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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
CABINET SECRETARIAT
CABINET DIVISION

Islamabad, the 23rd December, 2024

CIRCULAR

Subject: **PUBLIC AND OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR THE YEAR 2025**

The public and optional holidays on days of national significance and festivals of Muslims and minorities in Pakistan for the calendar year 2025 would be as under:-

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

S.No.	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during year 2025
1.	Kashmir Day	Wednesday	5 th February, 2025
2.	Pakistan Day	Sunday	23 rd March, 2025
3.*	Eid-ul-Fitr (1 st Shawal 1446 A.H.)	Sunday, Monday & Tuesday	30 th , 31 st March and 1 st April, 2025
4.	Labour Day	Thursday	1 st May, 2025
5.	Youm-e-Takbeer	Wednesday	28 th May, 2025
6.*	Eid-ul-Azha (10 th Zil Haj 1446 A.H.)	Saturday, Sunday and Monday	7 th , 8 th & 9 th June, 2025
7.*	Ashura (9 th & 10 th Moharram 1447 A.H.)	Saturday & Sunday	5 th & 6 th July, 2025
8.	Independence Day	Thursday	14 th August, 2025
9.*	Eid Milad-un-Nabi (12 th Rabi-ul- Awwal 1447 A.H)	Friday or Saturday	5 th or 6 th September, 2025
10.	Allama Iqbal Day	Sunday	9 th November, 2025
11.	Quaid-e-Azam Day/ Christmas	Thursday	25 th December, 2025
12.	Day after Christmas	Friday	26 th December, 2025 (For Christians only)

2. The following will be bank holidays. However, on these days the Banks/DFIs/MFBs will remain closed for public but **NOT** for their employees:

Sr.No.	Day/ Date
1.	1 st January, 2025 (Wednesday)
2.*	1 st March, 2025 (Saturday) corresponding to 1 st Ramazan 1446 A.H. for deduction of Zakat(subject to appearance of moon)
3.	1 st July, 2025 (Tuesday)

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OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS

Sr.No.	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during year 2025
1.	New Year's Day	Wednesday	1 st January, 2025
2.*	Shab-e-Meraj (27 th Rajab 1446 A.H)	Tuesday	28 th January, 2025
3.	Basant Purnami	Sunday	2 nd February, 2025
4.*	Shab-e-Barat (15 th Shaban 1446 A.H)	Friday	14 th February, 2025
5.	Shivaratri	Wednesday	26 th February, 2025
6.	Holi	Thursday	13 th March, 2025
7.	Dulhandi	Friday	14 th March, 2025
8.	Baisakhi	Sunday	13 th April, 2025
9.	Good Friday	Friday	18 th April, 2025
10.	Easter/ Day After Easter Sunday	Sunday & Monday	20 th & 21 st April, 2025
11.	Eid-e-Rizwan (Bahai's Community only)	Monday	21 st April, 2025
12.	Buddha Purnima	Monday	12 th May, 2025
13.	Nauroze (Parsi New Year's Day)	Friday	15 th August, 2025
14.	Chehlum (20 th Safar 1447 AH)	Friday	15 th August, 2025
15.*	Krishna Janam Ashtami	Saturday	16 th August, 2025
16.	Birthday of Lord Zoroaster (Khordad Sal)	Wednesday	20 th August, 2025
17.	Durga Puja	Tuesday	30 th September, 2025
18.	Dussehra	Thursday	2 nd October, 2025
19.*	Giyarvee Shareef (11 th Rabi- us-Sani 1447 A.H)	Saturday	4 th October, 2025
20.	Birthday of Guru Valmik Sawami Ji	Tuesday	7 th October, 2025
21.	Diwali	Monday	20 th October, 2025
22.	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji	Wednesday	5 th November, 2025

* In case of Muslim festivals, the dates of holidays are based on anticipated dates and are subject to **appearance of moon** for which a separate notification will be issued by the Cabinet Division.

3. No optional holiday shall be granted to any government servant without prior permission of the Head of the Organization and no government servant shall be granted more than **one optional holiday in the case of Muslims** and **three optional holidays for non-Muslims** in a calendar year.

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4. The grant of this concession should not result in any dislocation of work. In the case of Muslim optional holidays, the number of persons permitted to avail optional holidays should be regulated in a manner so that adequate staff is available for proper continuance of the work. The optional holidays are denominational and may be allowed at the discretion of the Head of the Organization, provided that work does not suffer.

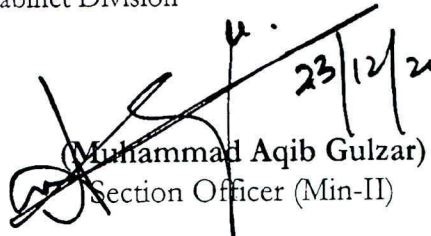
5. A government servant should not ordinarily be refused an optional holiday that is of religious significance.


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13. The Director General, Intelligence Bureau, Islamabad
14. The Director General (Staff Duty), General Headquarters, Rawalpindi
15. The Director General (Ops), Joint Staff Headquarters, Rawalpindi
16. Chief Secretaries of Provincial, Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan Governments
17. Inspectors General of Police of Provincial, Azad Jammu & Kashmir & Gilgit-Baltistan Governments
18. Chairman, Capital Development Authority, Islamabad
19. Chief Commissioner, Islamabad
20. Inspector General of Police, Islamabad
21. Secretary, Wafaqi Tax Ombudsman Secretariat, Islamabad
22. Accountant General Pakistan Revenues, Islamabad
23. The Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad
24. The Registrar, Federal Shariat Court, Islamabad
25. The Registrar, Islamabad High Court, Islamabad
26. The Manager, State bank of Pakistan, Islamabad
27. All Departments of Cabinet Division including Director IT
28. PS to Cabinet Secretary / All Additional Secretaries, Cabinet Division


23/12/24
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