



DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
Office of the Secretary

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TO: ALL DEPARTMENTAL HEADS
ALL PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATORS
ALL HEADS OF OTHER PUBLIC AUTHORITIES
ALL PUBLIC SERVANTS

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR YEAR 2025

This Circular Instruction serves to advise that the National Executive Council under 1) its statutory Instruments signed by the Governor-General and NEC Chairman respectively; and 2) National Gazette No. 626 of 5th August, 2024 has approved the following days/dates, to be observed as Public Holidays throughout Papua New Guinea for the year 2025.

NO.	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	DAYS	DATES
1	New Year's Day	Wednesday	1 January 2025
2	National Remembrance Day of the Late Former Prime Minister, Great Grand Chief Rt. Hon. Sir Michael Thomas Somare	Wednesday	26 February 2025
3	Good Friday	Friday	18 April 2025
4	Easter Saturday	Saturday	19 April 2025
5	Easter Sunday	Sunday	20 April 2025
6	Easter Monday	Monday	21 April 2025
7	King's Birthday	Tuesday	17 June 2025
8	National Remembrance Day	Wednesday	23 July 2025
9	National Repentance Day	Tuesday	26 August 2025
10	Independence Day	Tuesday	16 September 2025
11	Christmas Day	Thursday	25 December 2025
12	Boxing Day	Friday	26 December 2025

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Other Days of Observance

It is further advised that the following days should be for **observance only** throughout Papua New Guinea and **not as Public Holidays as per the NEC Decision.**

NO.	DAYS TO BE OBSERVED	DAYS	DATES
1	Global Family Day, formerly one day of Peace and sharing	Wednesday	1 January 2025
2	International Day of commemoration in memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	Monday	27 January 2025
3	International Mother Language Day	Friday	21 February 2025
4	International Day for Women's Right and International Peace	Saturday	8 March 2025
5	Commonwealth Day	Sunday	9 March 2025
6	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	Friday	21 March 2025
7	Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination – Week Beginning	Friday	21 March, 2025
8	World Day for Water	Saturday	22 March 2025
9	National Women's Day	Monday	24 March 2025
10	National Day of Disabled Persons	Saturday	29 March 2025
11	World Health Day	Monday	7 April 2025
12	Book and Copyright Day	Wednesday	23 April 2025
13	World Press Freedom Day	Saturday	3 May 2025
14	International Day of Family	Thursday	15 May 2025
15	World Telecommunication Day	Saturday	17 May 2025
16	World Tree Kangaroo Day	Wednesday	21 May 2025
17	World No-Tobacco Day	Saturday	31 May 2025
18	World Environment Day	Thursday - Friday	5-6 June 2025
19	National Labour Day	Tuesday	10 June 2025
20	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Tuesday	17 June 2025
21	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	Thursday	26 June 2025
22	International Day of Cooperation	Tuesday	1 July 2025
23	World Population Day	Friday	11 July 2025
24	Provincial Government Day	Saturday	19 July 2025

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25	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	Saturday	9 August 2025
26	National Prayer Days	Saturday – Sunday	6-7 September 2025
27	International Literacy Day	Monday	8 September 2025
28	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer	Tuesday	16 September 2025
29	World Maritime Day	Monday	29 September 2025
30	International Day of Older Persons	Wednesday	1 October 2025
31	World Habitat Day	Saturday	4 October 2025
32	International/National World Teachers Day	Sunday	5 October 2025
33	World Post Day	Thursday	9 October 2025
34	International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction	Saturday	11 October 2025
35	World Food Day	Thursday	16 October 2025
36	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	Friday	17 October 2025
37	World Development Information Day	Friday	24 October 2025
38	United Nations Day	Friday	24 October 2025
39	Disarmament Week	Friday to Thursday	24-30 October 2025
40	Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels Day	Monday	3 November 2025
41	Universal Children's Day	Thursday	20 November 2025
42	World Aids Day	Monday	1 December 2025
43	International Day of Disabled Persons	Wednesday	3 December 2025
44	International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development	Friday	5 December 2025
45	International Civil Aviation Day For Economic and Social Development	Sunday	7 December 2025
46	Human Rights Day	Wednesday	10 December 2025
47	Anniversary of UNICEF	Thursday	11 December 2025

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The dates for the Public Holidays and the other days of observance are to be noted so as to avoid any misunderstanding on occurrence of days for each of the respective occasions.



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