

Press Release

800,000 HDB HOUSEHOLDS TO RECEIVE \$100 MILLION WORTH OF GST VOUCHER – U-SAVE IN JANUARY 2015

About 800,000 Singaporean HDB households will receive \$100 million worth of GST Voucher – Utilities-Save (U-Save) rebates in January 2015

2. The regular GST Voucher – U-Save is given out over 4 payments per year. It is one component of the permanent GST Voucher scheme, designed to help lower- and middle-income Singaporean households with their living expenses. In Budget 2014, a one-off GST Voucher – U-Save Special Payment was also announced, with those in smaller flats receiving more. The first part of this Special Payment, which comes on top of the regular GST Voucher – U-Save, was given out in July 2014. The second and final part of this Special Payment will be given out in January 2015.

3. In January 2015, each eligible Singaporean household will receive up to \$195 in GST Voucher – U-Save and Special Payment, depending on their HDB flat type (see Table below).

Table 1: GST Voucher – U-Save and Special Payment for January 2015

Flat Type	Jul 2014#			Oct 2014#	Jan 2015			Apr 2015
	Regular GSTV – U-Save	Special Payment	Total	Regular GSTV – U-Save	Regular GSTV – U-Save	Special Payment	Total	Regular GSTV – U-Save
1-Room	\$65	\$130	\$195	\$65	\$65	\$130	\$195	\$65
2-Room	\$65	\$130	\$195	\$65	\$65	\$130	\$195	\$65
3-Room	\$60	\$90	\$150	\$60	\$60	\$90	\$150	\$60
4-Room	\$55	\$55	\$110	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$110	\$55
5-Room	\$50	\$50	\$100	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$100	\$50
Executive	\$45	\$45	\$90	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$90	\$45

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

Rebates have already been paid out.

4. The GST Voucher – U-Save and Special Payment provide substantial direct assistance to eligible Singaporean 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. Those living in 3- to 4-room HDB flats can offset up to 2 months of utilities bills on average. In addition, the Special Payment announced in Budget 2014 can, on average, offset another 3 to 4 months of utilities bills for those living in 1- to 2-room flats, and about 1 month of utilities bills for those living in 3- to 4-room flats.

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 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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