



DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
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2025 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SHUTDOWN PERIOD

Port Moresby, 13th Thursday November 2025: The Department of Personnel Management (DPM) has announced the official shutdown period for all public servants during the 2025 Christmas and New Year holidays.

In accordance with Circular Instruction No. 15 of 2025, the shutdown will commence on Thursday, 25 December 2025 (Christmas Day) and end on Thursday, 1 January 2026 (New Year's Day). Normal duties will resume on Friday, 2 January 2026.

The three paid shutdown days are Monday, 29 December, Tuesday, 30 December, and Wednesday, 31 December 2025. These days cannot be accrued if not taken and are provided to facilitate the closure of government offices.

Secretary Ms. Taies Sansan stated that the annual shutdown period reflects the government's commitment to promoting work-life balance for public servants while ensuring essential and emergency services remain uninterrupted.

"The shutdown period allows public servants the opportunity to rest and spend quality time with their families during the festive season," Ms. Sansan said.

"However, essential and emergency services such as hospitals, police, defence, correctional services, and public utilities will continue operations to ensure services to our people are not disrupted during this time." Ms. Sansan further emphasized that officers required to work during the shutdown will be compensated with a paid day off at a later date.

"Departments and agencies are encouraged to plan accordingly so that critical functions continue smoothly while allowing as many staff as possible to enjoy the festive break," she added.

The DPM Payroll Division, in collaboration with the Departments of Finance will maintain normal operations during the shutdown to support essential government services. Immigration & Citizenship Services Authority will also be maintaining normal operations during the festive season.

Ms. Sansan extended her best wishes to all public servants and their families for the festive season:

"On behalf of the Department of Personnel Management, I wish all our public servants and their families a safe and blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2026."

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