

ANNEX B-3: ENHANCED CARE AND SUPPORT PACKAGE

(I) DETAILS OF ENHANCEMENTS

The Government will further enhance the Care and Support Package that was announced during Budget 2020. This will provide further assurance and support to Singaporeans who are concerned about coping with their household expenses during this period of exceptional economic uncertainty. All adult Singaporeans will benefit, with more help given to the less well-off.

The enhancements are estimated to cost about **\$3 billion** more. Together with the Care and Support measures announced during Budget 2020, the enhanced Care and Support Package will now cost a total of about **\$4.6 billion**.

I-1. Enhanced Care and Support – Cash and Changes to PAssion Card Top-up

The one-off Care and Support – Cash payout that was announced at Budget 2020 will be tripled for all Singaporeans aged 21 and above in 2020. Each eligible citizen will receive \$900, \$600, or \$300, depending on their income (see Table 1). Those who own more than one property will receive \$300, regardless of their income. Parents, with at least one Singaporean child aged 20 and below in 2020, will each receive an additional \$300 in cash.

As part of Budget 2020, Singaporeans aged 50 years and above in 2020 are to receive a \$100 PAssion Card top-up. In view of COVID-19 and the need for safe distancing in this period, the \$100 PAssion Card top-up will be given in cash instead. This will eliminate the need for physical redemption in person, and eligible Singaporeans will receive the \$100 directly in their designated bank account, together with their Care and Support – Cash payout.

Table 1: Enhanced Care and Support – Cash and PAssion Card Top-up

Assessable Income for Year of Assessment 2019		\$0 to \$28,000	\$28,001 to \$100,000	More than \$100,000, or owns more than one property
For all Singaporeans aged 21 and above in 2020	Original quantum	\$300	\$200	\$100
	Enhanced quantum	\$900	\$600	\$300
For parents*	Original quantum		+\$100	
	Enhanced quantum		+\$300	
For all Singaporeans aged 50 and above in 2020	PAssion Card Top-up to be provided in cash[^]		+\$100	

* Refers to Singaporean parents with at least one Singaporean child aged 20 and below in 2020. Each eligible parent will receive the additional \$300.

[^] The \$100 PAssion Card Top-up that was announced at Budget 2020 will be provided in cash instead.

I-2. Enhanced Workfare Special Payment

As announced at Budget 2020, all Singaporean employees and self-employed persons who received Workfare Income Supplement (WIS) payments in Work Year 2019 will receive a Workfare Special Payment (WSP) in 2020. The WSP will be enhanced to provide a cash payout of \$3,000 for all eligible Singaporeans, up from the quantum announced previously¹. Eligible employees and Self-Employed Persons will receive the same amount of \$3,000, which will be paid over two equal payments of \$1,500 each in 2020. The enhanced WSP will provide additional support for low-wage workers aged 35 and above in 2019².

I-3. Enhanced Grocery Vouchers

All Singaporeans aged 21 and above, who live in 1-room and 2-room HDB flats and do not own more than one property, will now receive an additional \$200 of Grocery Vouchers in 2020. In total, they will receive \$300 in Grocery Vouchers this year, and \$100 in 2021. Grocery Vouchers can be used at participating supermarkets. To date, NTUC FairPrice, Giant and Sheng Siong have agreed to accept these vouchers.

¹ The WSP announced at Budget 2020 was an additional 20% of total annual WIS payments received for work done in 2019, with a minimum payment of \$100. The highest WSP payout would have been \$720.

² Persons with disabilities aged below 35 years in 2019, who meet the WIS eligibility criteria, will also receive the WSP if they had received WIS payments for work done in 2019.

I-4. Additional Grants to Self-Help Groups and Community Development Councils

The Government will provide an additional grant of \$10 million over two years to Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and an additional grant of \$55 million to Community Development Councils (CDCs) in FY2020. This will provide further help to scale up local assistance schemes to support vulnerable households. Together with the support announced at Budget 2020, the total grant to SHGs is \$20 million over FY2020 and FY2021, and the total grant to CDCs is \$75 million in FY2020.

(II) OVERALL CARE AND SUPPORT PACKAGE

Table 2 provides an overview of components in the enhanced Care and Support Package, and the disbursement timeline for the benefits.

Table 2: Enhanced Care and Support Package

S/N	Component	Description	Disbursement Timeline
1.	(Enhanced) Care and Support – Cash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash payout of \$900, \$600 or \$300 for all Singaporeans aged 21 and above in 2020. Parents, with at least one Singaporean child aged 20 and below in 2020, will each get an additional \$300. 	August to September 2020
2.	(Changes) PAssion Card Top-up <i>(now paid out in cash)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$100 PAssion Card Top-up, paid in cash, for all Singaporeans aged 50 and above in 2020. No need for physical redemptions. This will now be paid together with the Care and Support – Cash payout in consideration of the need for physical distancing during COVID-19. 	
3.	(Enhanced) Workfare Special Payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flat payout of \$3,000 for all employees and self-employed persons aged 35 and above in 2019, who received Workfare Income Supplement payments in Work Year 2019. The Workfare Special Payment will be given in cash over two equal payments of \$1,500 each, in 2020. 	July 2020 and October 2020
4.	(Enhanced) Grocery Vouchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grocery Vouchers of \$300 in 2020 and \$100 in 2021, for Singaporeans aged 21 and above, who live in 1-room and 2-room HDB flats and do not own more than one property. 	4Q2020
5.	GST Voucher (GSTV) – U-Save	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All eligible HDB households will receive double their regular GSTV – U-Save in FY2020 (April 2020 to March 2021) through a one-off GSTV – U-Save Special Payment. Eligible households with five or more members will receive an additional GSTV – U-Save rebate in FY2020, and will thus receive a total of 2.5 	April 2020, July 2020, October 2020, and January 2021

S/N	Component	Description	Disbursement Timeline
		times their regular GSTV – U-Save in FY2020.	
6.	Service and Conservancy Charges (S&CC) Rebate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible Singaporean households living in HDB flats will receive rebates to offset between 1.5 and 3.5 months of S&CC over FY2020. 	April 2020, July 2020, October 2020, and January 2021
7.	(<i>Enhanced</i>) Grants to SHGs and CDCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$20 million grant to SHGs over FY2020 and FY2021. \$75 million grant to CDCs in FY2020. These grants will help to scale up local assistance schemes to support vulnerable households. 	Discretionary

(III) ILLUSTRATIONS OF SUPPORT

III-1. Young Family in a 3-Room HDB Flat

A couple in their early thirties with a young child aged 3 years old, living in a 3-room HDB flat with a combined monthly income of \$4,500, can now expect to receive **\$2,880** of additional support for their household expenses from the enhanced Care and Support Package (see Table 3).

These benefits are on top of what they would receive from structural schemes such as childcare subsidies, Baby Bonus, MediShield Life subsidies, and other regular benefits under the GST Voucher scheme.

Table 3: Support for Young Family in a 3-Room HDB Flat

Household Members	Father: 34 years old, earning \$2,200 per month Mother: 32 years old, earning \$2,300 per month Son: 3 years old
Dwelling Type	3-room HDB flat
Additional support from the enhanced Care and Support Package	
Enhanced Care and Support – Cash	\$2,400
	Father and Mother will <u>each</u> receive \$1,200. This includes the additional \$300 cash for each parent as they have a young child.
GST Voucher – U-Save Special Payment	\$360
S&CC Rebate	~\$120
Total	\$2,880

III-2. 3-Generation Family in a 5-Room HDB Flat

A 3-Generation family living in a 5-room HDB flat with a combined monthly income of \$6,500 can expect to receive **\$6,680** of additional support for their household expenses from the enhanced Care and Support Package (see Table 4).

These benefits are on top of what they would receive from structural schemes such as education subsidies, annual Edusave contributions, MediShield Life subsidies, Pioneer Generation Package (for the grandmother), and other regular benefits under the GST Voucher scheme.

Table 4: Support for 3-Generation Family in a 5-Room HDB Flat

Household Members	Grandmother: 71 years old, retired Father: 45 years old, earning \$4,500 per month Mother: 42 years old, earning \$2,000 per month Daughter: 13 years old, studying in secondary school Son: 10 years old, studying in primary school
Dwelling Type	5-room HDB flat
Additional support from the enhanced Care and Support Package	
Enhanced Care and Support – Cash	\$3,000 Grandmother will receive \$900. Father and Mother will receive \$900 and \$1,200 respectively. These include the additional \$300 cash for each parent as they have two young children.
PAssion Card Top-up (now paid in cash)	\$100
Enhanced Workfare Special Payment	\$3,000
GST Voucher – U-Save Special Payment	\$280
Additional GST Voucher – U-Save rebate for larger households	\$140
S&CC Rebate	~\$160
Total	\$6,680

MORE INFORMATION

More information on the enhanced Care and Support Package can be found at the Singapore Budget 2020 website (www.singaporebudget.gov.sg). For further enquiries on specific schemes, please see contact details below.

Scheme	More Information / Contact Details
Care and Support – Cash	Visit www.singaporebudget.gov.sg/budget_2020/budget-measures/care-and-support-package for Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).
Workfare Special Payment	www.cpf.gov.sg/writetous 1800-227-1188
PAssion Card Top-up	Visit: www.passioncard.sg 6225 5322
Grocery Vouchers	Visit www.singaporebudget.gov.sg/budget_2020/budget-measures/care-and-support-package for FAQs.
GST Voucher – U-Save	Visit: www.gstvoucher.gov.sg/pages/u-save.aspx customersupport@spgroup.com.sg 6671 7117
GST Voucher (general enquiries)	Visit: www.gstvoucher.gov.sg contactus@gstvoucher.gov.sg 1800-2222-888
S&CC Rebate	sccrebates@mailbox.hdb.gov.sg 1800-866-3078