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# PART I: SECTION (I) — GENERAL

# **Government Notifications**

THE HOLIDAYS ACT, No. 29 OF 1971

#### **Order under Section 4**

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 4 of the Holidays Act, No. 29 of 1971, I, Joseph Michael Perera, Minister of Home Affairs, do by this order determine that the days specified in the Schedule hereto shall be the Public and Bank Holidays for 2016 for the purpose of this Act.

JOSEPH MICHAEL PERERA, Minister of Home Affairs.

Ministry of Home Affairs, Independence Square, Colombo 07, 26th May, 2015.

### SCHEDULE

January	15	Friday	2016	Tamil Thai Pongal Day	* †
January	23	Saturday	2016	Duruthu Full Moon Poya Day	* †
February	04	Thursday	2016	National Day	* †
February	22	Monday	2016	Navam Full Moon Poya Day	* †
March	07	Monday	2016	Mahasivarathri Day	* †
March	22	Tuesday	2016	Medin Full Moon Poya Day	* †
March	25	Friday	2016	Good Friday	* †
April	13	Wednesday	2016	Day prior to Sinhala and Tamil New Year Day	* †



# SCHEDULE (Contd.)

April	14	Thursday	2016	Sinhala and Tamil New Year Day	* +
April	21	Thursday	2016	Bak Full Moon Poya Day	* †
May	01	Sunday	2016	May Day	* +
May	21	Saturday	2016	Vesak Full Moon Poya Day	* †
May	22	Sunday	2016	Day Following Vesak Full Moon Poya Day	* †
June	19	Sunday	2016	Poson Full Moon Poya Day	* †
July	06	Wednesday	2016	Id-ul-Fitr (Ramazan Festival Day)	* †
July	19	Tuesday	2016	Esala Full Moon Poya Day	* †
August	17	Wednesday	2016	Nikini Full Moon Poya Day	* †
September	12	Monday	2016	Id-Ul-Alha (Hadji Festival day)	* †
September	16	Friday	2016	Binara Full Moon Poya Day	* †
October	15	Saturday	2016	Vap Full Moon Poya Day	* +
October	29	Saturday	2016	Deepavali Festival Day	* †
November	14	Monday	2016	Ill Full Moon Poya Day	* †
December	12	Monday	2016	Milad - Un - Nabi (Holy Prophet's Birthday)	* †
December	13	Tuesday	2016	Unduvap Full Moon Poya Day	* †
December	25	Sunday	2016	Christmas Day	* +

<sup>\*</sup> Public Holidays

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<sup>†</sup> Bank Holidays