

## **ANNEX B-1: SUPPORT FOR HOUSEHOLDS**

The Government continues to provide support to Singaporean households through the following measures:

- (A) Community Development Council (“CDC”) Vouchers
- (B) B2025 Cost-of-Living (“COL”) U-Save
- (C) Increase in ComCare Short-to-Medium-Term Assistance (“SMTA”) and Long-Term Assistance (“LTA”) Rates
- (D) Increase in Singapore Allowance

### **(A) Community Development Council Vouchers**

To provide additional support for Singaporeans, every Singaporean household will receive **\$800 in CDC Vouchers** as part of the B2025 Assurance Package (“AP”) enhancements. **\$500 will be disbursed in May 2025, and the remaining \$300 will be disbursed in January 2026.** Each tranche of CDC Vouchers will be split equally for spending at participating merchants/hawkers and supermarkets. Refer to Table 1 for the scheme details.

The CDC Vouchers will benefit about 1.3 million Singaporean households.

Table 1: CDC Vouchers

<b>Disbursement Month</b>	<b>CDC Vouchers per Singaporean Household</b>	<b>Expiry Date</b>
<b>May 2025</b>	\$500	31 Dec 2025
<b>Jan 2026</b>	\$300	31 Dec 2026
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$800</b>	

## **(B) B2025 Cost-of-Living U-Save**

To help households cope with their utilities expenses, eligible Singaporean households living in HDB flats and whose household members do not own more than one property will receive **one-off B2025 COL U-Save to offset their utilities expenses** as part of the B2025 AP enhancements. This B2025 COL U-Save will be **disbursed in April 2025 and October 2025**. In total, eligible HDB households will receive **up to \$760 of U-Save in FY 2025**. This is **double the amount of regular GST Voucher (“GSTV”) – U-Save**. Refer to Table 2 for the scheme details.

The B2025 COL U-Save, AP U-Save and regular GSTV – U-Save, will benefit more than 950,000 Singaporean households.

Table 2: U-Save in FY 2025

HDB Flat Type	April 2025		July 2025		October 2025		January 2026		Total U-Save for FY 2025
	Regular U-Save	COL U-Save	Regular U-Save	AP U-Save	Regular U-Save	COL U-Save	Regular U-Save	AP U-Save	
<b>1- and 2-room</b>	\$95	<b>\$95</b>	\$95	\$95	\$95	<b>\$95</b>	\$95	\$95	<b>\$760</b>
<b>3-room</b>	\$85	<b>\$85</b>	\$85	\$85	\$85	<b>\$85</b>	\$85	\$85	<b>\$680</b>
<b>4-room</b>	\$75	<b>\$75</b>	\$75	\$75	\$75	<b>\$75</b>	\$75	\$75	<b>\$600</b>
<b>5-room</b>	\$65	<b>\$65</b>	\$65	\$65	\$65	<b>\$65</b>	\$65	\$65	<b>\$520</b>
<b>Executive / Multi-gen</b>	\$55	<b>\$55</b>	\$55	\$55	\$55	<b>\$55</b>	\$55	\$55	<b>\$440</b>

Notes:

1. The amount for COL U-Save includes the additional \$20 of U-Save per quarter from the \$1.1 billion COL Package announced in September 2023, to cushion the impact of higher utilities bills in 2024 and 2025 from increases in carbon tax and water price.
2. If the flat is partially rented out or not rented out, there must be at least one Singaporean owner or occupier in the household to be eligible for U-Save. If the entire HDB flat is rented out, there must be at least one Singaporean tenant.
3. Households whose members own more than one property are not eligible for U-Save.

## **(C) Increase in ComCare Short-to-Medium-Term Assistance and Long-Term Care Assistance Rates**

ComCare supports lower-income households to meet basic living expenses. SMTA provides temporary support for lower-income families and individuals who are temporarily unable to work, looking for a job, or earning a low income and require assistance. LTA supports persons who are permanently unable to work, have limited or no means of income, and have little or no family support.

**To better support lower-income households, from April 2025, the SMTA and LTA rates will increase.** The amount of cash assistance provided under SMTA varies based on the household's composition, needs, and income. For example, households with members who are temporarily unemployed with no income will require more assistance than households that require support to supplement their income from work. Refer to Table 3 for the changes in LTA rates.

Table 3: Adjustments to LTA Rates

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>New</b>
<b>1-person</b>	\$640	\$760 (+\$120)
<b>2-person</b>	\$1,080	\$1,250 (+\$170)
<b>3-person</b>	\$1,510	\$1,760 (+\$250)
<b>4-person</b>	\$1,930	\$2,230 (+\$300)
<b>5-person</b>	\$2,340	\$2,720 (+\$380)

### **More Information**

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
Increase in ComCare SMTA and LTA Rates	Please contact MSF at <a href="mailto:ask_SSO@msf.gov.sg">ask_SSO@msf.gov.sg</a> , or the ComCare hotline at 1800-222-0000.

#### **(D) Increase in Singapore Allowance**

The Singapore Allowance is an ex-gratia allowance to help pensioners with a small pension cope with inflation in Singapore. The Singapore Allowance is over and above the pension paid to pensioners residing in Singapore, subject to a gross monthly pension ceiling.

**To provide more support for pensioners with smaller pensions, from April 2025, the Singapore Allowance monthly quantum and gross monthly pension ceiling will be raised by \$40 to \$390 and \$1,320 respectively.** Refer to Table 4 for more details.

Table 4: Adjustments to Singapore Allowance and Monthly Pension Ceiling

Singapore Allowance	Current	New
<b>Monthly quantum</b>	\$350	\$390 (+\$40)
<b>Gross monthly pension ceiling</b>	\$1,280	\$1,320 (+\$40)

#### **More Information**

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