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CABINET SECRETARIAT  
CABINET DIVISION

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Islamabad, the 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

**CIRCULAR**

Subject: **PUBLIC AND OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR THE YEAR 2022**

The Public and Optional Holidays regarding festivals of Muslims and Minorities in Pakistan for the Calendar Year 2022 would be as under:-

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

Sr.#	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during year 2022
1	Kashmir Day	Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022
2	Pakistan Day	Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2022
3	Labour Day	Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> May, 2022
4*	Eid-ui-Fitr, (1 <sup>st</sup> Shawal 1443 A.H.)	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> May, 2022
5*	Ed-ul-Azha, (10 <sup>th</sup> Zil Haj 1443 A.H.)	Sunday, Monday, Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> July, 2022
6*	Ashura (9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Moharram 1444 A.H.)	Sunday, Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> August, 2022
7	Independence Day	Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> August, 2022
8*	Eid Milad-un-Nabi (12 <sup>th</sup> Rabi-ul- Awwal 1444 A.H)	Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> October, 2022
9	Quaid-e-Azam Day/ Christmas	Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> December, 2022
10	Day after Christmas	Monday	26 <sup>th</sup> December, 2022 (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	3 <sup>rd</sup> January, 2022 (Monday)
2*	4 <sup>th</sup> April, 2022 (Monday) corresponding to 1 <sup>st</sup> Ramazan 1443 A.H. for deduction of Zakat (subject to appearance of moon)
3	1 <sup>st</sup> July, 2022 (Friday)

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**OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS**

Sr.#	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during year 2022
1	New Year Day	Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2022
2	Basant Purnami	Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022
3	Shivaratri	Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> March, 2022
4*	Shab-e-Meraj (27 <sup>th</sup> Rajab 1443 A.H)	Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> March, 2022
5	Holi	Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
6	Dulhandi	Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
7*	Shab-e-Barat (15 <sup>th</sup> Shaban 1443 A.H)	Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
8	Baisakhi	Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> April, 2022
9	Good Friday	Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> April, 2022
10	Easter/ Day After Easter Sunday	Sunday, Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> April, 2022
11	Eid-e-Rizwan (Bahai's Community only)	Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> April, 2022
12	Buddha Purnima	Monday	16 <sup>th</sup> May, 2022
13	Nauroze (Parsi's New Year Day)	Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> August, 2022
14	Janam Ashtami	Friday	19 <sup>th</sup> August, 2022
15	Birthday of Lord Zoroaster (Khordad Sal)	Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
16*	Chehlum (20 <sup>th</sup> Safar 1444 AH)	Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022
17	Durga Puja	Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2022
18	Dussehra	Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> October, 2022
19	Birthday of Guru Valmik Sawami Ji	Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> October, 2022
20	Diwali	Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> October, 2022
21*	Giyarvee Shareef (11 <sup>th</sup> Rabi- us-Sani 1444 A.H)	Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> November, 2022
22	Guru Nanak Dev Jee Birthday	Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup> November, 2022

**NOTE:**

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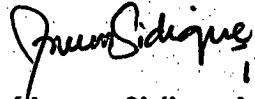
In case of Muslim Festivals, the dates of Holidays are based on anticipated dates and are subject to appearance of moon for which a separate notification will be issued by Cabinet Division.

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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