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## Ministry of Public Utilities to increase Subsidy under the Utilities Assistance Programme

The Ministry of Public Utilities (MPU) is set to implement a 100% increase of the Subsidy to Beneficiaries of the Utilities Assistance Programme (UAP) **effective July 1, 2012**.

The UAP provides financial assistance to qualifying citizens towards the payment of their water and electricity bills. In order to qualify, one must be in receipt of either a Senior Citizens' Pension (formally known as the Old Age Pension), a Disability Grant or any other public assistance from the Ministry of the People and Social Development.

The Programme is managed and facilitated by the Ministry of Public Utilities in collaboration with the Ministry of the People and Social Development, the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) and the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC).

The increase is explained as follows:

- In the case of WASA

- WASA customers classified as A2, that is, persons with an external water supply, will now receive a credit of \$140 per year up from the \$70 per year that is currently paid.
- WASA customers classified as A3 or A4, that is, persons with an internal water supply, non-metered and metered, will now receive a credit of \$200 per year, up from \$100 per year that is currently paid.
- In the case of T&TEC
  - Qualifying customers whose electricity consumption is 400kWh or less, will now receive a subsidy of \$114 per bill or a maximum of \$684 per year. This is up from the current subsidy of \$57 per bill or a maximum of \$342 per year.

For additional information or clarification, please contact the Customer Services Unit of the Ministry of Public Utilities at 628-9500 exts. 1116, 1120 or 1121, or visit us at #2 Elizabeth Street, St. Clair or browse our website at [www.mpu.gov.tt](http://www.mpu.gov.tt).

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