



FURNITURE BARGAINING COUNCIL

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TO ALL EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - 2017

Please be advised that all Public Holidays proclaimed in terms of the **Public Holidays Act, 1994 (Act No. 36 of 1994)** are regarded as Public Holidays in terms of the Industry's Main Collective Agreement. As such the following Public Holidays must be observed as Public Holidays during 2017:

Day	Date	Public Holiday
Sunday	- 1 January 2017	- New Year's Day
Monday	- 2 January 2017	- Public holiday in lieu of Sunday, 1 January 2017
Tuesday	- 21 March 2017	- Human Rights Day
Friday	- 14 April 2017	- Good Friday
Monday	- 17 April 2017	- Family Day
Thursday	- 27 April 2017	- Freedom Day
Monday	- 1 May 2017	- Worker's Day
Friday	- 16 June 2017	- Youth Day
Wednesday	- 9 August 2017	- National Women's Day
Sunday	- 24 September 2017	- Heritage Day
Monday	- 25 September 2017	- Public holiday in lieu of Sunday, 24 September 2017
Saturday	- 16 December 2017	- Day of Reconciliation
Monday	- 25 December 2017	- Christmas Day
Tuesday	- 26 December 2017	- Day of Goodwill

REMUNERATION FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

1. All employees are entitled to a normal day's wages for all Public Holidays, provided that such Public Holidays fall on a normal working day. (eg. If an establishment normally works Mondays to Fridays only, **a Public Holiday falling on a Saturday will not be regarded as a Paid Public Holiday**)
2. Where a Public Holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday must be observed as a Public Holiday in lieu of the Sunday. Employees must be paid a normal day's wages for the Monday only.
3. All employees are entitled to a normal day's wages for all Public Holidays that fall during an establishment's annual closure period. (Provided that these days fall on a normal working day or on a Sunday. Should a Public Holiday fall on a Sunday the following Monday will be regarded as a Public Holiday)
4. In the event of the employment of an employee being **terminated by an employer**, seven (7) working days or less prior to Good Friday, the employee concerned shall be entitled to payment of a normal day's wages for Good Friday and Family Day.
5. In the event of an employee's employment being **terminated by an employer**, seven (7) working days or less prior to an establishment's annual closure period, the employee concerned shall be entitled to a normal day's wages for each Public Holiday that falls within the establishment's annual closure period. (Provided that such days fall on a normal working day or on a Sunday. Should the Public Holiday fall on a Sunday the following Monday will be regarded as a Public Holiday)

Kindly ensure that the provisions of this Circular are complied with. Do not hesitate to contact the Inspectorate Department of the Council should you require any additional information. Please do not contact any junior staff members of the Council in this regard.

A COPY OF THIS CIRCULAR MUST BE DISPLAYED ON YOUR ESTABLISHMENT'S NOTICE BOARD