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**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN**  
**CABINET SECRETARIAT**  
**CABINET DIVISION**

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Islamabad, the 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

**CIRCULAR**


Subject: **PUBLIC AND OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR THE YEAR 2024**

The Public and Optional Holidays regarding festivals of Muslims and Minorities in Pakistan for the Calendar Year 2024 would be as under:-

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

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

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**OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS**

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

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.

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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 that adequate staff is available for proper continuance of the work. The optional holidays are denominational and may be allowed at the discretion of the Head of Office, provided that work does not suffer.

5. A Government Servant should not ordinarily be refused an Optional Holiday that is of religious significance and the refusal is likely to decrease the number of such holidays to which he/she is entitled.

  
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