



# A FUTURE-READY SINGAPORE: 2025 BUDGET OVERVIEW

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# ONWARD TOGETHER FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

As Singapore celebrates its 60th year of independence, the government remains committed to reinforcing resilience, economic stability, and social cohesion. Over the decades, Singapore has grown into a global economic hub, but new challenges such as economic uncertainties, rapid technological shifts, an aging population, and rising living costs require proactive solutions to ensure long-term sustainability and shared prosperity.

The Forward Singapore roadmap provides a structured approach to inclusive and sustainable development, ensuring that all Singaporeans—regardless of background—benefit from economic progress, access essential services, and seize opportunities in a changing world. By strengthening social cohesion and addressing evolving challenges, this initiative paves the way for a resilient and future-ready nation.



The FY2025 Budget advances this vision through targeted measures that support individuals and families facing inflationary pressures, improve access to key services, assist businesses in a competitive global landscape, and invest in long-term sustainability. With a focus on financial aid, cost-of-living relief, healthcare, education, business support, and environmental initiatives, the budget lays the foundation for a stronger, more inclusive, and forward-looking Singapore.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE & DIRECT SUPPORT



### **SG60 Celebrations: Financial Benefits for All Singaporeans**

To mark Singapore's 60th anniversary of independence, the government is launching a series of SG60 benefits that are meant to celebrate national solidarity as well as deliver concrete economic relief. The benefits recognize the contributions of all Singaporeans and assist them in addressing economic hardship.

**SG60 Vouchers (\$600 or \$800 per individual):** The vouchers will assist citizens in covering their everyday expenses, including food, transport, and basic services. \$600 is for all Singaporeans aged between 21 to 59 years and \$800 for the Singaporeans above 60 years of age.

**SG60 ActiveSG Credit (\$100):** For promoting a healthier lifestyle, the credit may be utilized towards gym membership, sports activities, and other sporting events.

**SG60 Culture Pass (\$100):** Singaporeans will be given this pass to partake in arts and cultural activities, such as museums, performances, and exhibitions, and deepen their appreciation for the country's heritage.

**SG60 Baby Gift:** A one-off gift package for 2025 babies is designed to promote more births and assist young families with baby essentials and cash benefits.

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### **More Cash in Your Hands: Additional Payouts for Financial Security.**

**GST Voucher (GSTV) Cash Payout (\$450 to \$850):** This provides qualifying individuals with direct cash relief in order to subsidize the GST hike and cost-of-living pressures generally.

**Assurance Package Cash (\$100 to \$600):** Additional assistance will be extended to moderate inflation and price escalations.

**Large Family LifeSG Credits (\$1,000 per child):** This scheme specifically targets larger families, providing financial assistance for the third and every subsequent child (1-6 years old) to alleviate childcare and education costs.

**Personal Income Tax Rebate (60% rebate, up to \$200):** To alleviate the tax burden on individuals, a rebate will be given for the Year of Assessment 2025.

**Household Support and Vouchers:** Singaporean households will receive various benefits, including \$800 in CDC Vouchers, U-Save ranging from \$440 to \$760, S&CC rebates of 1.5 to 3.5 months, and \$400 in Climate Vouchers (including a \$100 top-up) for both HDB and private property households, subject to eligibility.



## **COST-OF-LIVING RELIEF: HOUSING & UTILITIES SUPPORT**



With growing property prices and utility bills, housing affordability continues to be a worry for Singaporeans. The budget proposes various initiatives to allow households to better cope with housing-related costs while encouraging sustainable living.

**U-Save Rebates (\$110 to \$190 per quarter):** HDB families will be given quarterly rebates to offset electricity and water charges. This is essential in an era of rising energy prices.

**S&CC Rebates (0.5 to 1 month's charges every quarter):** Rebates on S&CC costs help subsidise conservancy and service charges of HDB dwellers, lessening the cost burden of everyday home living expenses.

**Climate Vouchers (\$400 for all residents):** To encourage green home upgrades, residents in both private residences and HDB will be offered vouchers to fund energy-efficient household appliances and home improvement.

## HEALTHCARE & EDUCATION SUPPORT



Healthcare and education are still key pillars of social advancement, and this year's budget brings in new initiatives to increase accessibility and affordability for Singaporeans. Medical costs can be a heavy financial burden, particularly for the elderly and low-income households. To ease the burden:

**MediSave Top-Up (\$150 to \$450 per individual):** This provides Singaporeans with more savings for medical bills and long-term healthcare requirements.

**Second MediSave Bonus (\$500):** Seniors aged between 1950 and 1973 with lower MediSave balances will be topped up further to help finance their medical bills.

**New Matched MediSave Scheme (Five-Year Programme):** The government will top up the contributions made by seniors into their MediSave accounts, enabling them to build up more retirement healthcare savings.

**More Long-Term Care Subsidies:** Greater numbers of households will be eligible for long-term care subsidies to help ensure older Singaporeans with sufficient financial support for medical and caregiving services.

**Increased Home Caregiving Grant (Maximum of \$600/month):** The public will see higher financial support to help fund caregiving for elderly or disabled relatives.

## EDUCATION INVESTMENTS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



Learning is a key investment in the next-generation workforce, and the government is increasing subsidies for students and young children:

**Child LifeSG Credits (\$500 for each child below 12 years old):**

Families with young kids will receive credits to enhance early childhood growth, including learning, healthcare, and well-being.

**Edusave & Post-Secondary Education Account (PSEA) Top-Up (\$500 per child aged 13-20):** This program will make it easier for students and parents to bear the cost, while making education accessible to everyone.

**Increased Childcare Subsidies:** Low-income working families will have higher subsidies for pre-school education, helping high-quality early education become more affordable.

## STRENGTHENING FAMILIES & SUPPORTING VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES



Creating a caring and inclusive society is a top priority. This budget enhances assistance to families, persons with disabilities, and the disadvantaged through financial support and social welfare schemes. Promoting Family Growth & Parenthood Support. In an effort to deal with Singapore's falling birth rate, financial assistance for families is being increased:

**Child Development Account (CDA) First Step Grant (\$5,000 for the third & subsequent child in the years the child turns 1 to 6):** Those with more children will get a boost to meet the expenses of bringing up more children.

**Large Family MediSave Grant (\$5,000 for each mother for third & subsequent children):** This offers extra savings for maternity and medical bills.

## ASSISTING THE VULNERABLE GROUPS



**Increased ComCare Assistance:** Increased financial support will be provided to low-income families to further fortify social safety nets.



## ASSISTING THE VULNERABLE GROUPS



**Enhance Fresh Start Housing Scheme:** Strengthen the scheme to support more families with children in public rental flats by providing better financial assistance, priority access, and affordable housing options for homeownership.

**Expand Enhancement for Active Seniors (EASE) Programme:** Extend the EASE programme for three more years to include Singaporean private property households, providing greater support for senior citizens in maintaining and improving their homes.

**Enhanced Disability Services & Employment Support:** The Enabling Employment Credit has been rolled out until 2028 to encourage businesses to employ individuals with disabilities. Increased subsidies will also enhance access to core disability services.

**Higher Subsidy Rates for Adult Disability Services:** Increase subsidy rates for adult disability services while expanding coverage to more households, ensuring greater financial support for families in need.

**Matched Retirement Savings Scheme for Singaporeans with Disabilities:** This would help Singaporeans with disabilities by matching their retirement savings contributions, regardless of age. This boosts financial independence and security for individuals with disabilities in their retirement years.

## SUPPORTING CULTURE, CHARITIES, AND LOCAL BUSINESSES



**Top-Up to Cultural Matching Fund:** A \$100 million top-up and five-year extension to the Cultural Matching Fund will help sustain and grow Singapore's arts and cultural landscape by encouraging private sector donations and government support for arts initiatives.

**SG Gives Matching Grant:** The \$250 million SG Gives matching grant is designed to incentivize public donations, ensuring that charitable organizations can raise more funds to address critical social needs and empower communities.

**Extension of Tote Board's Enhanced Fund-Raising Programme:** The \$270 million top-up and three-year extension to Tote Board's Enhanced Fund-Raising Programme will provide continued financial assistance to charities, enabling them to conduct effective fundraising campaigns and increase their impact.

**Support for Self-Help Groups:** The \$60 million over five years for Self-Help Groups will enhance their ability to assist and empower disadvantaged communities by providing necessary resources for their programs and services.

**Hawker Centre Rental Support & Upgrade:** The \$600 rental support helps stallholders manage costs, ensuring affordable hawker centres. An investment of up to \$1 billion over 20-30 years will upgrade and build new centres for future generations.

## STRENGTHENING WORKFORCE SKILLS AND INCLUSIVITY



**Advancing Skills Development for Workers:** The Skills Future Level-Up Programme will offer a \$300 monthly training allowance from early 2026 for selected part-time courses for Singaporeans aged 40 and above, while enhancing Workfare Skills Support for lower-wage workers aged 30 and above, providing monthly allowances for both part-time and full-time courses.

**Empowering Workforce Transformation:** The new SkillsFuture Workforce Development Grant will provide up to 70% funding for job redesign, while a redesigned SkillsFuture Enterprise Credit will offer \$10,000 for eligible companies from the second half of 2026 to offset workforce transformation costs. Additionally, \$200 million will be added to NTUC's Company Training Committee Grant to help more companies upskill their workers and drive transformation.

**Enhancing Support for Senior and Inclusive Employment:** The CPF Transition Offset will cover half the increase in employer CPF contributions for senior workers aged 55 to 65. Additionally, the Senior Employment Credit will be extended to 2026, and the Uplifting Employment Credit will be extended to 2028 to encourage the hiring of senior workers and ex-offenders.

## GROWING BUSINESS & ECONOMIC GROWTH



### **Managing Business Costs:**

- Businesses can receive up to \$40,000 in benefits.
- Companies will get a 50% Corporate Income Tax Rebate for 2025.
- Active companies with at least one local employee in 2024 will get at least \$2,000.
- More funding will be available for the Progressive Wage Credit Scheme in 2025 and 2026.

**Enhancing Technology and Innovation Engines:** A \$3 billion top-up will be added to the National Productivity Fund, along with a \$1 billion investment in research and development (R&D) infrastructure to boost technology and innovation.

**Strengthening Enterprise Ecosystem:** Support schemes for internationalisation, mergers, and acquisitions will be extended, including up to \$150 million for the new Enterprise Compute Initiative, a \$1 billion Private Credit Growth Fund, tax incentives for developing Singapore's equities market, and the launch of the Global Founder Programme.

**Investing in Infrastructure:** A \$5 billion top-up will be made to both the Changi Airport Development Fund and the Future Energy Fund to strengthen infrastructure and promote sustainable energy, driving future economic development.

## INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE & SUSTAINABILITY



### **\$5 Billion Top-Up of Coastal & Flood Protection Fund:**

Enhancing Singapore's resilience to climate challenges of rising sea levels and natural disasters.

**Accelerating Clean Transport Adoption:** The New Heavy Vehicle Zero Emissions Scheme and Electric Heavy Vehicle Charger Grant will promote the use of clean heavy vehicles, while a new Additional Flat Component of road tax for electric heavy goods vehicles and buses will be phased in over three years from 2026.

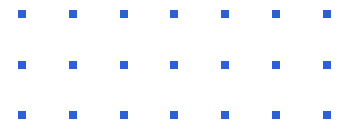
**Climate Vouchers (\$400 per household):** Assisting citizens in switching to energy-efficient appliances for a cleaner future. All HDB and private property households in Singapore will receive \$400 in Climate Vouchers, including a \$100 top-up, to support sustainability efforts.



**As Singapore celebrates 60 years of independence, the FY2025 Budget reaffirms the country's resolve to stay resilient, inclusive, and sustainable. Through support with finances, alleviating cost of living burdens, promoting healthcare and education, investing in innovation and sustainability, it makes sure that every Singaporean is able to transform, grow, and flourish in an ever-changing world. United in effort, unwavering in resolve, and with forward-looking policies, Singapore will persist in forging an even stronger and more prosperous future for generations ahead.**



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