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**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.**

1. Public holidays.
2. Independence Day or Days.
3. Anniversary of birthday of the Queen.
4. Substitution of days.
5. Additional public holidays.
6. Bank holidays.
- [7. *Repealed*]



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AN ACT

entitled

***Public Holidays Act 1953,***

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

(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 THE 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 other such 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 1951*, 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. [REPEALED.]**

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