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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

Islamabad, the 11th January 201

CIRCULAR

Subject: PUBLIC AND OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR THE YEAR, 2017

Following Public and Optional holidays for the calendar year 2017 is being notified:

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Sr.	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during year 2017
1	Kashmir Day	Sunday	5 th February, 2017
2	Pakistan Day	Thursday	23 rd March, 2017
3	Labour Day	Monday	1 st May, 2017
4*	Eid-ul-Fitr , (1 st Shawal 1438 A.H)	Tuesday & Wednesday	27 th & 28 th June, 2017
5	Independence Day	Monday	14 th August, 2017
6*	Eid-ul-Azha, (10 th Zil Haj 1438 A.H)	Friday, Saturday, Sunday	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd September, 2017
7*	Ashura (9 th & 10 th Moharrum 1439 A.H)	Saturday & Sunday	30 th September & 1 st October, 2017
8*	Eid Milad-un-Nabi (12 Rabi-ul-Awal 1438A.H)	Friday	1 ST December , 2017
9	Quaid-e-Azam Day/ Christmas	Monday	25 th December, 2017
10	Day after Christmas	Tuesday	26 th December, 2017 (For Christians only)

2. The following days will be Bank holidays and Banks will remain closed for public but NOT for their employees:

- 2nd January, 2017 (Monday)
- 27th May, 2017 (Saturday) corresponding to 1st Ramzan 1438 (subject to appearance of moon).
- 3rd July, 2017 (Monday)

* **NOTE**

Holidays for Muslim Festivals are subject to appearance of moon for which a separate notification will be issued by Ministry of Interior.

OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS

Sr.	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during year 2017
1	New Year Day	Sunday	1 st January, 2017
2**	Giarhwin Sharief (11 Rabi-us-Sani 1438 A.H)	Monday	30 th January, 2017
3	Basant Punchami	Wednesday	1 st February, 2017
4	Shivaratri	Friday	24 th February, 2017
5	Dulhandi	Sunday	12 th March, 2017
6	Holi	Monday	13 th March, 2017
7	Good Friday	Friday	14 th April, 2017
8	Baisakhi	Friday	14 th April, 2017
9	Easter	Sunday	16 th April, 2017
10	Day after Easter	Monday	17 th April 2017
11	Eid-e-Rizwan (Bahai's Community only)	Friday	21 st April, 2017
12**	Shab-e-Meraj (27 Rajab 1438 A.H)	Tuesday	25 th April, 2017
13	Buddha Purnima	Friday	28 th April, 2017
14**	Shab-e-Barat (15 Shaban 1438 A.H)	Friday	12 th May, 2017
15	Janam Ashtami	Tuesday	15 th August, 2017
16	Nauroze (Parsi's New Year Day)	Thursday	17 th August, 2017
17	Birthday of Lord Zoroaster (Khordad Sal)	Tuesday	22 nd August, 2017
18	Durga Pooja	Thursday	21 st September, 2017
19	Birthday of Guru Valmik Sawami Ji	Friday	30 th September, 2017
20	Dussehra	Saturday	14 th October, 2017
21	Diwali	Thursday	19 th October, 2017
22	Guru Nanak's Birthday	Saturday	04 th November, 2017
23	Chelum (20 Safar 1439 A.H)	Friday	10 th November, 2017

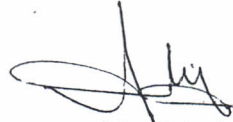
NOTE:

** In case of Muslim Festivals, the dates of Optional holidays are based on anticipated dates and are subject to appearance of moon.

3. Government servants desiring to avail themselves of Optional Holidays shall take prior permission of the Head of Office concerned and no Government Servant shall be granted more than one optional holiday in the case of Muslims and three optional holidays in the case of non-Muslims, in a calendar year.



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 as to adequate staff is available for proper continuance of the work.
5. The optional holidays are denominational and may be allowed at the discretion of the Head of Office, provided that work is not suffered.
6. A Government Servant should not ordinarily be refused an Optional Holiday that is of religious significance to him and the refusal is likely to decrease the number of such holidays to which she/he is entitled.


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