ANNEX C-1: CARE AND SUPPORT PACKAGE

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The Care and Support Package provides assurance and support to Singaporean households during this period of uncertainty, by helping to defray some of their household expenses. All adult Singaporeans will benefit, with more help given to the less well-off. The Package is estimated to cost the Government about \$1.6 billion.

I-1. Care and Support – Cash

All Singaporeans aged 21 years and above in 2020 will receive a one-off Care and Support – Cash payout of \$300, \$200 or \$100, depending on their income (see <u>Table 1</u>). Those who own more than one property will receive \$100, regardless of their income. Parents, with one or more Singaporean children aged 20 years and below in 2020, will each receive an additional \$100 in cash.

Table 1: Care and Support – Cash

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
Care and Support - Cash	\$300	\$200	\$100
Additional cash for parents*		+\$100	

^{*} Refers to those with one or more Singaporean children aged 20 years and below in 2020. Each eligible parent will receive the additional \$100.

I-2. Workfare Special Payment

Singaporeans who received Workfare Income Supplement (WIS) payments in Work Year 2019 will be eligible for a Workfare Special Payment (WSP) in 2020. This includes both employees and self-employed persons. The WSP will be 20% of the total annual WIS payment received for Work Year 2019, with a minimum payment of \$100 (see <u>Table 2</u>). The payment will be given in cash, and will provide additional support for low-wage workers and self-employed persons aged 35 and above in 2019.

Table 2: Workfare Special Payment

Age in 2019	20% of the Total Annual WIS Payment for Work Year 2019	
	For Employees	For Self-Employed
		Persons
35 - 44	\$100 to \$300	\$100 to \$200
45 - 54	\$100 to \$440	\$100 to \$293
55 - 59	\$100 to \$580	\$100 to \$387
60 and above	\$100 to \$720	\$100 to \$480

Notes:

- 1. WSP for self-employed persons is two-thirds the amount for employees.
- 2. Persons with disabilities aged below 35 years in 2019, who meet the WIS eligibility criteria, will also receive a WSP of between \$100 and \$300 based on work done in 2019.

I-3. PAssion Card Top-up

All Singaporeans aged 50 years and above in 2020 will receive a \$100 top-up to their PAssion Cards in 2020. This includes Merdeka Generation seniors who received a \$100 top-up under the Merdeka Generation Package in 2019, as well as Pioneers.

I-4. Grocery Vouchers

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

I-5. Additional GST Voucher – U-Save

All eligible HDB households will receive double their regular GST Voucher (GSTV) – U-Save in Financial Year (FY) 2020 (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 times their regular GSTV – U-Save in FY2020 (see <u>Table 3</u>).

Table 3: GST Voucher – U-Save for FY2020

HDB Flat	Regular	GSTV –	Additional	Total
Type	GSTV –	U-Save	GSTV –	GSTV –
	U-Save	Special	U-Save rebate	U-Save for
		Payment		FY2020
	For all eligib	le households	For eligible	
			larger	
			households	
1- and 2-room	\$400	+\$400	+\$200	\$800 or \$1,000
3-room	\$360	+\$360	+\$180	\$720 or \$900
4-room	\$320	+\$320	+\$160	\$640 or \$800
5-room	\$280	+\$280	+\$140	\$560 or \$700
Executive /	\$240	+\$240	+\$120	\$480 or \$600
Multi-				
Generation				

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 2020, July 2020, October 2020 and January 2021.
- 3. On top of the regular GSTV U-Save, eligible households will receive their GSTV U-Save Special Payment over two quarters in April 2020 and July 2020, and eligible larger households with five or more members will receive their additional GSTV U-Save rebate over two quarters in October 2020 and January 2021.
- 4. Household members refer to individuals living at the same residence (as reflected on their NRICs), and who are related by blood, marriage, or legal adoption (e.g. spouse, parents, children, siblings, uncles, aunts, cousins, and in-laws). Domestic helpers, unrelated tenants, god-parents, and friends are not considered household members.

I-6. Grants to Self-Help Groups and Community Development Councils

The Government will provide a grant of \$10 million over two years to Self-Help Groups, and another grant of \$20 million to Community Development Councils. This will help to fund community programmes to support needy households.

I-7. Service and Conservancy Charges Rebate

Eligible Singaporean households living in HDB flats will receive rebates to offset between 1.5 and 3.5 months of Service and Conservancy Charges (S&CC) over FY2020 (see <u>Table 4</u>).

Table 4: S&CC Rebate for FY2020

HDB Flat	No. of months of S&CC Rebate in FY2020				
Type	April	July	October	January	Total for
	2020	2020	2020	2021	FY2020
1- and 2-	1	1	1	0.5	3.5
room					
3- and 4-	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.5
room					
5-room	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.0
Executive /	0.5	0.5	0.5	-	1.5
Multi-					
Generation					

Note:

- 1. Eligible households will receive their S&CC Rebate over four quarters in April 2020, July 2020, October 2020 and January 2021.
- 2. Households with a member owning or having any interest in a private property, or have rented out the entire flat, are not eligible for the S&CC Rebate.

(II) ILLUSTRATIONS OF SUPPORT

II-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 expect to receive \$1,280 of additional support for their household expenses from Budget 2020 (see <u>Table 5</u>).

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 5: 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 Budget 2020		
Care and Support –	\$800, which includes the additional \$100 for each parent	
Cash		
GST Voucher – U-Save	\$360	
Special Payment		
S&CC Rebate	~\$120	
Total	\$1,280	

II-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 **\$1,780** of additional support for their household expenses from Budget 2020 (see <u>Table 6</u>).

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 6: 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 Budget 2020		
Care and Support –	\$1,000, which includes the additional \$100 for each	
Cash	parent	
Workfare Special	\$100	
Payment		
GST Voucher – U-Save	\$280	
Special Payment		
Additional GST Voucher	\$140	
 U-Save rebate for 		
larger households		
PAssion Card Top-up	\$100	
S&CC Rebate	~\$160	
Total	\$1,780	

MORE INFORMATION

More information on the 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 <u>www.singaporebudget.gov.sg/budget_2020/budget_measures/care-and-support-package</u> for Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).
Workfare Special Payment	www.cpf.gov.sg/writetous 1800-227-1188
PAssion Card Top-up	Visit: www.passioncard.sg 1800-2255-663
Grocery Vouchers	Visit <u>www.singaporebudget.gov.sg/budget_2020/budget_measures/care-and-support-package</u> 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