



No.EDU(E&A)Circular-2017
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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Dated: February 17, 2017

To,

1. All Heads of Attached Deptts., / Autonomous Bodies / Projects, School Education Department.
2. All Additional Secretaries, School Education Department.
3. All Deputy Secretaries, School Education Department.
4. All Section Officers, School Education Department.
5. The Dy. Director (Mon.), CMMF, School Education Department.

Subject: - NOTIFICATION REGARDING PUBLIC AND OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS DECLARED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OBSERVED IN THE OFFICES OF PUNJAB GOVERNMENT DURING THE CALENDER YEAR 2017.

I am directed to refer to the subject noted above and to enclose herewith a copy of Notification No.SOW-I(S&GAD)1-3/2008(P-II) dated 25.01.2017, circulated by the Section Officer (Welfare-I), Government of the Punjab, S&GA Department for information.

SECTION OFFICER (ADMN)

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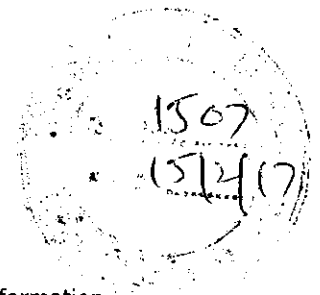
- PSO to Secretary, School Education Department.
- PS to Special Secretary, School Education Department.



**GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
SERVICES AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT**

(SECTION WELFARE-I)

Dated Lahore the 25th January, 2017



NOTIFICATION

No. SOW-I(S&GAD) 1-3/2008(P-II): 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 **2017**: -

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

Sr.#	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during year 2017
1.	Kashmir Day	Sunday	05 February, 2017
2.	Pakistan Day	Thursday	23 rd March, 2017
3.	Labour Day	Monday	1 st May, 2017
4.	Eid-ul-Fitr* (1 st Shawal 1438 A.H)	Tuesday & Wednesday	27 th & 28 th June 2017
5.	Independence Day	Monday	14 th August, 2017
6.	Eid-ul-Azha * (10 Zil Haj 1438 A.H)	Friday, Saturday & Sunday	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd September, 2017
7.	Ashura * (9 & 10 Moharrum 1439 A.H)	Saturday & Sunday	30 th September & 1 st October, 2017
8.	Eid Milad-un-Nabi (12 Rabi-ul Awal 1439 A.H)	Friday	1 st December, 2017
9.	Quaid-e-Azam Day/Christmas	Monday	25 th December, 2017
10.	Day after Christmas	Tuesday	26 th December, 2017 (For Christian 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) 2nd January, 2017 (Monday).
- ii) 27th May, 2017 (Saturday), corresponding to 1st Ramzan 1438 A.H.(Subject to appearance of Moon).
- iii) 3rd July, 2017 (Monday).

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

OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS:

1.	New year Day	Sunday	1 st January, 2017
2.	Giarhwin Shareif (11 Rabi-ul-Sani 1438 A.H)	Monday	30 th January, 2017
3.	Basant Panchami	Wednesday	1 st February, 2017
4.	Shivaratri	Friday	24 th February, 2017
5.	Dulhandi	Sunday	12 th March, 2017
6.	Holi	Monday	13 th March, 2017
7.	Good Friday	Friday	14 th April, 2017
8.	Baisakhi	Friday	14 th April, 2017
9.	Easter	Sunday	16 th April, 2017
10.	Day after Easter	Monday	17 th April, 2017
11.	Eid-e-Rizwan (Bhai's Community Only)	Friday	21 st April, 2017
12.	Shab-e-Meraj (27 th Rajab 1438 A.H)	Tuesday	25 th April, 2017
13.	Buddha Purnima	Friday	28 th April, 2017
14.	Shab-e-Barat (15 Shaban 1438 A.H)	Friday	12 th May, 2017
15.	Janam Ashtami	Tuesday	15 th August, 2017
16.	Nauroze (Parsi's New Year day)	Thursday	17 th August, 2017
17.	Birthday of Lord Zoroaster (Khordad Sal)	Tuesday	22 nd August, 2017
18.	Durga Pooja	Thursday	21 st September, 2017
19.	Birthday of Guru Valmik Sawami Ji	Friday	30 th September, 2017
20.	Dussehra	Saturday	14 th October, 2017
21.	Diwali	Thursday	19 th October, 2017
22.	Guru Nanak's Birthday	Saturday	4 th November, 2017
23.	Chelum (20 Safar 1439 A.H)	Friday	10 th November, 2017

Note: - In case of Muslim festivals, the dates of Optional holidays are based on anticipated dates and are subject to appearance of moon.

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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 Muslims 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 the office, provided that work is not suffered.

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 she/he is entitled.

7. The Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab (except D.C, Lahore) are authorized to declare two local holidays within their District during 2017. In Lahore this authority will be exercised by the Provincial Government which will declare local holidays for Lahore District.

**ADDITIONAL SECRETARY (WELFARE)
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB**

No. SOW-I(S&GAD)1-3/2008(P-II)

Dated Lahore, the January, 2017

A copy is forwarded to:-

1. The Principal Secretary to Governor, Punjab.
2. The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Punjab.
3. All Administrative Secretaries to Government of the Punjab.
4. All Heads of Attached Departments in the Punjab.
5. All Regional Heads in the Punjab.
6. All the Commissioners in the Punjab.
7. All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab.
8. The Secretary, Punjab Public Service Commission, Lahore.
9. The Registrar, Lahore High Court, Lahore.
10. The Registrar, Punjab Service Tribunal, Lahore.
11. All Heads of Autonomous, Semi Autonomous Bodies in the Punjab.
12. All the Additional Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries, Under Secretaries, Section Officers in the S&GAD.
13. All PSs to Provincial Ministers, Advisors to Chief Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries in the Punjab.
14. The PSO to Chief Secretary, PSO to Additional Chief Secretary and PSs to Secretary (Services), Secretary (I&C), Secretary (Archives) / Members Enquires, S&GAD.
15. The Superintendent, Government Printing Press, Lahore with the request that the Public Holidays may be published in the Calendar and Diaries for the year 2017 as well as in the official gazette.
16. The Deputy Secretary (Law-II), Government of Pakistan, Ministry of Interior, Islamabad, with reference to his circular No. F.No.2/4/-2016(Public/Holidays) dated 11.01.2017.


**(NAEEM SADIQ CHEEMA)
SECTION OFFICER (WELFARE-I)**

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