

CHAPTER 252

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ACT

*Amended by:
VIII. 1989.1.*

To make provision regarding the National Holidays of Malta and other public holidays.

27th June, 1975

ACT XXX of 1975, as amended by Legal Notices: 38 and 59 of 1977; [Act X of 1980](#); Legal Notices [8](#) and [40](#) of 1987; and Acts [VIII of 1989](#), [II of 2005](#) and [IV of 2021](#).

1. The short title of this Act is the National Holidays and other Public Holidays Act.

*Short title.
Amended by:
VIII. 1989.2.*

2. The following shall be National Holidays:

the twenty first day of September known as Jum l-Indipendenza,
the thirteenth day of December known as Jum ir-Repubblika,
the thirty first day of March known as Jum il-Helsien,
the eighth of September known as Jum il-Vittorja,
the seventh day of June known as the Sette Giugno.

*National Holidays.
Substituted by:
X.1980.2;
VIII.1989.3.*

3. The National Holidays shall be public holidays and on those occasions there shall be flown on public buildings the National Flag of Malta.

*National Holidays
to be public
holidays.
Added by:
VIII. 1989.5.*

4. The Prime Minister shall give such directions as he may deem appropriate for the due celebration of the National Holidays.

*Celebration on
National Holidays.
Added by:
VIII. 1989.5.*

5. (1) Sundays and the days listed in the Schedule shall be public holidays.

*Public holidays.
Amended by:
VIII. 1989.4.*

(2) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this article, the Prime Minister may by notice in the Gazette -

- (a) order any day to be observed as a public holiday in addition to other public holidays;
- (b) order that any day listed in the Schedule shall not be observed as a public holiday.

(3) The Prime Minister may also, by order in the Gazette, amend the Schedule.

(4) On public holidays, all Government offices shall be closed:

Provided that the Prime Minister may direct that one or more Government offices shall be kept open on any public holiday specified in the direction.

6. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law, or in any contract, or in any other instrument whatsoever:

*Entitlement to
holidays.
Amended by:
VIII. 1989.4;
II. 2005.18;
IV.2020.2.*

- (a) where under the conditions of service applicable to a person such person is, or but for the provisions of this Act would have been, entitled to a holiday on any day

which ceases to be a public holiday by virtue of this Act, such person shall cease to be entitled to a holiday on any such day as aforesaid, but shall become entitled to a holiday on any day which is a public holiday after the commencement of this Act and was not a public holiday before that date;

- (b) with effect from 1st January, 2005 when a National Holiday or a Public Holiday listed in the Schedule falls on a Saturday or on a Sunday, it shall not be deemed to be a public holiday for the purposes of entitling any person to an additional day of vacation leave;
- (c) with effect from 1st January 2021, when a national holiday or a public holiday listed in the Schedule falls on a Saturday or on a Sunday, it shall be deemed to be a public holiday for the purposes of entitling any person to a day of vacation leave in addition to the leave entitlement for that particular year as calculated on the basic entitlement provided in regulation 8 of the [Organisation of Working Time Regulations](#);

S.L. 452. 87.

and any such other law, contract or instrument as aforesaid shall have effect accordingly.

Amended by:
L.N. 38 of 1977.
Substituted by:
L.N. 59 of 1977;
X. 1980.3;
L.N. 8 of 1987;
L.N. 40 of 1987;
VIII. 1989.6.

SCHEDULE

[ARTICLE 5(1)]

List of Public Holidays

(in addition to National Holidays and Sundays)

1st January	New Year's Day
10th February	Feast of St. Paul's Shipwreck
19th March	Feast of St. Joseph
-	Good Friday
1st May	Workers' Day
29th June	Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul
15th August	Feast of the Assumption
8th December	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
25th December	Christmas Day