

Singapore to Reward Blood Donors With Healthpoints: E-Vouchers, Transport Credits and MediShield Life Discounts From Late 2026

Description

In a significant move to bolster Singapore's blood supply, the government has announced that blood donors will soon earn **Healthpoints** – redeemable for supermarket vouchers, public transport credits, and even MediShield Life premium discounts. The new incentive scheme is set to launch in the second half of 2026 and comes amid growing concerns about a potential blood supply crisis within the next decade.

Why Singapore Needs More Blood Donors

Health Minister Ong Ye Kung sounded the alarm on 15 April 2026 during the launch of the **80 For 80 Blood Donation Marathon**, marking the 80th anniversary of Singapore's National Blood Programme. According to the Health Sciences Authority (HSA), demand for blood is projected to outstrip supply by **2033** – just seven years away – if current donation rates do not improve.

Singapore's ageing population means more medical procedures requiring blood transfusions, while the pool of eligible donors is not growing fast enough to keep pace. The new Healthpoints reward scheme is one of several measures the government is introducing to attract and retain more donors.

How the Healthpoints Scheme Works

Starting in the second half of 2026, the **Health Sciences Authority (HSA)**, the **Singapore Red Cross (SRC)**, and the **Health Promotion Board (HPB)** will award Healthpoints to blood donors through the **Healthy 365 mobile application** for every successful blood donation.

Here is what donors can redeem their Healthpoints for:

- **E-vouchers** for supermarkets and selected food outlets
- **Public transport credits** for use on buses and MRT
- **MediShield Life premium discounts** of up to **\$580**

The MediShield Life discount is particularly noteworthy – it effectively turns regular blood donation into a tangible financial benefit, reducing the cost of the national health insurance scheme that every Singaporean is enrolled in.

The 80 For 80 Blood Donation Marathon

To kick off the anniversary celebrations, the 80 For 80 Blood Donation Marathon aims to collect **80,000 blood donations** over the next year. The campaign brings together community organisations, workplaces, and schools to boost donation numbers through organised drives and awareness

programmes.

Minister Ong Ye Kung emphasised that while the Healthpoints incentive will help, the most important motivation remains the knowledge that each donation can save up to three lives. He called on more Singaporeans, particularly younger adults, to step forward and make blood donation a regular habit.

Who Can Donate Blood in Singapore

If you are considering becoming a blood donor, here are the basic eligibility requirements:

- **Age:** 16 to 60 years old (first-time donors), up to 65 for repeat donors
- **Weight:** At least 45 kg
- **Health:** Generally healthy with no recent illness
- **Frequency:** Males can donate every 3 months, females every 4 months

Appointments can be made through the HSA website at hsa.gov.sg/blood-donation or via the Healthy 365 app. Walk-ins are also accepted at Bloodbank@HSA (Health Sciences Authority, 11 Outram Road) and community blood drives around the island.

Where to Donate Blood

The main donation centre is **Bloodbank@HSA**, located at the Health Sciences Authority building. Community blood drives are also regularly held at shopping centres, community clubs, and workplaces across Singapore.

Bloodbank@HSA

Address: 11 Outram Road, Singapore 169078

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 8am to 8pm; Sunday, 8am to 4pm

Nearest MRT: Outram Park MRT

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Other Measures to Boost Donations

Beyond Healthpoints, the government is also exploring additional measures including:

- Expanding mobile blood donation drives to reach more residential areas
- Working with employers to grant time off for employees who donate blood
- Enhancing the appointment booking system to reduce waiting times
- Partnering with community organisations and religious groups to organise regular drives

A National Priority

Singapore's blood supply is entirely dependent on voluntary donations – the country does not import blood. This makes maintaining a healthy donor base a matter of national importance. With the Healthpoints scheme set to launch later this year, the government is betting that a combination of

rewards, awareness, and convenience will persuade more Singaporeans to roll up their sleeves.

If you have never donated blood before, this is an excellent time to start. Not only will you be helping to save lives, but from later this year, you will also earn tangible rewards for your generosity.

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