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**CIRCULAR**

Subject: **PUBLIC & OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR THE YEAR-2019**

The Public and Optional Holidays regarding Festivals of Muslims and Minorities Holidays for the Calendar Year- 2019 would be as under:-

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

Sr.No.	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during Year 2019
1	Kashmir Day	Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> February, 2019
2	Pakistan Day (23 <sup>rd</sup> March)	Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2019
3	Labour Day (1 <sup>st</sup> May)	Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> May, 2019
4	Eid-ul-Fitr, (1 <sup>st</sup> Shawal 1440 AH)	Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	* 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> June, 2019
5	Eid-ul-Azha, (10 <sup>th</sup> Zilhaj 1440 AH)	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	* 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019
6	Independence Day (14 <sup>th</sup> August)	Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019
7	Ashura (9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Muharram 1441 AH)	Monday & Tuesday	* 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019
8	Eid Milad-un-Nabi (12 Rabi-ul-Awal 1441 AH)	Monday	* 11 November, 2019
9	Quaid-e-Azam Day	Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> December, 2019
10	Christmas	Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> December, 2019
11	Day after Christmas	Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> December, 2019 (For Christians only)

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

Sr. No.	Day/ Date
1	Tuesday, January 1, 2019
2	Wednesday, May 7, 2019 (Corresponding to 1 <sup>st</sup> Ramazan 1440 AH, subject to appearance of Moon)
3	Monday, July 1, 2019

**OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS**

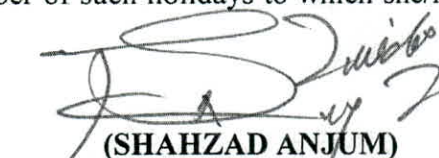
<b>Sr.No.</b>	<b>Name of Occasion</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Dates during Year 2019</b>
1	New Year Day	Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2019
2	Basant Purnami	Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> February, 2019
3	Shiv Ratri	Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019
4	Holi	Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2019
5	Dulhandi	Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2019
6	Shab-e-Meraj (27 Rajab 1440 A.H)	Thursday	* 4 <sup>th</sup> April, 2019
7	Baisakhi Festival	Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> April, 2019
8	Good Friday	Friday	19 <sup>th</sup> April, 2019
9	Eid-e-Rizwan (Bahai's Community only)	Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> April, 2019
10	Shab-e-Barat (15 Shaban 1440 A.H)	Sunday	* 21 <sup>st</sup> April, 2019
11	Easter	Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2019
12	Day After Easter	Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> April, 2019
13	Buddha Purnima	Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup> May, 2019
14	Nauroze (Parsi's New Year Day)	Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019
15	Birthday of Lord Zoroaster (Khordad Sal)	Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup> August, 2019
16	Krishna Janam Ashtami	Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019
17	Durga Puja	Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019
18	Dussehra	Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019
19	Birthday Guru Valmik Sawami Jee	Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019
20	Diwali	Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019
21	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev jee	Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> November, 2019
22	Chelum (20 Safar 1441A.H)	Wednesday	* 20 <sup>th</sup> November, 2019
23	Giyarvhee Sharief (11 Rabi-us-Sani 1441A.H)	Monday	* 9 <sup>th</sup> December, 2019

**NOTE**

- \* 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 Ministry of Interior.
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 for Non-Muslims in a Calendar Year-2019.

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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 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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15. The Director General, ISI, Islamabad.
16. The Director General, IB, Islamabad.
17. The Chief Commissioner, ICT (Admn), Islamabad.
18. The Manager, State Bank of Pakistan, Islamabad.
19. Secretary, Wafaqi Mohtasib's Secretariat, Islamabad.
20. Secretary, Wafaqi Tax Ombudsman's Secretariat, Islamabad.
21. The Chairman CDA, Islamabad.
22. Director (Media), Minister of State for Interior, Islamabad with the request to ensure its publication in all Daily News Papers.
23. Director to Minister of State for Interior, Islamabad.
24. PS to Minister of State for Interior, Islamabad.
25. SPS to Secretary, Ministry of Interior, Islamabad.
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27. PS to Additional Secretary-I, II & III, M/o Interior, Islamabad.
28. DS (Admn) Ministry of Interior, with the request to direct the System Administrator (IT) to