Legal Public Holidays: 2016 & 2017



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Overview

The District government recognizes eleven (11) legal public holidays each year: New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, Washington's Birthday, D.C. Emancipation Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. In 2017, Inauguration Day will also be recognized as a legal public holiday. Holidays are observed on or around their official calendar date and the majority of the District government will be closed. Employees who are scheduled to be off on these days, as a part of their regularly scheduled workweek, may be entitled to observe the holiday on an alternate, or "in-lieu-of", day. The District government has established a calendar of "in-lieu-of" days to assist these employees in identifying the alternate day. Employees who work on the holiday and are not provided an "in-lieu-of" day will be paid holiday pay for the hours they work on the holiday.

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Legal Public Holidays

The legal public holidays for calendar years **2016** and **2017** for District government employees whose basic workweek is Monday through Friday are as follows:

| Calendar Year 2016 Legal Public Holidays | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| New Year's Day | Friday, January 1 | | | | | |
| Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. | Monday, January 18 | | | | | |
| Washington's Birthday | Monday, February 15 | | | | | |
| D.C. Emancipation Day* | Friday, April 15 | | | | | |
| Memorial Day | Monday, May 30 | | | | | |
| Independence Day | Monday, July 4 | | | | | |
| Labor Day | Monday, September 5 | | | | | |
| Columbus Day | Monday, October 10 | | | | | |
| Veterans Day | Friday, November 11 | | | | | |
| Thanksgiving Day | Thursday, November 24 | | | | | |
| Christmas Day** | Monday, December 26 | | | | | |

| Calendar Year 2017 Legal Public Holidays | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| New Year's Day** | Monday, January 2 | | | | | |
| Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. | Monday, January 16 | | | | | |
| Inauguration Day*** | Friday, January 20 | | | | | |
| Washington's Birthday | Monday, February 20 | | | | | |
| D.C. Emancipation Day** | Monday, April 17 | | | | | |
| Memorial Day | Monday, May 29 | | | | | |
| Independence Day | Tuesday, July 4 | | | | | |
| Labor Day | Monday, September 4 | | | | | |
| Columbus Day | Monday, October 9 | | | | | |
| Veterans Day* | Friday, November 10 | | | | | |
| Thanksgiving Day | Thursday, November 23 | | | | | |
| Christmas Day** | Monday, December 25 | | | | | |

^{*}The legal public holiday is Saturday, but it will be observed on the preceding Friday.

^{**}The legal public holiday is Sunday, but will be observed on the following Monday.



***Note: In 2017, Inauguration Day will be recognized as a legal public holiday and observed on January 20, 2017. No "in-lieu-of" day will be provided for this day.

In addition to the above legal public holidays, the Mayor (or his or her designee) may designate other days or portions of a day as legal public holidays.

Determining Holidays

When a legal public holiday falls on a workday during the basic workweek of Monday through Friday, the holiday will be observed on that workday. When it falls on a Saturday, the holiday is observed on the preceding Friday. When it falls on a Sunday, the holiday is observed on the following Monday. This applies for all employees except those regularly scheduled to work outside of the standard Monday through Friday workweek and employees in the Firefighting Division (FD) of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (FEMSD).

Part-time Employees

For part-time employees, whenever a holiday or day designated as a holiday falls on the employee's regularly scheduled workday, they will be entitled to that holiday. No "in-lieu-of", or make up, day is authorized for a part-time employee if a holiday falls or is observed on a day the employee does not work.

Holidays and Non-Standard Workweeks

Employees who are regularly scheduled to work on days other than Monday through Friday and whose days off are not listed on the *In-Lieu-of Schedules*, or for an employee of the Firefighting Division of FEMSD, the day to be treated as a holiday is determined as follows:

- a. When the holiday falls on a workday in the basic workweek of the employee, that day is the holiday for the employee.
- b. When a holiday falls on a non-workday, the first scheduled workday following that non-workday is considered the legal holiday.
- c. When a holiday falls on a non-workday of a basic workweek which includes six days, the holiday is the day immediately preceding the legal holiday.

"In-Lieu-Of" Days

When an employee is regularly scheduled to be off on a day designated a legal public holiday, and their regular workweek is not Monday through Friday, they will be entitled to an "in-lieu-of", or alternate, day off.

Flexible and Compressed Work Schedules

When a holiday falls on the non-workday of an employee on a Flexible Work Schedule (FWS) or Compressed Work Schedule (CWS), the employee's preceding workday is the designated the "in-lieu-of" holiday. If a holiday falls on a Sunday non-workday of an employee on a FWS or CWS non-workday, the employee's subsequent workday is the designated "in-lieu-of" holiday. An agency head (or his or her designee) may select a different "in-lieu-of" holiday for full-time agency employees (including employees on CWS) when it is deemed that an alternate day is necessary to prevent "adverse agency impact".

In-Lieu-of Schedules

The attached in-lieu-of schedules are applicable to all covered employees, except individuals in the Firefighting Division of the FEMSD, and in some instances, uniformed members of the Metropolitan Police Department. These schedules should be used ONLY when applicable to employees whose workweek is other than Monday through Friday and when the employees' regularly scheduled day off falls on the legal public holiday.

Holiday Pay

An employee who is scheduled to work on a holiday and does not receive an in-lieu-of day will be paid holiday pay for that day. Holiday pay will only be paid for work actually performed for a maximum of eight (8) hours. Any work performed over eight (8) hours which has been approved in advance will be compensated at applicable overtime rates.

Collective Bargaining Agreements

In the event of a conflict between any of the provisions of this E-DPM bulletin and any collective bargaining agreement (CBA), the provisions of the CBA will control to the extent that there is a difference.

Legal

Authorities

- 1. Section 1202 of the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 1-139; D.C. Official Code § 1-612.02); and
- 2. Chapter 12 of the D.C. personnel regulations, Hours of Work, Legal Holidays and Leave.

Applicability

This bulletin applies to those District government agencies subordinate to the Mayor's personnel authority. Other personnel authorities or independent agencies may adopt any of all of these procedures to provide guidance to employees under their respective jurisdictions.

Additional Information

For additional information concerning this bulletin, please contact the Department of Human Resources, Policy and Compliance Administration, by calling (202) 442-9700 or by sending an e-mail to dchr.policy@dc.gov.



Attachment 1 – 2016 "In-Lieu-Of" Holidays

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2016

"IN-LIEU-OF" HOLIDAYS

| | Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. | Monday, January 18 |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Washington's Birthday | Monday, February 15 |
| | Memorial Day | Monday, May 30 |
| MONDAY HOLIDAYS | Independence Day | Monday, July 4 |
| | Labor Day | Monday, September 5 |
| | Columbus Day | Monday, October 10 |
| | Christmas Day | Monday, December 26 |

| MONDAY HOLIDAYS "IN-LIEU-OF" DAYS | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|
| Scheduled Days Off | Holiday | Dr. MLK, Jr.'s Birthday | Washington's Birthday | Memorial Day | Independence Day | Labor Day | Columbus Day | Christmas Day |
| Sun & Mon | Sat | Jan 16 | Feb 13 | May 28 | July 2 | Sep 3 | Oct 8 | Dec 24 |
| Mon & Tues | | | | | | | | |
| Mon & Wed | | | | | | | | |
| Mon & Thurs | Sun | Jan 17 | Feb 14 | May 29 | July 3 | Sep 4 | Oct 9 | Dec 25 |
| Mon & Fri | | | | | | | | |
| Mon & Sat | | | | | | | | |

| THURSDAY HOLIDAYS | Thanksgiving Day | Thursday, November 24 |
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| THURSDAY HOLIDAYS "IN-LIEU-OF" DAYS | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------------------|--|--|--|
| Scheduled Days Off | Holiday | Thanksgiving Day | | | |
| Sun & Thurs | Wed | Nov 23 | | | |
| Mon & Thurs | | | | | |
| Tues & Thurs | Fri | Nov 25 | | | |
| Wed & Thurs | | | | | |
| Thurs & Fri | M/o ol | No. 22 | | | |
| Thurs & Sat | Wed | Nov 23 | | | |

FRIDAY HOLIDAYS

| New Year's Day | Friday, January 1 |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| D.C. Emancipation Day | Friday, April 15 |
| Veterans Day | Friday, November 11 |

| MONDAY HOLIDAYS "IN-LIEU-OF" DAYS | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------|--------|
| Scheduled Days Off | Holiday | New Year's Day | D.C. Emancipation Day | Veteran's Day | | |
| Sun & Fri | Thurs | Dec 31, 2015 | Apr 14 | Nov 10 | | |
| Mon & Fri | Sat | | | | | |
| Tues & Fri | | Sat | Cot | Sat Jan 2 | Apr 14 | Nov 12 |
| Wed & Fri | | | Jan 2 | Apr 16 | INOV 12 | |
| Thurs & Fri | | | | | | |
| Fri & Sat | Thurs | Dec 31, 2015 | April 14 | Nov 10 | | |

Attachment 2 – 2017 "In-Lieu-Of" Holidays

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2017

"IN-LIEU-OF" HOLIDAYS

| | New Year's Day | Monday, January 2 |
|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| | Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. | Monday, January 16 |
| | Washington's Birthday | Monday, February 20 |
| MONDAY HOLIDAYS | D.C. Emancipation Day | Monday, April 17 |
| MONDAT HOLIDATS | Memorial Day | Monday, May 29 |
| | Labor Day | Monday, September 4 |
| | Columbus Day | Monday, October 9 |
| | Christmas Day | Monday, December 25 |

| | Monday Holidays "In-lieu-of" days | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Scheduled Days Off | Holiday | New Year's Day | Dr. MLK, Jr.'s Birthday | Washington's Birthday | D.C. Emancipation Day | Memorial Day | Labor Day | Columbus Day | Christmas Day |
| Sun & Mon | Sat | Dec 31, 2016 | Jan 14 | Feb 18 | April 15 | May 27 | Sep 2 | Oct 7 | Dec 23 |
| Mon & Tues | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon & Wed | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon & Thurs | Sun | Jan 1 | Jan 15 | Feb 19 | April 16 | May 28 | Sep 3 | Oct 8 | Dec 24 |
| Mon & Fri | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon & Sat | | | | | | | | | |

| TUESDAY HOLIDAYS | Independence Day | Tuesday, July 4 |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|

| Tuesday Holidays "In-Lieu-of" days | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|------------------|--|--|--|
| Scheduled Days Off | Holiday | Independence Day | | | |
| Sun & Tues | Mon | July 3 | | | |
| Mon & Tues | Wed | July 5 | | | |
| Tues & Wed | | July 3 | | | |
| Tues & Thurs | Mon | | | | |
| Tues & Fri | | | | | |
| Tues & Sat | | | | | |

| Thursday Holidays "In-Lieu-of" days | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|--|--|--|
| Scheduled Days Off | Holiday Thanksgiving Day | | | | |
| Sun & Thurs | Wed | Nov 22 | | | |
| Mon & Thurs | Fri | Nov 24 | | | |
| Tues & Thurs | | | | | |
| Wed & Thurs | | | | | |
| Thurs & Fri | Mod | Nov 22 | | | |
| Thurs & Sat | Wed | | | | |

| FRIDAY HOLIDAYS | Inauguration Day* | Friday, January 20 | |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|--|
| | Veterans Day | Friday, November 10 | |

| FRIDAY HOLIDAYS "IN-LIEU-OF" DAYS | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| Scheduled Days Off | Holiday | Inauguration Day | Veteran's Day | | | |
| Sun & Fri | Thurs | | Nov 9 | | | |
| Mon & Fri | | *No "In-Lieu-Of" Day | Nov 11 | | | |
| Tues & Fri | Sat | | | | | |
| Wed & Fri | | | | | | |
| Thurs & Fri | | | | | | |
| Fri & Sat | Thurs | | Nov 9 | | | |