

# U Stretch and U Care Back to School Vouchers Programme 2019 – Fact Sheet



## 1. About the Programme

<u>U Stretch Vouchers Programme</u>	<u>U Care Back to School Vouchers Programme</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The <b>U Stretch Vouchers Programme</b> is one of NTUC-U Care Fund's core assistance programmes which provides relief to eligible union members by helping to stretch their dollar on daily necessities.</li><li>- In 2019, the NTUC-U Care Fund will continue to roll out the U Stretch Vouchers to potentially help 27,000 members defray their cost of living. The voucher quantum will subject to final donations raised.</li><li>- Each U Stretch Voucher provides a \$2.50 discount off every \$5 purchase at the participating NTUC Social Enterprises.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The <b>U Care Back To School (BTS) Vouchers Programme</b> is one of NTUC-U Care Fund's core assistance programmes which aims to help eligible union members defray the cost of their children's school expenses for the new school year.</li><li>- In 2019, the NTUC-U Care Fund will continue to roll out the U Care BTS Vouchers to potentially help 30,000 members' school-going children. The voucher quantum will subject to final donations raised.</li></ul>
<p>The Vouchers are valid for use till <u>30 April 2020</u>. <b>Strictly no extension will be granted after the voucher expiry date.</b></p>	

## 2. Eligibility Criteria

2.1 Member must have at least 6 months of continuous paid-up union membership as of July 2019 and must not be in arrears.

2.2 For Members with Dependents Staying in Same Household in Singapore:

- Total Monthly Gross Household Income<sup>+</sup> of \$3,400 and below, **OR**
- Per Capita Income of \$850 and below if Gross Household Income<sup>+</sup> exceeds \$3,400

2.3 For Members with No Dependents Staying in Same Household in Singapore:

- Monthly Gross Personal Income<sup>+</sup> of \$1,500 and below

<sup>+</sup>Gross income is defined as all income derived from employment/business. Inclusive of overtime and allowances.

2.4 Member's child/children must be attending school in 2020 at an eligible educational institution in Singapore as follows:

- Kindergarten 1 or 2;
- Government / Government-Aided / Independent Schools (Primary or Secondary) under the Ministry of Education (MOE);
- Junior Colleges; Institute of Technical Education; Millennia Institute; Polytechnics; OR
- Special Education Schools (*refer to Appendix A*)

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## 3. Required Supporting Documents

### 3.1 If Member is Employed:

- Photocopy of payslip dated year 2019

### 3.2 If Member is Self-Employed or Works Part-Time:

- Notice of Assessment from IRAS (Year of Assessment 2019), **OR**
- CPF Statement (showing contribution history for the past 3 months)

### 3.3 If Member is Unemployed:

- CPF Statement (showing contribution history for the past 3 months)

#### **AND**

- Photocopy of Spouse's recent payslip or CPF Statement (showing contribution history for the past 3 months) if Member is married

### 3.4 For application of BTS Voucher Programme

- Photocopy of Member's Child/Children's Birth Certificates
  - *If member has previously submitted photocopy of child/children's birth certificates for BTS Voucher Programme in 2012 or later, he/she need not submit the birth certificates again.*

**Note:** Applicant may be required to submit other supporting document(s) for verification and audit purposes.

## 4. How to Apply

There are two ways to apply:

### 4.1 Online Application

Union members can submit an online application via the U Care System at [www.ntuc.org.sg/ucare/apply](http://www.ntuc.org.sg/ucare/apply).

Members may refer to the following to familiarise themselves with the online application process:

- Online Demo - <http://www.ntuc.org.sg/ucare/onlineappdemo.htm>
- Fact Sheet on U Care System - <http://www.ntuc.org.sg/ucare/onlineappfactsheet.htm>

### 4.2 Hardcopy Application Form

- For **Ordinary Branch (OB)** members – member may obtain the hardcopy form from and submit directly to the union that they belong to.
- For **General Branch (GB) & UCLUB** members, please submit online application @ [ntuc.co/ucare](http://ntuc.co/ucare).

**Note:** Members are advised to submit their applications before the closing date (as indicated on the application form) as late submission will not be processed.

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## 5. Outcome of Application

- 5.1 **Ordinary Branch** members will be notified of their application outcome by their respective unions from November onwards if they are successful.
- 5.2 **General Branch** members will receive notification letters on their application outcome from NTUC Membership Department from November onwards.

## 6. How to Redeem U Stretch Vouchers

- 6.1 Each U Stretch Voucher provides a \$2.50 discount off every \$5 purchase. These vouchers must be presented to the cashiers at the participating NTUC Social Enterprises when making payment.

Please refer to table below for illustration.

Purchase Amount	No. of Voucher(s) to Use	Discount
Less than \$5	Minimum purchase of \$5 is required	
\$5 to \$9.99	1	\$2.50
\$10 to \$14.99	2	\$5.00
\$15 to \$19.99	3	\$7.50
\$20 to \$24.99	4	\$10.00
and so on...		

- 6.2 Participating NTUC Social Enterprises and the Terms & Conditions are as follows:

NTUC Social Enterprises	Outlet(s)	Terms & Conditions
NTUC FairPrice	All NTUC FairPrice supermarkets, FairPrice Finest, FairPrice Xtra hypermarkets, Warehouse Club, FairPrice Xpress, FairPriceShops, Unity by FairPrice and Cheers outlets	Cannot be used for purchase or payment for fuel, alcoholic beverages, gift cards/ vouchers, loyalty program merchandise, statutory items, tobacco, lottery products, courier and top-up services.
NTUC Foodfare	All NTUC Foodfare Food Courts and Coffee Shops, Rice Garden, Heavenly Wang and Wang Cafés (except those in Changi Airport transit areas)	Cannot be used for purchase of alcoholic beverages and cigarettes
NTUC Health	Unity Denticare	-

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## 7. How to Redeem U Care Back to School Vouchers

7.1 The BTS vouchers are valid for purchase of school textbooks, assessment/reference books, stationery, school uniforms/PE attire/shoes/socks, spectacles, or other school-related items at the following redemption points:

- Authorised school bookshops and uniform suppliers at
  - Government / Government-Aided Schools (Primary and Secondary)
  - Junior Colleges
  - Millennia Institute under MOE
  - Institute of Technical Education
  - Polytechnics
  - Special Education Schools
- All BATA Stores
- All Nanyang Optical Outlets\*

*\* Members must present their NTUC union membership card at point of redemption to earn LinkPoints. This is subject to change and prevailing terms and conditions.*

## 8. Other Terms and Conditions

8.1 The U Stretch & Back to School Vouchers are strictly not for sale. Union member will be denied usage of U Care Fund programmes if found to have misused the vouchers, and may have their vouchers confiscated.

8.2 The U Stretch & Back to School Vouchers are non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash.

8.3 Union members are advised to exercise personal responsibility in safekeeping their vouchers. Any lost vouchers will not be replaced.

8.4 Vouchers should be presented in reasonably good condition to be accepted. Participating partners reserve the right not to accept any damaged, defaced or tampered vouchers.

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## Appendix A – List of Eligible Special Education (SPED) Schools

Name of School	Address
AWWA School	11 Lorong Napiri, Singapore 547532
Canossian School	1 Sallim Road, Singapore 387621
Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore School (CPASS)	65 Pasir Ris Drive 1, Singapore 519529
Chaoyang School	18 Ang Mo Kio Ave 9, Singapore 569767
Delta Senior School	3 Choa Chu Kang Grove, Singapore 688237
Eden School	101 Bukit Batok West Avenue 3, Singapore 659168
Fernvale Gardens School	7 Fernvale Road, Singapore 797635
Grace Orchard School	6A Jurong West St 52, Singapore 649297
Katong School	900 New Upper Changi Road, Singapore 467354
Lee Kong Chian Gardens School	802 Margaret Drive, Singapore 149311
Lighthouse School	51 Toa Payoh Rise, Singapore 298106
Metta School	30 Simei St 1, Singapore 529949
MINDS Ang Mo Kio Training & Development Centre	134 Ang Mo Kio Ave 3 St 12 #01-1677, Singapore 560134
MINDS Clementi Training & Development Centre	304 Clementi Avenue 4 #01-487, Singapore 120304
MINDS Eunos Training & Development Centre	11 Jalan Ubi Block 3 #01-21, Singapore 409074
MINDS Faber Training & Development Centre	207 Clementi Avenue 6 #02-01, Singapore 120207
MINDS Jurong Training & Development Centre	18 Boon Lay Way #02-97 Tradehub 21 Singapore 609966
MINDS Napiri Training & Development Centre	MINDSville@Napiri 7 Lorong Napiri, Singapore 547533
MINDS Tampines Training & Development Centre	267 Tampines St 21 #01-09, Singapore 520267
MINDS Yishun Training & Development Centre	652 Yishun Avenue 4 #01-507, Singapore 760652
Pathlight School	5 Ang Mo Kio Ave 10, Singapore 569739
Rainbow Centre - Margaret Drive School	501 Margaret Drive, Singapore 149306
Rainbow Centre - Yishun Park School	15 Yishun Street 61, Singapore 768548
St Andrew's Autism School	1 Elliott Road, Singapore 458686
Tanglin School	143 Alexandra Road, Singapore 159924
Towner Gardens School	1B Lengkong Lima, Singapore 417557
Woodlands Gardens School	30 Woodlands Ring Road #01-01, Singapore 737883

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