



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 2027

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. 820 of 14th August 2026 has approved the following days/dates, to be observed as Public Holidays throughout Papua New Guinea for the year 2027

NO.	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	DAYS	DATES
1	New Year's Day	Friday	1 January 2027
2	National Remembrance Day of the Late Former Prime Minister, Great Grand Chief Rt. Hon. Sir Michael Thomas Somare	Friday	26 February 2027
3	Good Friday	Friday	26 March 2027
4	Easter Saturday	Saturday	27 March 2027
5	Easter Sunday	Sunday	28 March 2027
6	Easter Monday	Monday	29 March 2027
7	King's Birthday	Thursday	17 June 2027
8	National Remembrance Day	Friday	23 July 2027
9	National Repentance Day	Thursday	26 August 2027
10	Independence Day	Thursday	16 September 2027
11	Christmas Day	Saturday	25 December 2027
12	Boxing Day	Sunday	26 December 2027

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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	Friday	1 January 2027
2.	International Day of Commemoration in memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	Wednesday	27 January 2027
3.	International Mother Language Day	Sunday	21 February 2027
4.	International Day for Women's Right and International Peace	Monday	8 March 2027
5.	Commonwealth Day	Tuesday	9 March 2027
6.	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	Sunday	21 March 2027
7.	Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination – Week Beginning	Sunday	21 March 2027
8.	World Day for Water	Monday	22 March 2027
9.	National Women's Day	Wednesday	24 March 2027
10.	National Day of Disabled Persons	Monday	29 March 2027
11.	World Health Day	Wednesday	7 April 2027
12.	Book and Copyright Day	Friday	23 April 2027
13.	World Press Freedom Day	Monday	3 May 2027
14.	International Day of Family	Saturday	15 May 2027
15.	World Telecommunication Day	Monday	17 May 2027
16.	World Tree Kangaroo Day	Friday	21 May 2027
17.	World No-Tobacco Day	Monday	31 May 2027
18.	World Environment Day	Saturday - Sunday	5-6 June 2027
19.	National Labour Day	Thursday	10 June 2027
20.	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Thursday	17 June 2027
21.	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	Saturday	26 June 2027
22.	International Day of Cooperation	Saturday	3 July 2027
23.	World Population Day	Sunday	11 July 2027
24.	Provincial Government Day	Monday	19 July 2027
25.	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	Monday	9 August 2027
26.	National Prayer Days	Monday - Tuesday	6-7 September 2027
27.	International Literacy Day	Wednesday	8 September 2027

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28.	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer	Thursday	16 September 2027
29.	World Maritime Day	Thursday	30 September 2027
30.	International Day of Older Persons	Friday	1 October 2027
31.	World Habitat Day	Monday	4 October 2027
32.	International/National World Teachers Day	Tuesday	5 October 2027
33.	World Post Day	Saturday	9 October 2027
34.	International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction	Wednesday	13 October 2027
35.	World Food Day	Saturday	16 October 2027
36.	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	Sunday	17 October 2027
37.	World Development Information Day	Sunday	24 October 2027
38.	United Nations Day	Sunday	24 October 2027
39.	Disarmament Week	Sunday-Saturday	24-30 October 2027
40.	Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels Day	Wednesday	3 November 2027
41.	Universal Children's Day	Saturday	20 November 2027
42.	World Aids Day	Wednesday	1 December 2027
43.	International Day of Disabled Persons	Friday	3 December 2027
44.	International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development	Sunday	5 December 2027
45.	International Civil Aviation Day for Economic and Social Development	Tuesday	7 December 2027
46.	Human Rights Day	Friday	10 December 2027
47.	Anniversary of UNICEF	Saturday	11 December 2027

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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