Punjab government holiday list 2026

Public holidays for Punjab government offices, with the weekday for each date and the long weekends they create.

25	23	2	13
holidays listed	on a working day	on a weekly off	long weekends

Holidays

#	Date	Day	Holiday
1	26 January	Monday	Republic Day
2	4 March	Wednesday	Holi
3	21 March	Saturday	Id-ul-Fitr Weekly off
4	23 March	Monday	Shaheedi Diwas of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru
5	26 March	Thursday	Ram Navami
6	31 March	Tuesday	Mahavir Jayanti
7	3 April	Friday	Good Friday
8	8 April	Wednesday	Birthday of Sri Guru Nabha Dass Ji
9	14 April	Tuesday	Vaisakhi / Birthday of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
10	1 May	Friday	May Day
11	28 May	Thursday	Id-ul-Zuha (Bakrid) Date may change
12	18 June	Thursday	Martyrdom Day of Sri Guru Arjan Dev Ji
13	29 June	Monday	Kabir Jayanti
14	31 July	Friday	Martyrdom Day of Shaheed Udham Singh Ji
15	15 August	Saturday	Independence Day Weekly off
16	4 September	Friday	Janmashtami
17	2 October	Friday	Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi
18	20 October	Tuesday	Dussehra
19	26 October	Monday	Birthday of Maharishi Valmiki Ji
20	9 November	Monday	Vishwakarma Day
21	16 November	Monday	Martyrdom Day of S. Kartar Singh Sarabha Ji
22	24 November	Tuesday	Gurpurab of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji
23	14 December	Monday	Martyrdom Day of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji
24	25 December	Friday	Christmas Day
25	28 December	Monday	Shaheedi Sabha, Sri Fatehgarh Sahib

Long weekends in 2026

Dates	Length	Holiday

24 Jan to 26 Jan	3 days	Republic Day
21 Mar to 23 Mar	3 days	Id-ul-Fitr, Shaheedi Diwas of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru
3 Apr to 5 Apr	3 days	Good Friday
1 May to 3 May	3 days	May Day
27 Jun to 29 Jun	3 days	Kabir Jayanti
31 Jul to 2 Aug	3 days	Martyrdom Day of Shaheed Udham Singh Ji
4 Sep to 6 Sep	3 days	Janmashtami
2 Oct to 4 Oct	3 days	Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi
24 Oct to 26 Oct	3 days	Birthday of Maharishi Valmiki Ji
7 Nov to 9 Nov	3 days	Vishwakarma Day
14 Nov to 16 Nov	3 days	Martyrdom Day of S. Kartar Singh Sarabha Ji
12 Dec to 14 Dec	3 days	Martyrdom Day of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji
25 Dec to 28 Dec	4 days	Christmas Day, Shaheedi Sabha, Sri Fatehgarh Sahib

> Counts every Saturday and Sunday as off and assumes a five-day working week. Uses only the holidays above.

Good to know

- **On a Sunday.** The list also names Birthday of Sri Guru Ravidas Ji (1 February); Maha Shivratri (15 February); Bhagwan Parshu Ram Janam Utsav (19 April); Maharaj Agrasen Jayanti (11 October); Diwali (8 November). These fall on a Sunday, so they are not counted here.
- Applies to Punjab government offices, boards, corporations and government educational institutions.
- The notification lists 31 gazetted holidays; 5 fall on a Sunday (see Sunday list), leaving 26 holidays on 25 dates (14 April carries two: Vaisakhi and Ambedkar Jayanti).
- Bakrid was originally notified for 27 May (Wednesday); Punjab moved it to Thursday 28 May 2026 on 25 May 2026 after the central government revised its date. 28 May is used here.
- Birthday of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji: the notification says its holiday date will be announced later; it is not in the list.
- Muharram (26 Jun) and Milad-un-Nabi (26 Aug) are restricted holidays in Punjab, not gazetted holidays.
- Id-ul-Fitr (21 Mar) and Independence Day (15 Aug) fall on a Saturday, a weekly off in Punjab offices; they are still listed as gazetted holidays.
- Moon-dependent dates (Id-ul-Fitr) were fixed at notification time; confirm with the department if the moon sighting differs.
- Not included: restricted holidays (e.g. Lohri 13 Jan, New Year 1 Jan, Karva Chauth 29 Oct, Chhath/other days). Bank-only days are not part of this list.
- **Optional holidays.** Each employee may take 2 restricted holidays from the notified restricted list (27 entries per Sakshi Post; the notification page was only partly read).
- **Source difference.** Bakrid: 27 May (original notification, CAG page, Sakshi Post, greytHR, cleartax - all pre-revision) vs 28 May (Punjab notification of 25 May 2026, reported by TeamLease and PTC News). Chose 28 May.
- **Source difference.** mysarkarinaukri lists Holi on 3 March, New Year on 1 Jan, Milad-un-Nabi on 26 Aug and Muharram as gazetted and totals 25; contradicts the official notification, ignored.
- **Source difference.** greytHR page lists 50 days mixing restricted and gazetted, not usable; its gazetted days still agree with the official list.
- Festivals tied to the moon, such as the Eid festivals and Muharram, can move by a day. Any change is announced at short notice.

Source: Punjab Government notification No. 06/01/2025-2PP3/781 dated 26.11.2025, Government of Punjab, Department of Personnel (Personnel Policy-3 Branch); amended by No. 06/01/2025-2PP3/248 dated 25.05.2026 (Bakrid moved from 27 May to 28 May 2026) (holidays for 2026), as read from Punjab Personnel Dept notification 06/01/2025-2PP3/781 (PDF hosted by Sakshi Post), Accountant General Punjab (CAG) holiday page, Sakshi Post and TeamLease RegTech - Punjab declares holiday on May 28, 2026, read on 10 November 2026. Weekdays checked against the calendar. This list is for information and is not legal advice.

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