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INFORMATION SHEET

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2019

What are Public Holidays?

Public holidays forms part of the National Employment Standards and applies to all employees covered by the national workplace relations system, regardless of the applicable industrial instrument or contract of employment. This standard provides a right for employees to be absent from work on a day or part-day that is a public holiday, and will further protect the employee's workplace right to reasonably refuse to work on a public holiday. This standard additionally guarantees payment when the employee is absent from work because of a public holiday. Employees are protected from adverse action for having, using, or seeking to use their workplace right to reasonably refuse to work on a public holiday.

Australian Public Holidays 2019

Australian Capital Territory

New Year's Day – Tuesday 1 January
Australia Day – Monday 28 January
Canberra Day – Monday 11 March
Good Friday – Friday 19 April
Easter Saturday – Saturday 20 April
Easter Sunday – Sunday 21 April
Easter Monday – Monday 22 April
Anzac Day – Wednesday 25 April
Reconciliation Day – Monday 27 May
Queen's Birthday – Monday 10 June
Labour Day – Monday 7 October
Christmas Day – Wednesday 25 December
Boxing Day – Thursday 26 December

New South Wales

New Year's Day – Tuesday 1 January
Australia Day – Monday 28 January
Good Friday – Friday 19 April
Easter Saturday – Saturday 20 April
Easter Sunday – Sunday 21 April
Easter Monday – Monday 22 April
Anzac Day – Thursday 25 April
Queen's Birthday – Monday 10 June
Bank Holiday* – Monday 5 August
Labour Day – Monday 7 October
Christmas Day – Wednesday 25 December
Boxing Day – Thursday 26 December

*Applies to banks and certain financial institutions.

Northern Territory

New Year's Day – Tuesday 1 January
Australia Day – Monday 28 January
Good Friday – Friday 19 April
Easter Saturday – Saturday 20 April
Easter Monday – Monday 22 April
Anzac Day – Thursday 25 April
May Day – Monday 6 May
Queen's Birthday – Monday 10 June
Picnic Day – Monday 5 August
Christmas Eve 7pm to midnight – Tuesday 24 December
Christmas Day – Wednesday 25 December
Boxing Day – Thursday 26 December
New Year's Eve 7pm to midnight – Tuesday 31 December

Queensland

New Year's Day – Tuesday 1 January
Australia Day – Monday 28 January
Good Friday – Friday 19 April
Easter Saturday – Saturday 20 April
Easter Sunday – Sunday 21 April
Easter Monday – Monday 22 April
Anzac Day – Thursday 25 April
Labour Day – Monday 6 May
Royal Queensland Show (Brisbane only) – Wednesday 14 August
Queen's Birthday – Monday 7 October
Christmas Day – Wednesday 25 December
Boxing Day – Thursday 26 December

South Australia

New Year's Day – Tuesday 1 January
Australia Day – Monday 28 January
March Public Holiday – Monday 11 March
Good Friday – Friday 19 April
Easter Saturday – Saturday 20 April
Easter Monday – Monday 22 April
Anzac Day – Thursday 25 April
Queen's Birthday – Monday 10 June
Labour Day – Monday 7 October
Christmas Eve (from 7pm) – Tuesday 24 December
Christmas Day – Wednesday 25 December
Boxing Day – Thursday 26 December
New Year's Eve (from 7pm) – Tuesday 31 December

Tasmania

New Year's Day – Tuesday 1 January
Australia Day – Monday 28 January
Eight Hours Day – Monday 11 March
Good Friday – Friday 19 April
Easter Monday – Monday 22 April
Easter Tuesday** – Tuesday 23 April
Anzac Day – Thursday 25 April
Queen's Birthday – Monday 10 June
Christmas Day – Wednesday 25 December
Boxing Day – Thursday 26 December

Victoria

New Year's Day – Tuesday 1 January
Australia Day – Monday 28 January
Labour Day – Monday 11 March
Good Friday – Friday 19 April
Saturday before Easter Sunday – Saturday 20 April
Easter Sunday – Sunday 21 April
Easter Monday – Monday 22 April
Anzac Day – Thursday 25 April
Queen's Birthday – Monday 10 June
Friday before the AFL Grand Final – Friday 27 September
Melbourne Cup – Tuesday 5 November
Christmas Day – Wednesday 25 December
Boxing Day – Thursday 26 December

Western Australia

New Year's Day – Tuesday 1 January
Australia Day – Monday 28 January
Labour Day – Monday 4 March
Good Friday – Friday 19 April
Easter Monday – Monday 22 April
Anzac Day – Thursday 25 April
Western Australia Day – Monday 3 June
Queen's Birthday Holiday – Monday 30 September
Christmas Day – Wednesday 25 December
Boxing Day – Thursday 26 December

** Restricted public holiday observed by some awards/agreements and the State Public Service. To check your award or agreement ring Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94