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Ministry of Interior

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Subject: **PUBLIC AND OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR THE YEAR, 2015.**

The Public, Optional and Festivals of Minorities holidays for the calendar year 2015 would be as under :-

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Sr.	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during year 2015
1*	Eid Milad-un-Nabi (12 Rabi-ul-Awal 1436 A.H)	Sunday	4 th January, 2015
2	Kashmir Day	Thursday	5 th February, 2015
3	Pakistan Day	Monday	23 rd March, 2015
4	Labour Day	Friday	1 st May, 2015
5*	Eid-ul-Fitr, (1 st Shawal 1436 A.H)	Saturday, Sunday & Monday	18 th , 19 and 20 th July, 2015
6	Independence Day	Friday	14 th August, 2015
7*	Eid-ul-Azha, (10 th Zil Haj 1436 A.H)	Friday & Saturday	25 th & 26 th September, 2015
8	Ashura (9 th & 10 th Moharum 1437 A.H)	Friday & Saturday	23 rd & 24 th October, 2015
9*	Iqbal Day	Monday	9 th November, 2015
10	Eid Milad-un-Nabi (12 Rabi-ul-Awal 1437 A.H)	Thursday	24 th December, 2015
11	Quaid-e-Azam Day/ Christmas	Friday	25 th December, 2015
12	Day after Christmas	Saturday	26 th December, 2015 (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, 2015 (Thursday)
- ii) 1st July, 2015 (Wednesday)
- iii) 19th June, 2015 (Thursday) corresponding to 1st Ramazan 1436 (subject to appearance of moon).

* **NOTE**

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

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OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS

Sr.	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during year 2015
1	New Year Day	Thursday	1 st January, 2015
2	Basant Purnami	Saturday	24 th January, 2015
3*	Giarhwin Sharief (11 Rabi-us-Sani 1436A.H)	Monday	2 nd February, 2015
4	Shivaratri	Tuesday	17 th February, 2015
5	Holi	Thursday	5 th March, 2015
6	Dulhandi	Friday	6 th March, 2015
7	Baisakhi	Tuesday	14 th April, 2015
8	Good Friday	Friday	3 rd April, 2015
9	Easter / Day After Easter	Sunday / Monday	5 th & 6 th April, 2015
10	Eid-e-Rizwan (Bahai's Community only)	Tuesday	21 st April, 2015
11	Buddha Purnima	Monday	4 th May, 2015
12*	Shab-e-Meraj (27 Rajab 1436 A.H)	Sunday	17 th May, 2015
13*	Shab-e-Barat (15 Shaban 1436 A.H)	Thursday	4 th June, 2015
14	Nauroze (Parsi's New Year Day)	Tuesday	18 th August, 2015
15	Birthday of Lord Zoroaster (Khordad Sal)	Sunday	23 rd August, 2015
16	Janam Ashtami	Sunday	17 th August, 2015
17	Durga Pooja	Tuesday	13 th October, 2015
18	Dussehra	Thursday	22 nd October, 2015
19	Birthday of Guru Valmik Sawami Ji	Tuesday	27 th October, 2015
20	Diwali	Wednesday	11 th November, 2015
21	Guru Nanak's Birthday	Wednesday	25 th November, 2015
22*	Chelum (20 Safar 1437 A.H)	Thursday	3 rd December, 2015

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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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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