

## Media Release

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### Two Million Singaporeans to Receive Notification Letters on Budget 2013 Benefits in July 2013

1 Two million adult Singaporeans will receive letters from the Government in the first week of July, informing them of the benefits they and their households will receive as part of Budget 2013.

2 The benefits include:

- i) GST Voucher (GSTV) – this comprises the GSTV – Cash, GSTV – Medisave and GSTV- U-Save;*
- ii) GSTV Special Payment – a one-off extra payment of GSTV;*
- iii) \$200 top-up to the CPF Medisave Accounts of all Singaporeans aged 45 and above.*

3 The letters will also contain information on other benefits from Budget 2013, such as the enhanced Workfare and Personal Income Tax Rebates.

4 These benefits will provide direct assistance to Singaporeans and their households to help them cope with increases in the cost of living.

5 The GSTV (Cash, Medisave and U-Save) and the GSTV Special Payment will cost the Government about \$1.2 billion. Details on the payout structure and criteria for the GSTV Special Payment can be found at [Annex A](#).

### **\$880m to be given in regular GST Voucher – Cash/Medisave and Special Payment on 1 August 2013**

6 The GSTV – Cash will be received by about 1.4 million eligible Singaporeans in their bank accounts or via cheque. In addition, about 370,000 elderly Singaporeans aged 65 and above will have the GSTV – Medisave topped up to their CPF Medisave Accounts.

7 Eligible Singaporeans will automatically receive their GSTV payouts on 1 August 2013. However, a small number of eligible Singaporeans who have not signed up for a previous Government payout (such as the GSTV last year or the 2011 Growth Dividend) will need to do so via the following channels to receive the payout by 1 August:

- (a) Online at [www.gstvoucher.gov.sg](http://www.gstvoucher.gov.sg) (by 16 July); or*
- (b) Hard copy form (by 12 July) available at any Community Centre, Community Development Council or CPF Service Centre.*

8 Those who sign up after these dates will get their payouts after 1 August. Singaporeans have until 31 December 2013 to sign up.

### **\$135m to be given to 800,000 HDB Households in regular GST Voucher – U-Save and Special Payment this July**

9 This July, an eligible Singaporean household can receive between \$135 to \$195 worth of GSTV – U-Save rebates in total, depending on HDB flat type.

10 In addition, to provide more frequent and timely assistance to households, the permanent GSTV – U-Save will now be given quarterly (July, October, January and April), instead of twice a year. The full schedule is as follows:

| Flat Type     | Jul 2013                |                 |       | Oct 2013                | Jan 2014                |                 |       | Apr 2014                |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------|
|               | Quarterly GSTV – U-Save | Special Payment | Total | Quarterly GSTV – U-Save | Quarterly GSTV – U-Save | Special Payment | Total | Quarterly GSTV – U-Save |
| <b>1-Room</b> | \$65                    | \$130           | \$195 | \$65                    | \$65                    | \$130           | \$195 | \$65                    |
| <b>2-Room</b> | \$65                    | \$130           | \$195 | \$65                    | \$65                    | \$130           | \$195 | \$65                    |
| <b>3-Room</b> | \$60                    | \$120           | \$180 | \$60                    | \$60                    | \$120           | \$180 | \$60                    |
| <b>4-Room</b> | \$55                    | \$110           | \$165 | \$55                    | \$55                    | \$110           | \$165 | \$55                    |
| <b>5-Room</b> | \$50                    | \$100           | \$150 | \$50                    | \$50                    | \$100           | \$150 | \$50                    |
| <b>Exec</b>   | \$45                    | \$90            | \$135 | \$45                    | \$45                    | \$90            | \$135 | \$45                    |

11 The extra GSTV – U-Save under the one-off GSTV Special Payment will be given out in July 2013 and January 2014. They will offset utilities directly. There is no need to sign up for the rebates.

### **\$300m to be given to all Singaporeans aged 45 and above in one-off Medisave Top-up**

12 To help older Singaporeans with their healthcare expenses, all Singaporeans aged 45 and above this year will receive a \$200 top-up to their CPF Medisave Accounts.

13 About 1.5 million eligible Singaporeans will receive their CPF Medisave Top-up automatically by 31 August 2013. Only a small number who have not signed up for a previous Government payout and are not CPF members will need to contact the CPF Board by 16 July to receive the Medisave top-up by 31 August. Singaporeans have until 31 December 2013 to sign up.

### **Additional Information on the GSTV and Special Payment**

14 More information can be found at [www.gstvoucher.gov.sg](http://www.gstvoucher.gov.sg). For details on GSTV – Cash, GSTV – Medisave and the one-off Medisave top-up, Singaporeans can call 1800-2222-888 or email [gstvoucher@cpf.gov.sg](mailto:gstvoucher@cpf.gov.sg). For details on GSTV – U-Save, they can call 6671-7117 or email [spservices@singaporepower.com.sg](mailto:spservices@singaporepower.com.sg).

## Annex A: GST Voucher Special Payment

### GST Voucher – Cash Special Payment

| Assessable Income for YA2012 | Annual Value (AV) of Home as at 31 Dec 2012   |   |
|------------------------------|---|---|
|                              | ≤ \$13,000  | \$13,001 to \$21,000  |
| ≤ \$24,000                   | <p><b>\$250</b></p> <p>On top of the \$250 in the regular GSTV – Cash payment.</p> <p>Total received in 2013: \$500</p> | <p><b>\$100</b></p> <p>On top of the \$100 in the regular GSTV – Cash payment.</p> <p>Total received in 2013: \$200</p> |

*Note: Singaporeans who own more than one property are not eligible for the regular GST Voucher – Cash and GST Voucher – Cash Special Payment.*

### GSTV – Medisave Special Payment

| Age in 2013 | AV of Home as at 31 Dec 2012  |   |
|-------------|---|---|
|             | ≤ \$13,000  | \$13,001 to \$21,000  |
| 65-74       | <p><b>\$250</b></p> <p>On top of the \$250 in the regular GSTV – Medisave payment.</p> <p>Total received in 2013: \$500</p> | <p><b>\$150</b></p> <p>On top of the \$150 in the regular GSTV – Medisave payment.</p> <p>Total received in 2013: \$300</p> |
| 75-84       | <p><b>\$350</b></p> <p>On top of the \$350 in the regular GSTV – Medisave payment.</p> <p>Total received in 2013: \$700</p> | <p><b>\$250</b></p> <p>On top of the \$250 in the regular GSTV – Medisave payment.</p> <p>Total received in 2013: \$500</p> |
| ≥85         | <p><b>\$450</b></p> <p>On top of the \$450 in the regular GSTV – Medisave payment.</p> <p>Total received in 2013: \$900</p> | <p><b>\$350</b></p> <p>On top of the \$350 in the regular GSTV – Medisave payment.</p> <p>Total received in 2013: \$700</p> |

*Note: Singaporeans who own more than one property are not eligible for the regular GST Voucher – Medisave and GST Voucher – Medisave Special Payment.*

**GSTV – U-Save Special Payment to HDB Households**

| <b>Flat Type</b> | <b>Jul 2013</b>   | <b>Jan 2014</b>   | <b>Total GST Voucher – U-Save Special Payment</b>                        |
|------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>1-2 Room</b>  | <p>\$130</p> <p>On top of the \$65 in regular GSTV – U-Save payment.</p> <p>Total received in Jul 2013: \$195</p> | <p>\$130</p> <p>On top of the \$65 in regular GSTV – U-Save payment.</p> <p>Total received in Jan 2014: \$195</p> | <p><b>\$260</b></p> <p>On top of the regular GSTV – U-Save payments.</p> |
| <b>3 Room</b>    | <p>\$120</p> <p>On top of the \$60 in regular GSTV – U-Save payment.</p> <p>Total received in Jul 2013: \$180</p> | <p>\$120</p> <p>On top of the \$60 in regular GSTV – U-Save payment.</p> <p>Total received in Jan 2014: \$180</p> | <p><b>\$240</b></p> <p>On top of the regular GSTV – U-Save payments.</p> |
| <b>4 Room</b>    | <p>\$110</p> <p>On top of the \$55 in regular GSTV – U-Save payment.</p> <p>Total received in Jul 2013: \$165</p> | <p>\$110</p> <p>On top of the \$55 in regular GSTV – U-Save payment.</p> <p>Total received in Jan 2014: \$165</p> | <p><b>\$220</b></p> <p>On top of the regular GSTV – U-Save payments.</p> |
| <b>5 Room</b>    | <p>\$100</p> <p>On top of the \$50 in regular GSTV – U-Save payment.</p> <p>Total received in Jul 2013: \$150</p> | <p>\$100</p> <p>On top of the \$50 in regular GSTV – U-Save payment.</p> <p>Total received in Jan 2014: \$150</p> | <p><b>\$200</b></p> <p>On top of the regular GSTV – U-Save payments.</p> |
| <b>Executive</b> | <p>\$90</p> <p>On top of the \$45 in regular GSTV – U-Save payment.</p> <p>Total received in Jul 2013: \$135</p>  | <p>\$90</p> <p>On top of the \$45 in regular GSTV – U-Save payment.</p> <p>Total received in Jan 2014: \$135</p>  | <p><b>\$180</b></p> <p>On top of the regular GSTV – U-Save payments.</p> |

*Note: Households where any of the household members own more than one property will not be eligible for the regular GST Voucher – U-Save and GST Voucher – U-Save Special Payment.*