV – Cash of up to \$300 will be credited directly into citizens’ bank accounts from 30 July (Fri).</p> <p>Those who have linked their NRIC to PayNow by 20 July (Tue) will receive their GSTV – Cash payouts on 30 July (Fri). Those who do not have a PayNow-NRIC-linked bank account but have provided their bank account numbers to the Government previously, will receive their payouts via bank transfer on 5 August (Thu). The rest will receive cheques sent to their address registered on their NRICs, from 18 August (Wed).</p> <p>In total, the GSTV – Cash payouts will amount to about \$405 million.</p>
	<p><u>GST Voucher – MediSave</u></p> <p>About 575,000 Singaporeans aged 65 and above in 2021 will receive a top-up to their CPF MediSave Accounts of up to \$450 each from 30 July (Fri).</p> <p>In total, the top-ups will amount to about \$170 million.</p>

5 Annex A provides more information on the benefits under the GST Voucher scheme.

Go Digital and Receive Your GSTV Cash Payouts and Notification Earlier

PayNow-NRIC as an additional mode of payment for GST Voucher – Cash and Cash Special Payment

6 PayNow provides added convenience and privacy for citizens to receive money in their bank account via NRIC/FIN and/or mobile number, without having to disclose their bank account details to the sender. **Starting from this year, the Ministry of Finance will be using PayNow-NRIC as the default payment mode for citizens who have linked their NRIC to PayNow.**

7 Citizens are encouraged to link their NRIC to PayNow by 15 June 2021 to receive their GST Voucher – Cash Special Payment and GSTV – Cash earlier, from 23 June 2021 and 30 July 2021 respectively.

Singpass app as an additional mode of notification

8 Singaporeans eligible for GSTV who have downloaded and completed their one-time set up on the Singpass app will receive GSTV notifications in their app inbox on 1 June 2021, informing them of their GSTV benefits if they are eligible.

¹ More information on the GSTV – U-Save at <https://www.mof.gov.sg/news-publications/press-releases/budget-2021-household-support-package-950-000-hdb-households-to-receive-gst-voucher-u-save-rebates-in-april-2021>.

9 Those who have not downloaded nor completed their one-time set up on the Singpass app, but have registered their mobile numbers with Singpass before end-May 2021, will also receive normal SMS notifications on 1 June 2021. The rest will receive letters from 2 June 2021.

10 To verify the authenticity of the SMS notification, citizens can check that the SMS is sent by “**GSTV**”. These SMS notifications only inform citizens of their benefits. Citizens will not be asked to reply to their SMS or to provide any information to the sender “GSTV”. No messages on GSTV will be sent via WhatsApp or other mobile app messaging platforms.

11 Those who wish to view their GSTV – Cash, Cash Special Payment and MediSave benefits online can do so at gstvoucher.gov.sg (using Singpass to log on).

12 There is a small number of citizens who qualify for GSTV – Cash, Cash Special Payment and/or MediSave, but have not signed up for government payouts in the past. They will be notified via Singpass app, SMS or letter to sign up at gstvoucher.gov.sg, before the deadline of 30 April 2022.

Summary of Other Benefits for Singaporeans and Households in 2021

13 Other government payouts which Singaporeans can receive in 2021 include:

For Individuals

- 5-Year MediSave Top-up scheme: Singaporeans who were born on or before 31 December 1969 (aged 52 and above in 2021) and do not receive Pioneer Generation or Merdeka Generation benefits will each receive a **MediSave top-up of \$100** credited into their MediSave Accounts in end August 2021. This is the 5-Year MediSave Top-up scheme that was announced in Budget 2019. Eligible citizens will receive the MediSave top-up annually from 2019 to 2023.
- Grocery Vouchers: All Singaporeans aged 21 and above, who live in 1-room or 2-room HDB flats and do not own more than one property, will receive **Grocery Vouchers worth \$100 in Oct 2021**. This is part of the Care and Support Package that was announced at Budget 2020.
- Top-ups to Child Development Account (CDA), Edusave Account and Post-Secondary Education Account (PSEA): Each Singaporean child aged below 21 in 2021 will receive **an additional one-off top-up of \$200 through CDA, Edusave Account or PSEA** in May 2021² (Edusave Account or PSEA; credited) or September 2021 (CDA).

For Households

- Service and Conservancy Charges (S&CC) Rebate: The S&CC Rebate provides additional support for households. Around 950,000 Singaporean HDB households will receive **1.5 to 3.5 months of S&CC Rebate** in FY2021, depending on their HDB flat type³.

² More information on the top-up to Edusave Account and PSEA are at [https://www.mof.gov.sg/news-publications/press-releases/more-than-500-000-children-to-benefit-from-200-top-up-to-edusave-account-or-post-secondary-education-account-\(psea\)-in-may-2021](https://www.mof.gov.sg/news-publications/press-releases/more-than-500-000-children-to-benefit-from-200-top-up-to-edusave-account-or-post-secondary-education-account-(psea)-in-may-2021).

³ More information on the S&CC Rebate at <https://www.mof.gov.sg/news-publications/press-releases/budget-2021-household-support-package-950-000-hdb-households-to-receive-135-million-in-s-cc-rebates>.

- Community Development Council (CDC) Vouchers: All Singapore households will receive \$100 in CDC Vouchers, for use at participating heartland shops and hawker centres. More details will be shared by the CDCs at a later date.

14 Annex B provides illustrations of how various households are expected to benefit from the schemes mentioned.

Contact Information

15 More information on the GSTV is available at gstvoucher.gov.sg, and details of other benefits announced in Budget 2021 can be found at: singaporebudget.gov.sg. For more information on the specific schemes, the contact details are as follows:

Scheme	Telephone	Contact
GSTV – Cash, Cash Special Payment and MediSave	1800-222-2888	Visit: www.gstvoucher.gov.sg
5-Year MediSave Top-up		contactus@govtopup.gov.sg
Grocery Vouchers		Visit: https://go.gov.sg/csp2020
CDA Top-up	1800-253-7707	Visit: www.babybonus.msf.gov.sg msf_babybonus@msf.gov.sg
Edusave and PSEA Top-ups	6872-2220	Visit: www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/edusave-account and www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/psea contact@moe.gov.sg
GSTV – U-Save and U-Save Special Payment	6671-7117	Visit: www.gstvoucher.gov.sg/pages/u-save.aspx customersupport@spgroup.com.sg
S&CC Rebate	-	Visit: www.hdb.gov.sg <i>[Under My HDBPage > My Flat > Purchased Flat/Rental Flat > S&CC Rebate]</i> For specific queries regarding S&CC payables, please contact your respective Town Councils. Contact information can be found at: www.hdb.gov.sg/cs/infoweb/contact-us > Living in HDB flats > Maintenance-related requests for common areas

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Table A1: GSTV – Cash and Cash Special Payment

Singaporeans aged 21 and above in 2021 Assessable Income for YA2020 ≤ \$28,000	Annual Value of Home as at 31 Dec 2020		To be paid from
	Up to \$13,000	\$13,001 to \$21,000	
GSTV – Cash Special Payment	\$200		From 23 June 2021
GSTV – Cash (regular payment)	\$300	\$150	From 30 July 2021
Total in FY2021	\$500	\$350	

Notes:

- Individuals who own more than one property are not eligible for the GSTV scheme.
- Cheque payment takes three weeks longer. Citizens are encouraged to link their NRIC to PayNow, or switch to direct bank crediting at gstvoucher.gov.sg, to receive their payouts earlier.

Table A2: GSTV – MediSave

Age in 2021	Annual Value of Home as at 31 Dec 2020		To be paid on
	Up to \$13,000	\$13,001 to \$21,000	
65 to 74	\$250	\$150	30 July 2021
75 to 84	\$350	\$250	
85 and above	\$450	\$350	

Note: Individuals who own more than one property are not eligible for the GSTV scheme.

Table A3: MediSave Top-ups in 2021

Age in 2021	Amount of MediSave Top-up					To be paid in
	5-Year MediSave Top-up	Merdeka Generation Package	Pioneer Generation Package	GST Voucher	Total	
52 to 61	\$100				\$100	July 2021 (PGP, MGP and GSTV – MediSave)
62 to 64		\$200			\$200	
65 to 71		\$200		Up to \$250	Up to \$450	
72 to 74			\$250	Up to \$250	Up to \$500	
75 to 76			\$250	Up to \$350	Up to \$600	
77 to 81			\$500	Up to \$350	Up to \$850	August 2021 (5-Year MediSave Top- up)
82 to 84			\$700	Up to \$350	Up to \$1,050	
85 to 86			\$700	Up to \$450	Up to \$1,150	
87 and above			\$900	Up to \$450	Up to \$1,350	

Notes:

- Citizens aged 52 and above in 2021 who are not eligible for the Merdeka Generation Package (MGP) and the Pioneer Generation Package (PGP) can receive the 5-Year MediSave Top-up.

2. *These are the enhanced annual Pioneer Generation MediSave top-ups which take effect from 2021. Pioneers aged 82 to 86 with serious pre-existing condition can receive an additional annual \$50 MediSave top-up (i.e. total \$750) between 2021 and 2025. Pioneers aged 87 and above with serious pre-existing conditions can receive an additional annual \$200 MediSave top-up between 2021 and 2025 (i.e. total \$1,100).*

Table A4: GSTV – U-Save and U-Save Special Payment in FY2021

Households living in 1- and 2-room HDB flats typically benefit from GSTV – U-Save rebates amounting to an average of about three to four months of their utility bills; households living in 3- and 4-room HDB flats receive benefits amounting to one to two months of their utility bills.

Together with the GSTV – U-Save Special Payment, households living in 1- and 2-room HDB flats will receive support equivalent to about 4.5 to 6 months of their utility bills, and households living in 3- and 4-room HDB flats will receive support equivalent to about 1.5 to 3 months of their utility bills this year.

The GSTV – U-Save rebates that households will receive in July 2021 are summarised in the table below.

HDB Flat Type	Rebate to be Received						Total GSTV – U-Save for FY2021
	April 2021		July 2021		October 2021	January 2022	
	Regular GSTV – U-Save	GSTV – U-Save Special Payment	Regular GSTV – U-Save	GSTV – U-Save Special Payment	Regular GSTV – U-Save	Regular GSTV – U-Save	
1- and 2-Room	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$95	\$595
3-Room	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$85	\$535
4-Room	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$75	\$475
5-Room	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$65	\$415
Executive / Multi-Generation	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$55	\$355

Notes:

1. Households whose members own more than one property are not eligible for GSTV – U-Save.
2. Eligible households will receive their regular GSTV – U-Save over four quarters in April 2021, July 2021, October 2021 and January 2022.
3. On top of the regular GSTV – U-Save, eligible households will receive their GSTV – U-Save Special Payment over two quarters in April 2021 and July 2021.
4. The regular GSTV – U-Save in April, July and October 2021 include an additional \$5 per quarter from January 2019 to December 2021, as announced in Budget 2018 to mitigate the introduction of carbon tax. From January 2022, the regular GSTV – U-Save that households will receive will no longer include the additional \$5.

Illustration of Benefits

1. For example, a **retired Pioneer couple** (husband aged 80, wife aged 77), living in an HDB flat (and not owning a second property) will receive the benefits below in 2021:

Individual
\$1,000 in cash (\$200 GSTV – Cash Special Payment and \$300 GSTV – Cash <u>per person</u>)
\$1,700 in MediSave top-ups (\$350 GSTV – MediSave and \$500 Pioneer Generation MediSave <u>per person</u>)
Household
\$355 to \$595 of GSTV – U-Save and U-Save Special Payment in FY2021
1.5 to 3.5 months of S&CC Rebate in FY2021
\$100 of CDC Vouchers

2. A **retired Merdeka Generation couple in their 60s** (husband aged 66, wife aged 62 who had been a housewife) living in an HDB flat (and not owning a second property) will receive the benefits below in 2021:

Individual
\$1,000 in cash (\$200 GSTV – Cash Special Payment and \$300 GSTV – Cash <u>per person</u>)
\$650 in MediSave top-ups (\$250 GSTV – MediSave and \$200 Merdeka Generation MediSave <u>for husband</u>) (\$200 Merdeka Generation MediSave <u>for wife</u>)
Household
\$355 to \$595 of GSTV – U-Save and U-Save Special Payment in FY2021
1.5 to 3.5 months of S&CC Rebate in FY2021
\$100 of CDC Vouchers

3. A **lower-income working couple** in their 40s, with both the husband and wife each having a monthly salary of \$2,000, living in an HDB flat (and not owning a second property), will receive the benefits below in 2021:

Individual
\$1,000 in cash (\$200 GSTV – Cash Special Payment and \$300 GSTV – Cash <u>per person</u>)
Household
\$355 to \$595 of GSTV – U-Save and U-Save Special Payment in FY2021
1.5 to 3.5 months of S&CC Rebate in FY2021
\$100 of CDC Vouchers