

General holidays for 2021 published

The following list of general holidays for 2021 was gazetted today (May 15) for public information:

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| Every Sunday | Sunday |
| The first day of January | January 1 Friday |
| Lunar New Year's Day | February 12 Friday |
| The second day of Lunar New Year | February 13 Saturday |
| The fourth day of Lunar New Year | February 15 Monday |
| Good Friday | April 2 Friday |
| The day following Good Friday | April 3 Saturday |
| The day following Ching Ming Festival | April 5 Monday |
| The day following Easter Monday | April 6 Tuesday |
| Labour Day | May 1 Saturday |
| Birthday of the Buddha | May 19 Wednesday |
| Tuen Ng Festival | June 14 Monday |
| Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Establishment Day | July 1 Thursday |
| The day following the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival | September 22 Wednesday |
| National Day | October 1 Friday |
| Chung Yeung Festival | October 14 Thursday |
| Christmas Day | December 25 Saturday |
| The first weekday after Christmas Day | December 27 Monday |

A Government spokesman said, "As the third day of the Lunar New Year in 2021 falls on a Sunday, the fourth day of the Lunar New Year is designated as a general holiday in substitution. Furthermore, as the Ching Ming Festival in 2021 falls on a Sunday, the following day will be designated as a general holiday in substitution. However, as the day following the Ching Ming Festival and Easter Monday fall on the same day, the next day that is not itself a general holiday will be observed as an additional general holiday. With regard to the proposal for gradually increasing the number of statutory holidays, we need to make an objective assessment of the financial burden on employers brought about by the proposal and its impact on society and the economy, and more. After completing the analysis, we will submit it to the Labour Advisory Board for discussion this year."