

INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

CHAPTER NO. 321.

*Public Holidays.*

GENERAL ANNOTATION.

ADMINISTRATION.

The administration of this Chapter was not specifically vested in any Minister at the date of its preparation for inclusion. Under Constitution, Section 148(2), therefore, it seems that it came within the political responsibilities of the Prime Minister.

The present administration may be ascertained by reference to the most recent Determination of Titles and Responsibilities of Ministers made under Section 148(1) of the Constitution.

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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

1. Public holidays.
2. Independence Day or Days.
3. Anniversary of birthday of Queen.
4. Substitution of days.
5. Additional public holidays.
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Being an Act to make provision for public holidays, and for related purposes.

1. Public holidays.

(1) The following days are public holidays throughout the country :—

- (a) 1 January; and
- (b) Good Friday and the following Saturday and Monday; and
- (ba) 23 July to be known as Papua New Guinea Remembrance day; and
- (c) the day or days appointed under Section 2; and
- (d) Christmas Day and the following day; and
- (e) the day appointed under Section 3.

(Amended by No. 11 of 1980, s. 1, 15 of 1981.)

(2) When any of the days listed in Subsection (1), other than the day or days appointed under Section 2 or Christmas Day, falls on a Sunday the next Monday shall, unless the Head of State, acting on advice, declares otherwise, be observed as a public holiday throughout the country.

(3) When Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, the following Tuesday shall also be observed as a public holiday.

2. Independence Day or Days.

The Head of State, acting on advice, may, by notice in the National Gazette, appoint a day or days to commemorate the attainment by Papua New Guinea of Independent Sovereign Nationhood.

3. Anniversary of birthday of Queen.

The Head of State, acting on advice, may, by notice in the National Gazette, appoint a day to commemorate the birthday of the Queen and Head of State.

4. Substitution of days.

If the Head of State, acting on advice, thinks it expedient that a day appointed by this Act to be a public holiday should not be a public holiday he may, by notice in the National Gazette published not less than one week before the day appointed for the holiday—

- (a) declare that the day shall not be a public holiday; and
- (b) appoint such other day as seems to him proper to be a public holiday instead of that day.

5. Additional public holidays.

In addition to the days appointed by or under this Act to be public holidays, the Head of State, acting on advice, may, by notice in the National Gazette, appoint a day or part of a day to be a public holiday throughout the whole country or a part of the country.

6. Bank holidays.

A day appointed by or under this Act to be a public holiday—

- (a) shall, for the purposes of the *Bills of Exchange Act*, be deemed to be a bank holiday; and

(b) shall be kept as a close holiday by all banks in the country, or if appointed for a part of the country by all banks in that part of the country.

**7. Remembrance Day.** (*Repealed by No. 11 of 1980, s. 2.*)

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APPENDIX.

SOURCE OF THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ACT.

Part A.—Previous Legislation.

- Public Holidays Act 1953* (No. 38 of 1953)  
as amended by—  
*Public Holidays (National Day) Act 1972* (No. 61 of 1972)  
*Public Holidays (Amended List) Act 1973* (No. 56 of 1973)  
*Public Holidays (Amendment) Act 1975* (No. 36 of 1975)  
*Public Holidays (Amendment) Act 1980* (No. 11 of 1980)  
*Public Holidays (Amendment) Act 1981* (No. 15 of 1981).

Part B.—Cross References.

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<sup>1</sup>Unless otherwise indicated, references are to the Act set out in Part A.

