



GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
SERVICES AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT

(SECTION WELFARE-I)

Dated Lahore, the 26th December, 2023

NOTIFICATION

No. SOW-I(S&GAD) 1-4/2018(P-IV):

It is hereby notified for general information that the following Public and Optional Holidays declared by the Federal Government, shall be observed in the Offices under the administrative control of the Government of the Punjab during the calendar year 2024:

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Sr.#	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during year 2024
1.	Kashmir Day	Monday	05 th February, 2024
2.	Pakistan Day	Saturday	23 rd March, 2024
3.	Eid-ul-Fitr* (1 st Shawal 1445 A.H.)	Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	* 10 th , 11 th & 12 th April, 2024
4.	Labour Day	Wednesday	01 st May, 2024
5.	Eid-ul-Azha, * (10 th Zilhaj 1445 A.H.)	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	* 17 th , 18 th & 19 th June, 2024
6.	Ashura * (9 th & 10 th Muharram 1446 A.H.)	Tuesday & Wednesday	* 16 th & 17 th July, 2024
7.	Independence Day	Wednesday	14 th August, 2024
8.	Eid Milad-un-Nabi* (12 Rabi-ul-Awal 1446 A.H.)	Monday	* 16 th September, 2024
9.	Allama Iqbal Day	Saturday	09 th November, 2024
10.	Quaid-e-Azam Day / Christmas	Wednesday	25 th December, 2024
11.	Day after Christmas	Thursday	26 th December, 2024 (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.#	Day / Date
1.	1 st January, 2024 (Monday)
2.	11 th March, 2024 (Monday) Corresponding to 1 st Ramazan 1445 AH for deduction of Zakat (subject to appearance of Moon).
3.	1 st July, 2024 (Monday)

OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS

1.	New Year Day	Monday	1 st January, 2024
2.	Basant Punchami	Wednesday	14 th Feb, 2024
3.	Shivaratri	Friday	08 th March, 2024
4.	Shab-e-Meraj (27 th Rajab 1445 A.H)	Wednesday	07 th February, 2024
5.	Holi	Sunday	24 th March, 2024
6.	Dulhandi	Monday	25 th March, 2024
7.	Shab-e-Barat (15 th Shaban 1445 A.H.)	Sunday	*25 th February, 2024
8.	Buddha Purnima	Saturday	23 rd March, 2024
9.	Good Friday	Friday	29 th March, 2024
10.	Easter / Day after Easter Sunday	Sunday / Monday	31 st March & 01 st April, 2024
11.	Baisakhi	Saturday	13 th April, 2024
12.	Eid-e-Rizwan (Bahai's Community Only)	Sunday	21 st April, 2024
13.	Nauroze (Parsi's New Year Day)	Thursday	15 th August, 2024
14.	Birthday of Lord Zoroaster (Khordad Sal)	Tuesday	20 th August, 2024
15.	Janam Ashtami	Monday	26 th August, 2024
16.	Chehlum (20 th Safar 1446 A.H)	Wednesday	* 27 th August, 2024
17.	Durga Puja	Friday	11 th October, 2024
18.	Dussehra	Saturday	12 th October, 2024
19.	Giyarvee Shareef (11 th Rabi-us-Sani 1446 A.H)	Wednesday	* 16 th October, 2024
20.	Birthday of Guru Valmik Sawami Jee	Tuesday	17 th October 2024
21.	Diwali	Friday	01 st November, 2024
22.	Guru Nanak Dev Jee birthday	Friday	15 th November, 2024

*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.

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.
4. The grant of this concession should not result in any dislocation of work. In the case of Muslims 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.
5. The Optional Holidays are denominational and may be allowed at the discretion of the Head of the office, provided the state of work permits.
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 / she is entitled.
7. The Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab (except D.C, Lahore) are authorized to declare two Local Holidays within their District during 2024. In Lahore, this authority will be exercised by the Provincial Government which will declare local holidays for Lahore District.

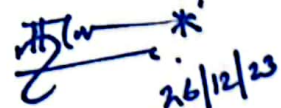
ADDITIONAL SECRETARY (WELFARE)

No. SOW-I(S&GAD)1-4/2018(P-IV)

Dated Lahore, the 26th December, 2024

A copy is forwarded to:

1. The Principal Secretary to Governor, Punjab.
2. The Secretary to Chief Minister, Punjab.
3. The Chairman, Planning & Development Board.
4. The Senior Member, Board of Revenue.
5. The Inspector General of Police, Punjab.
6. All Administrative Secretaries to Government of the Punjab.
7. All Heads of Attached Departments in the Punjab.
8. All Commissioners in the Punjab.
9. All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab.
10. The Secretary, Punjab Public Service Commission, Lahore.
11. The Registrar, Lahore High Court, Lahore.
12. The Registrar, Punjab Service Tribunal, Lahore
13. All Heads of Autonomous, Semi-Autonomous Bodies in the Punjab.
14. The Director General Public Relations, Punjab, Lahore with the request to give wide publicity in the electronic media as well as print media.
15. All Regional Heads in the Punjab.
16. All the Additional Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries, Section Officers in the S&GAD.
17. The PSOs to Chief Secretary and Additional Chief Secretary, Government of the Punjab.
18. All PSs to Provincial Ministers, Advisors to Chief Minister and Special Assistants in the Punjab.
19. The PSs to Secretary (Services), Secretary (I&C), Secretary (Archives & Libraries) and Members Enquires, S&GAD.
20. The Section Officer (Min-II), Government of Pakistan, Cabinet Secretariat, Cabinet Division, Islamabad, with reference to his circular No.10-2/2023-MIN-II dated 20.12.2023.


26/12/23

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SECTION OFFICER (WELFARE-I)