

# THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI

No.GAZ/XVII.3(v)

Karachi, dated the 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2023

## NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of explanation to Section 25 of the Sindh Civil Courts Ordinance 1962, it is hereby notified for general information that the following public and optional holidays shall be observed by the Civil & Sessions Courts as well as Federal and Provincial Tribunals / Special Courts in Sindh working under the Administrative Control of High Court of Sindh during the calendar year 2023.

These holidays shall also be observed by the High Court of Sindh, Karachi its Bench at Sukkur and Circuit Courts at Hyderabad and Larkana.

Sr.#	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during year 2023
1.	Kashmir Day	Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> February, 2023
2.	Pakistan Day	Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2023
3.	Eid-ul-Fitr, (1 <sup>st</sup> Shawal 1444 A.H.)	Saturday, Sunday, Monday	22, 23, 24 April 2023
4.	Labour Day	Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> May, 2023
5.	Eid-ul-Azha, (10 <sup>th</sup> Zil Haj 1444 A.H.)	Thursday, Friday, Saturday	29, 30 June, 2023 and 1 <sup>st</sup> July, 2023
6.	Ashura (9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Moharrum 1445 A.H.)	Thursday & Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> July, 2023
7.	Independence Day	Monday	14 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023
8.	Eid Milad-un-Nabi (12 <sup>th</sup> Rabi-ul-Awwal 1445 A.H.)	Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023
9.	Allama Iqbal Day	Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023
10.	Quaid-e-Azam Day / Christmas	Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023
11.	Day After Christmas	Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023 (For Christians only)

OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS

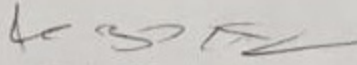
Sr.#	Name of Occasion	Days	Date during year 2023
1.	New Year Day	Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2023
2.	Basant Punchami	Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> January, 2023
3.	Shivaratri	Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup> February, 2023
4.	Shab-e-Meraj (27 <sup>th</sup> Rajab 1444 A.H)	Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup> February, 2023
5.	Holi	Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2023
6.	Dulhandi	Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup> March, 2023
7.	Shab-e-Barat (15 <sup>th</sup> Shaban 1444 A.H)	Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2023
8.	Good Friday	Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> April, 2023
9.	Day After Easter Sunday	Monday	10 <sup>th</sup> April, 2023
10.	Baisakhi	Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> April, 2023
11.	Eid-e-Rizwan (Bahai's Community only)	Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> April, 2023
12.	Buddha Purnima	Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> July, 2023
13.	Nauroze (Parsi's New Year Day)	Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023
14.	Birthday of Lord Zoroaster (Khordad Sal)	Monday	21 <sup>st</sup> August, 2023
15.	Chehlum (20 <sup>th</sup> Safar 1445 AH)	Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023
16.	Janam Ashtami	Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023
17.	Durga Puja	Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2023
18.	Dussehra	Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023
19.	Giyarvee Shareef (11 <sup>th</sup> Rabi-us-Sani 1445 (A.H)	Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023
20.	Birthday of Guru Valmik Sawami Ji	Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023
21.	Diwali	Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023
22.	Guru Nanak Dev Jee Birthday	Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023

WINTER HOLIDAYS

For the Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Sindh.	From 26-12-2023 to 09-01-2024
For the Office of the High Court and Civil and Sessions Courts as well as Federal and Provincial Tribunals / Special Courts in Sindh working under the Administrative Control of High Court of Sindh.	From 26-12-2023 to 03-01-2024

**NOTES:**

- a) The holidays on all Muslim Festivals, are based on subject to appearance of moon.
- b) The Judges of the High Court will observe winter holidays from 26-12-2023 to 09-01-2024 and all Civil & Sessions Courts as well as Federal and Provincial Tribunals/Special Courts in Sindh working under the Administrative Control of High Court of Sindh will observe winter holidays from 26-12-2023 to 03-01-2024.
- c) The District and Civil Courts will observe two (2) local holidays within their District during the year 2023 to be declared as Local holidays by the concerned Deputy Commissioners/Administrators.
- d) The Officers/Officials desiring to avail of optional holiday shall take prior permission of the Head of the Department concerned and no one shall be granted more than one optional holiday in the case of Muslims and three optional holidays in case of non-Muslim in a calendar year.
- e) The grant of this concession should not result in any dislocation of work and even in case of Muslim optional holidays the number of persons permitted to avail these holidays should be regulated in a manner so as to leave adequate staff for proper continuance of work.
- f) The optional holidays are denominational and may be allowed at the discretion of the Head of the Office provided the state of work permits.
- g) A Government servant would not ordinarily be refused an optional holiday which is of religious significance to him, if the refusal is likely to decrease the maximum number of such holidays to which he is entitled.

  
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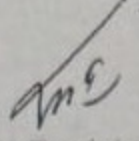
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