



DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
Office of the Secretary

CIRCULAR INSTRUCTION NO: 10 OF 2023

DATE: 21st August, 2023

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TO: ALL DEPARTMENTAL HEADS
ALL PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATORS AND
HEADS OF OTHER FUNDED PUBLIC AUTHORITIES
ALL PUBLIC SERVANTS

SUBJECT: INDEPENDENCE DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY FOR 2023

This Circular Instruction is served to advise that **Friday 15th September, 2023 has been declared as a Public Holiday throughout Papua New Guinea to celebrate the forty-eight (48th) Independence Day**, as confirmed in the National Gazette No. 775 of 2022 and Circular Instruction No. 18 of 2022 on Public Holidays for 2023.

From the **1st of September, 2023**, you are urged to **decorate your Office Buildings in Red, Black & Gold colours, leading up to the Independence Day celebrations**. Public Servants in the Nation's Capital are encouraged to attend the following events on Saturday 16th of September, 2023;

NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAM FOR 16TH OF SEPTEMBER, 2023

TIME	EVENT
5AM – 6.50AM	FLAG RAISING CEREMONY AT THE INDEPENDENCE HILL
7.00AM	PRIME MINISTER AND VIP GUESTS ARRIVE AT THE PARADE STAGE ALONG INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD
7.15AM	THE INDEPENDENCE BREAKFAST IS SERVED AT THE BOULEVARD

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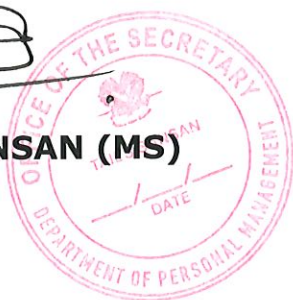
7.25AM	NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE PARADE STARTS
8.30AM	NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE
8.45AM	HON. JAMES MARAPE, MP & PRIME MINISTER OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA, DELIVERS THE 48 TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY KEYNOTE ADDRESS.

These celebrations begin the country's march to the 50th Independence Anniversary Celebrations in 2025. It is therefore important that we use this occasion to set the pace for the next two years.

Those Public Servants in the Provinces are requested to attend and participate in the celebrations that are being organized in each respective Provinces.

Happy 48th Independence Day celebrations.

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