

OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS

| Sr. | Name of Occasion | Days | Dates during year 2018 |
|-----|--|-----------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | New Year Day | Monday | 1 st January, 2018 |
| 2 | Basant Punchami | Monday | 22 nd January, 2018 |
| 3 | Shivaratri | Tuesday | 13 th February, 2018 |
| 4 | Holi | Thursday | 1 st March, 2018 |
| 5 | Dulhandi | Friday | 2 nd March, 2018 |
| 6 | Good Friday | Friday | 30 th March, 2018 |
| 7 | Day after Easter | Sunday | 1 st April, 2018 |
| 8 | Baisakhi | Saturday | 14 th April, 2018 |
| 9* | Shab-e-Meraj (27 Rajab 1439 A.H) | Saturday | 14 th April, 2018 |
| 10 | Eid-e-Rizwan (Bahai's Community only) | Saturday | 21 st April, 2018 |
| 11 | Buddha Purnima | Monday | 30 th April, 2018 |
| 12* | Shab-e-Barat (15 Shaban 1439 A.H) | Wednesday | 2 nd May, 2018 |
| 13 | Nauroze (Parsi's New Year Day) | Friday | 17 th August, 2018 |
| 14 | Birthday of Lord Zoroaster (Khordad Sal) | Wednesday | 22 rd August, 2018 |
| 15 | Janam Ashtami | Monday | 3 rd September, 2018 |
| 16 | Durga Pooja | Wednesday | 17 th October, 2018 |
| 17 | Dussehra | Thursday | 19 th October, 2018 |
| 18 | Birthday of Guru Valmik Sawami Ji | Wednesday | 24 th October, 2018 |
| 19* | Chelum (20 Safar 1440A.H) | Tuesday | 30 th October, 2018 |
| 20 | Diwali | Wednesday | 7 th November, 2018 |
| 21 | Guru Nanak's Dev Jee Birthday | Friday | 23 rd November, 2018 |

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 leave adequate staff 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 the state of work permits.

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Subject: PUBLIC AND OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR THE YEAR, 2018.

The Public, Optional and Festivals of Minorities holidays for the calendar year 2018 would be as under :-

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

| Sr. | Name of Occasion | Days | Dates during year 2018 |
|-----|--|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Kashmir Day | Monday | 5 th February, 2018 |
| 2 | Pakistan Day | Friday | 23 rd March, 2018 |
| 3 | Labour Day | Tuesday | 1 st May, 2018 |
| 4* | Eid-ul-Fitr, (1 st Shawal 1439A.H) | Saturday, Sunday and Monday | 16 th , 17 th & 18 th June, 2018 |
| 5 | Independence Day | Tuesday | 14 th August, 2018 |
| 6* | Eid-ul-Azha, (10 th Zil Haj 1439 A.H) | Wednesday, Thursday and Friday | 22 nd , 23 rd & 24 th August, 2018 |
| 7* | Ashura (9 th & 10 th Moharum 1440 A.H) | Friday and Saturday | 21 st & 22 nd September, 2018 |
| 8* | Eid Milad-un-Nabi (12 Rabi-ul-Awal 1440A.H) | Wednesday | 21 st November, 2018 |
| 9 | Quaid-e-Azam Day/ Christmas | Tuesday | 25 th December, 2018 |
| 10 | Day after Christmas | Wednesday | 26 th December, 2018 (For Christians only) |

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

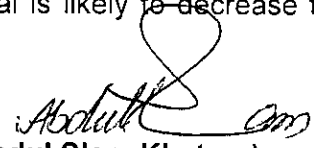
- i) 1st January, 2018 (Monday)
- ii) 16th May, 2018 (Wednesday), corresponding to 1st Ramazan 1439AH subject to appearance of moon.
- iii) 2nd July, 2018 (Monday), July 1st already being weekly holiday.

NOTE

Holidays for Muslim Festivals are subject to appearance of moon for which a separate Notification will be issued.

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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 he is entitled.


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20. Director (Media), Minister for Interior & Narcotics Control, Islamabad.
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