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## PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

### Government Notifications

#### THE HOLIDAYS ACT, No. 29 OF 1971

##### Order under Section 04

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 04 of the Holidays Act, No. 29 of 1971, I, Dr. A. H. M. H. Abayarathna Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, and Local Government, do by this order declare, for the purpose of this Act, the dates specifically mentioned in this Schedule to be Public and Bank Holidays for the Year 2026.

Dr. A. H. M. H. ABAYARATHNA (M.P.),  
Minister of Public Administration,  
Provincial Councils, and  
Local Government.

Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and  
Local Government,  
Home Affairs Division,  
Nila Medura,  
Elvitigala Mawatha,  
Narahenpita,  
Colombo 05,  
On 21st May, 2025.



## SCHEDULE

|    |           |           |      |   |    |
|----|-----------|-----------|------|---|----|
| 03 | Saturday  | January   | 2026 | Duruthu Full Moon Poya Day                | *= |
| 15 | Thursday  | January   | 2026 | Tamil Thai Pongal Day                     | *= |
| 01 | Sunday    | February  | 2026 | Navam Full Moon Poya Day                  | *= |
| 04 | Wednesday | February  | 2026 | Independence Day                          | *= |
| 15 | Sunday    | February  | 2026 | Maha Sivarathri Day                       | *= |
| 02 | Monday    | March     | 2026 | Medin Full Moon Poya Day                  | *= |
| 21 | Saturday  | March     | 2026 | Id-Ul-Fitre (Ramazan Festival Day)        | *= |
| 01 | Wednesday | April     | 2026 | Bak Full Moon Poya Day                    | *= |
| 03 | Friday    | April     | 2026 | Good Friday                               | *= |
| 13 | Monday    | April     | 2026 | Day Prior to Sinhala & Tamil New Year Day | *= |
| 14 | Tuesday   | April     | 2026 | Sinhala & Tamil New Year Day              | *= |
| 01 | Friday    | May       | 2026 | Vesak Full Moon Poya Day                  | *= |
| 01 | Friday    | May       | 2026 | May Day (International Workers' Day)      | *= |
| 02 | Saturday  | May       | 2026 | Day Following Vesak Full Moon Poya Day    | *= |
| 28 | Thursday  | May       | 2026 | Id-Ul-Allah (Hadji Festival Day)          | *= |
| 30 | Saturday  | May       | 2026 | Adhi Poson Full Moon Poya Day             | *= |
| 29 | Monday    | June      | 2026 | Poson Full Moon Poya Day                  | *= |
| 29 | Wednesday | July      | 2026 | Esala Full Moon Poya Day                  | *= |
| 26 | Wednesday | August    | 2026 | Milad-Un-Nabi (Holy Prophet's Birthday)   | *= |
| 27 | Thursday  | August    | 2026 | Nikini Full Moon Poya Day                 | *= |
| 26 | Saturday  | September | 2026 | Binara Full Moon Poya Day                 | *= |
| 25 | Sunday    | October   | 2026 | Vap Full Moon Poya Day                    | *= |
| 08 | Sunday    | November  | 2026 | Deepawali Festival Day                    | *= |
| 24 | Tuesday   | November  | 2026 | Il Full Moon Poya Day                     | *= |
| 23 | Wednesday | December  | 2026 | Unduvap Full Moon Poya Day                | *= |
| 25 | Friday    | December  | 2026 | Christmas Day                             | *= |

\* Public Holidays  
= Bank Holidays