

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Sunday Trading Proclamation 12 of 1919.

Summary: This proclamation ([OG 24](#)) regulates trading on Sunday, Christmas Day and Good Friday.

Lord's Day Observance Proclamation 54 of 1921.

Summary: This Proclamation ([OG 75](#)) regulates trade and entertainment on Sundays.

Public Holidays Act 26 of 1990.

Summary: This Act ([GG 125](#)), which came onto force on 1 February 1991 (section 4), sets the following public holidays:

- New Year's Day (1 January)
- Good Friday
- Easter Monday
- Independence Day (21 March)
- Workers Day (1 May)
- Cassinga Day (4 May)
- Ascension Day
- Africa Day (25 May)
- Heroes Day (26 August)
- International Human Rights Day (10 December)
- Christmas Day (25 December)
- Family Day (26 December).

It also authorises the President to declare additional public holidays in any particular year by Proclamation.

Amendments: Act 16/2004 ([GG 3348](#)) renames "International Human Rights Day" (10 December) as "Day of the Namibian Women and International Human Rights Day".

Notices: Additional public holidays were declared in particular years in Proc. 4/1990, Proc. 5/1994, Proc. 30/1994, Proc. 13/1995, Proc. 16/1997, Proc. 20/1998, Proc. 30/1999, Proc. 36/1999, Proc. 35/2014 ([GG 5609](#)) and Proc. 38/2015 ([GG 5885](#)).

General Notice 250/2001 ([GG 2610](#)) proclaims 28 September as the Day of the Namibian Child, but this date is not made into a public holiday.

COMMISSIONS

Commission of Inquiry into Public Holidays (AG 32/1981).