



**DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**  
***Office of the Secretary***

## **CIRCULAR INSTRUCTION NO: 23 OF 2021**

**DATE:** 27th July, 2021  
**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 2022**

This Circular Instruction serves to advise that the National Executive Council under a) its Instrument on the Public Notice for 2022 Public Holidays and Observance days, b) National Gazette No. 481 of 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 has approved the following days/dates, to be observed as Public Holidays throughout Papua New Guinea for the year 2022

<b>NO.</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	<b>DAY/DATE</b>
1	New Year's Day	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2022
2	National Remembrance Day-In Memory of Late Grand Chief Rt. Hon. Sir Michael T. Somare (First Prime Minister of PNG)	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022
3	Good Friday	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April, 2022
4	Easter Saturday	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> April, 2022
5	Easter Sunday	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> April, 2022
6	Easter Monday	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April, 2022
7	Queen's Birthday	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June, 2022
8	National Remembrance Day	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July, 2022
9	The National Repentance Day	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> August, 2022
10	Independence Day	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022
11	Christmas Day	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> December, 2022
12	Boxing Day	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> December, 2022
13	Christmas Day Public Holiday	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December, 2022

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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.**


<b>NO.</b>	<b>DAYS TO BE OBSERVED</b>	<b>DAY/DATE</b>
1	Global Family Day, formerly one day of Peace and sharing	Saturday 01 <sup>st</sup> January, 2022
2	International Day of commemoration in memory of the Victims of Holocaust	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January, 2022
3	International Mother Language Day	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February, 2022
4	International Day for Women's Right and International Peace	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
5	Commonwealth Day	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
6	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2022
7	Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination – Week Beginning	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2022
8	World Day for Water	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2022
9	National Women's Day	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
10	National Day of Disabled Person's	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
11	World Health Day	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April, 2022
12	Book & Copyright Day	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April, 2022
13	World Press Freedom Day	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May, 2022
14	International Day of Family	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May, 2022
15	World Telecommunication Day	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May, 2022
16	World No-Tobacco Day	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May, 2022
17	World Environment Day	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June to Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June, 2022
18	National Labour Day	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June, 2022
19	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June, 2022
20	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> June, 2022
21	International Day of Cooperation	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> of July, 2022
22	World Population Day	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July, 2022
23	Provincial Government Day	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July, 2022
24	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August, 2022
25	National Prayer Days	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022 & Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022

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26	International Literacy Day	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022
27	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022
28	World Maritime Day	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022
29	International Day of Older Persons	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> of October, 2022
30	World Habitat Day	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October, 2022
31	International/National World Teachers Day	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October, 2022
32	World Post Day	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October, 2022
33	International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October, 2022
34	World Food Day	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> October, 2022
35	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October, 2022
36	World Development Information Day	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October, 2022
37	United Nations Day	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October, 2022
38	Disarmament Week	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October, 2022 to Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> October, 2022
39	Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels Day	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November, 2022
40	Universal Children's Day	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> November, 2022
41	World Aids Day	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December, 2022
42	International Day of Disabled Persons	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December, 2022
43	International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December, 2022
44	International Civil Aviation Day For Economic and Social Development	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December, 2022
45	Human Rights Day	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December, 2022
46	Anniversary of UNICEF	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December, 2022

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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