

ANNEX F-2: ASSURANCE PACKAGE FOR GST

At Budget 2020, the Government announced a \$6 billion Assurance Package (AP) for GST to cushion the impact of the planned GST increase for all Singaporeans.

The Government will top-up \$640 million to enhance the AP. Under the enhanced AP, the majority of Singaporean households will receive offsets to cover at least five years' worth of additional GST expenses. Lower-income households will receive offsets covering about ten years' worth of additional GST expenses. The details are in the [Appendix](#).

(A) AP Cash Payouts

Every Singaporean aged 21 years and above will receive cash payouts amounting to between \$700 to \$1,600, depending on his/her income and property ownership (see [Table 1](#)). The payouts will be disbursed over five years, from 2022 to 2026. The first payout will be made in December 2022.

This will benefit about 2.8 million adult Singaporeans.

Table 1: AP Cash Payouts

Singaporeans aged 21 years and above in reference year	Payout Period	Owns 0 to 1 property			Owns >1 property	
		Assessable Income (AI)				
		AI≤\$34,000	\$34,000<AI≤\$100,000	AI>\$100,000		
2023	Dec 2022	\$200		\$150	\$100	
2024	Dec 2023	\$400		\$250	\$200	
2025	Dec 2024	\$400		\$250	\$200	
2026	Dec 2025	\$400		\$250	\$100	
2027	Dec 2026	\$200		\$150	\$100	
Total		\$1,600		\$1,050	\$700	

(B) GST Voucher – Cash (Seniors’ Bonus)

There will be additional cash payouts of \$600 to \$900 for less well-off Singaporean seniors through the special GSTV – Cash (Seniors’ Bonus). Refer to Table 2 for the payout criteria. The special GSTV – Cash (Seniors’ Bonus) will be disbursed over three years, from 2023 to 2025.

This will benefit about 850,000 lower-income senior Singaporeans.

Table 2: GSTV – Cash (Seniors’ Bonus)

Property Ownership		Owns 0-1 property		
Assessable Income (AI)		AI≤\$34,000		
Annual Value (AV) of home	AV≤\$13,000		\$13,000<AV≤\$21,000	
Age of Singaporean in Payout Year	55 to 64 years	65 years and above	55 to 64 years	65 years and above
2023	\$250	\$300	\$200	
2024	\$250	\$300	\$200	
2025	\$250	\$300	\$200	
Total	\$750	\$900		\$600

Note:

1. Individuals who own more than one property are not eligible for GSTV – Cash (Seniors’ Bonus).

(C) Additional GST Voucher – U-Save

All eligible HDB households will receive additional GST Voucher (GSTV) – U-Save rebates under the AP. These additional GSTV – U-Save rebates are on top of the regular GSTV – U-Save rebates under the GSTV scheme, and will be credited together with households' regular GSTV – U-Save in the relevant months (see Table 3). The additional GSTV – U-Save rebates for 2023 will be credited in January 2023.

The above will benefit about 950,000 Singaporean households.

Table 3: Additional GST Voucher (GSTV) – U-Save under the Assurance Package

HDB Flat Type	1- & 2-room	3-room	4-room	5-room	Executive/ Multi- Generation
2023	\$95	\$85	\$75	\$65	\$55
2024	\$190	\$170	\$150	\$130	\$110
2025	\$190	\$170	\$150	\$130	\$110
2026	\$95	\$85	\$75	\$65	\$55
Total	\$570	\$510	\$450	\$390	\$330
<i>For reference: Regular GSTV – U-Save per year</i>	\$380	\$340	\$300	\$260	\$220

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, July, October, and January.

(D) MediSave Top-ups

Singaporeans aged (i) 20 years and below, or (ii) 55 years and above, will receive a MediSave top-up of \$450 over 2023 to 2025 (see Table 4).

This will benefit about 2.0 million Singaporean children and seniors.

Table 4: MediSave Top-ups

Age of Singaporean in Payout Year	20 years and below	55 years and above
2023		\$150
2024		\$150
2025		\$150
Total		\$450

(E) Community Development Council (CDC) Vouchers Scheme

The Government will partner the CDCs to distribute two rounds of vouchers to all Singaporean households, in 2023 and 2024. Each round of vouchers will be worth \$200 (i.e. \$400 in total), and these vouchers can be used at participating heartland shops and hawker centres, as well as major supermarkets. The CDCs will provide more details on the vouchers subsequently.

(F) Top-up to Citizens' Consultative Committee ComCare Fund

The Government will top up \$5 million to the Citizens' Consultative Committee (CCC) ComCare Fund over five years. Vulnerable households with urgent needs can approach their CCCs for assistance.

(G) Grants to Self-Help Groups

The Government will also provide a total of \$12 million over four years to Self-Help Groups. These are the Chinese Development Assistance Council (CDAC), Eurasian Association (EA), Yayasan MENDAKI, and the Singapore Indian Development Association (SINDA).

MORE INFORMATION

More information on the Assurance Package for GST can be found at the Singapore Budget 2022 website (go.gov.sg/b2022householdsupport). For further enquiries on specific schemes, please see contact details below.

Scheme	More Information / Contact Details
AP Cash Payouts	go.gov.sg/b2022householdsupport
GST Voucher – Cash (Seniors' Bonus)	
MediSave Top-ups	
Additional GST Voucher – U-Save	Visit: www.gstvoucher.gov.sg/pages/u-save.aspx customersupport@spgroup.com.sg 6671 7117
CDC Vouchers	More details will be announced by the CDCs. For enquiries, please call the PA Contact Centre at 6225 5322 or fill in a feedback form at www.pa.gov.sg/feedback .

Appendix

Number of Years of Additional GST (+2%-point) Offset Received by Citizen Households from Assurance Package, on Per Household Member Basis

S/N		Dwelling Type						
		HDB 1/2R	HDB 3R	HDB 4R	HDB 5R	HDB Exec	Private Properties with AV≤\$21k	Private Properties with AV>\$21k
[A]	Average annual additional GST expenses	139	193	231	260	286	418	407
[B]	Average benefit received from Assurance Package, over 5 years	2,708	2,282	1,824	1,640	1,610	1,246	1,070
[B/A]	No. of years of additional GST offset by Assurance Package	19.5	11.8	7.9	6.3	5.6	3.0	2.6

Notes:

1. Benefits used in the computation of the number of years of additional GST expenses offset by the Assurance Package comprise the components of the AP - AP cash payouts, GSTV – Cash (Seniors' Bonus), additional GSTV – U-Save rebate, MediSave top-ups and CDC Vouchers.
2. The average annual additional (+2%-point) GST expenses are estimated from the average annual GST expenses (excluding GST absorbed) from 2018 to 2020.