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STATUTORY PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS FOR 2017

Under the provisions of the *Public and Bank Holidays Act 1972 (WA)*, the following dates are public holidays for 2017:

New Year's Day	Sunday 1 January 2017 and Monday 2 January 2017
Australia Day	Thursday 26 January 2017
Labour Day	Monday 6 March 2017
Good Friday	Friday 14 April 2017
Easter Monday	Monday 17 April 2017
ANZAC Day	Tuesday 25 April 2017
Western Australia Day	Monday 5 June 2017
Queen's Birthday	Monday 25 September 2017
Christmas Day	Monday 25 December 2017
Boxing Day	Tuesday 26 December 2017

Repealed Public Service Holidays

Easter Tuesday and the day after New Year's Day are no longer public service holidays. Where it is provided for in their industrial agreement, employees who would have otherwise received the benefit of the repealed public service holidays are able to take two days' paid leave of absence in lieu of the repealed public service holidays.

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Subject to the Public Sector Commissioner's Circular 2009-32, days in lieu of the repealed public service holidays:

- a. are made available on the date of the relevant public service holiday;
- b. are not available to an employee who is any period of leave without pay;
- c. are paid at the rate of ordinary time;
- d. can be added to annual leave or taken individually;
- e. must be taken in the calendar year in which they occur;
- f. will be forfeited if not taken in the year which they occur; and
- g. are not to paid out on termination of employment.



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