

LAWS OF GUYANA

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ACT

CHAPTER 19:07

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**on**  
**Repeal**

This Act repealed the Public Holidays Ordinance (1 of 1875).

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**An Act to make provision for Public Holidays and  
 respecting obligations to make Payments and do other  
 Acts on such Public Holidays.**

[13<sup>th</sup> September, 1919]

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Holidays Act.

What is a  
 public holiday.

2. In this Act "public holiday" means a day which (subject to the provisions of section 4) is *dies non*, and which is kept as a holiday by all banks, educational establishments, public offices and government departments.

Public  
 holidays.  
 [6 of 1967  
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3. (1) The following days shall be public holidays  
 namely—

every Sunday; the first week-day of January; Republic Day,  
 that is to say such day in each year as shall, by notice

published in the *Gazette*, be appointed for the purpose by the Minister responsible for public holidays; Good Friday; Easter Monday; Labour Day, that is to say, the 1st May, or, if that day is a Sunday, the following day;

Commonwealth Day, that is to say the first Monday in August; Christmas Day, or, if that day is a Sunday, the following day; the 26th December, or if that day is a Sunday, the following day, unless Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, and then the Tuesday following Christmas Day;

Phagwah Day, or, if that day is a Sunday, the following day; Deepavali Day, or, if that day is a Sunday, the following day; Eid-UI-Azha Day, or, if that day is a Sunday, the following day; Youman Nabi Day, or, if that day is a Sunday, the following day.

(2) During every year, the Minister responsible for public holidays shall cause notices of the days constituted public holidays in respect of that year's Phagwah, Deepavali, Eid-UI-Azha and Youman Nabi by subsection (1) to be published in the *Gazette* as soon as reasonably practicable before the dates so notified, respectively.

Exclusion of certain offices, or departments.

4. The Minister may make regulations excluding any public office or government department in whole or in part from the operation of section 3.

Acts relating to negotiable instruments. c. 90:13

5. Subject to the Bills of Exchange Act, it is not necessary for anyone to make any payment or to do any other act, including noting or protesting, relating to any negotiable instrument on a public holiday, but all obligation to make that payment or to do that other act shall apply to the next following day not being itself a public holiday.

Appointment of holidays by the Minister.

6. The Minister may by notification in the *Gazette* appoint any day to be observed as a public holiday in

addition to or in substitution for any day mentioned in section 3 and thereupon this Act applies to the added or substituted day and ceases to apply to any day for which another has been so substituted.

Saving.  
c. 91:04.

7. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed or construed to derogate from or in any way affect the provisions of the Shops Act.

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