DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
Office of the Secretary

CIRCULAR INSTRUCTION NO: 12 OF 2025

DATE: **30 September, 2025**
FILE: **1-4-12(A)**
TO: **ALL DEPARTMENTAL HEADS**
ALL PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATORS
ALL HEADS OF OTHER PUBLIC AUTHORITIES
ALL PUBLIC SERVANTS

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR YEAR 2026

This Circular Instruction serves to advise that the National Executive Council under 1) it's statutory Instruments signed by the Governor-General and NEC Chairman respectively; and 2) National Gazette No. 832 of 21st August, 2025 has approved the following days/dates, to be observed as Public Holidays throughout Papua New Guinea for the year 2026

NO.	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	DAYS	DATES
1	New Year's Day	Thursday	1 January, 2026
2	National Remembrance Day of the Late Former Prime Minister, Great Grand Chief Rt. Hon. Sir Michael Thomas Somare	Thursday	26 February, 2026
3	Good Friday	Friday	3 April, 2026
4	Easter Saturday	Saturday	4 April, 2026
5	Easter Sunday	Sunday	5 April, 2026
6	Easter Monday	Monday	6 April, 2026
7	King's Birthday	Wednesday	17 June, 2026
8	National Remembrance Day	Thursday	23 July, 2026
9	National Repentance Day	Wednesday	26 August, 2026
10	Independence Day	Wednesday	16 September, 2026
11	Christmas Day	Friday	25 December 2026
12	Boxing Day	Saturday	26 December 2026

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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	Thursday	1 January 2026
2.	International Day of commemoration in memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	Tuesday	27 January 2026
3.	International Mother Language Day	Saturday	21 February 2026
4.	International Day for Women's Right and International Peace	Sunday	8 March 2026
5.	Commonwealth Day	Monday	9 March 2026
6	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	Saturday	21 March 2026
7.	Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination – Week Beginning	Saturday	21 March, 2026
8.	World Day for Water	Sunday	22 March, 2026
9.	National Women's Day	Tuesday	24 March, 2026
10.	National Day of Disabled Persons	Sunday	29 March, 2026
11.	World Health Day	Tuesday	7 April, 2026
12.	Book and Copyright Day	Thursday	23 April, 2026
13.	World Press Freedom Day	Sunday	3 May, 2026
14.	International Day of Family	Wednesday	15 May, 2026
15.	World Telecommunication Day	Friday	17 May, 2026
16.	World Tree Kangaroo Day	Thursday	21 May, 2026
17.	World No-Tobacco Day	Sunday	31 May, 2026
18.	World Environment Day	Friday- Saturday	5-6 June, 2026
19.	National Labour Day	Wednesday	10 June, 2026
20.	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Wednesday	17 June, 2026
21.	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	Friday	26 June, 2026
22.	International Day of Cooperation	Wednesday	1 July, 2026
23.	World Population Day	Saturday	11 July, 2026
24.	Provincial Government Day	Sunday	19 July, 2026
25.	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	Sunday	9 August, 2026

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26.	National Prayer Days	Sunday-Monday	6-7 September, 2026
27.	International Literacy Day	Tuesday	8 September, 2026
28.	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer	Wednesday	16 September, 2026
29.	World Maritime Day	Tuesday	29 September, 2026
30.	International Day of Older Persons	Thursday	1 October, 2026
31.	World Habitat Day	Sunday	4 October, 2026
32.	International/National World Teachers Day	Monday	5 October, 2026
33.	World Post Day	Friday	9 October, 2026
34.	International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction	Sunday	11 October, 2026
35.	World Food Day	Friday	16 October, 2026
36.	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	Saturday	17 October, 2026
37.	World Development Information Day	Saturday	24 October, 2026
38.	United Nations Day	Saturday	24 October, 2026
39.	Disarmament Week	Saturday-Friday	24-30 October, 2026
40.	Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels Day	Sunday	3 November, 2026
41.	Universal Children's Day	Friday	20 November, 2026
42.	World Aids Day	Tuesday	1 December, 2026
43.	International Day of Disabled Persons	Thursday	3 December, 2026
44.	International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development	Saturday	5 December, 2026
45.	International Civil Aviation Day For Economic and Social Development	Monday	7 December, 2026
46.	Human Rights Day	Thursday	10 December, 2026
47.	Anniversary of UNICEF	Friday	11 December, 2026

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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