Tap and go: A better way to pay?







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COMPATIBLE DEVICES

iPhone 6 and later models; Apple Watch (paired with iPhone5 and later models); iPad (Pro, Air 2, mini 3 and later models).

19 smartphone models, including those of LG, Samsung and Sony.



SETUP

Open Wallet app on Apple device, add credit or debit card. (Only for American Express cardholders for now). Install new* EZ-Link NFC SIM card – purchased from M1, Singtel or StarHub – in NFC-enabled smartphone. Top up ez-link purse.

TO PAY

Hold device near retailers' contactless readers with finger on Touch ID. No need to open an app or wake device display. Activate NFC function on smartphone. Tap smartphone at public transport gantries or retailers' card readers.

PARTICIPATING RETAILERS

Din Tai Fung; FairPrice; G2000; Shaw Theatres; Starbucks; StarHub; Topman; Topshop; Uniqlo. SBS Transit, SMRT bus, LRT and MRT services; 7-Eleven; Cold Storage; Subway; Food Junction; Popular Bookstore etc.

SECURITY

Retailers don't get credit card details. Only device owner can make payments as iPhone and iPad require Touch ID or a passcode, and Apple Watch must be unlocked. If owner loses his smartphone, he can block the embedded ez-link purse provided he has registered on EZ-Link's Activate! programme. He can also request to claim the remaining monies in the lost card.

Android Pay, Samsung Pay to launch in S'pore later this year.





* New EZ-Link NFC SIM cards issued from March 29, 2016, facilitate both public transport as well as retail payments. Old cards expiring before August 26, 2020, cannot be used for public transport payments.