

ORDINANCE  
OF THE STATES OF DELIBERATION

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**The Public Holidays Ordinance, 1994 \***

[CONSOLIDATED TEXT]

**NOTE**

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\* Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome XXVI, p. 289; as amended by the Public Holidays Ordinance, 2009 (No. VI of 2010); the Public Holidays Ordinance, 2022 (No. \*\* of 2022).

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*(Made on the 9th February, 1994.)*

## **The Public Holidays Ordinance, 1994**

**THE STATES**, in pursuance of their Resolution of the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1993<sup>a</sup>, and in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 1(1) of the Bills of Exchange (Guernsey) Law, 1958, as amended<sup>b</sup>, hereby order: –

### **Public Holidays.**

1. The following days shall be public holidays –
  - (a) New Year's Day, if a weekday,
  - (b) the 2<sup>nd</sup> January, in a year when New Year's Day falls on a Sunday,
  - (c) the 3<sup>rd</sup> January, in a year where New Year's Day falls on a Saturday,
  - (d) Easter Monday,
  - (e) the first Monday in May,
  - (f) the 9<sup>th</sup> May, Liberation Day,
  - (g) the last Monday in May,
  - (h) the last Monday in August,

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**a** Article XIII of Billet d'État No. XXIII of 1993.

**b** Ordres en Conseil Vol. XVII, p. 384; Vol. XXIV, p. 84; and No. XI of 1993.

- (i) the 26<sup>th</sup> December, Boxing Day, if a weekday,
- (j) the 27<sup>th</sup> December, in a year when Christmas Day or Boxing Day falls on a Sunday,
- (k) the 28<sup>th</sup> December, in a year where Christmas Day or Boxing Day falls on a Saturday,

and in this Ordinance, the expression "**weekday**" does not include a Saturday.]

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**NOTES**

*Section 1 was substituted by the Public Holidays Ordinance, 2009, section 1, with effect from 16th December, 2009.*

*In accordance with the provisions of the Public Holidays Ordinance, 2022, section 1, with effect from 16th February, 2022, and notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (g) of this section, Monday 30th May, 2022 shall not be a public holiday; and 2nd June, 2022 and 3rd June, 2022 shall be public holidays.*

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**Power to vary public holidays by regulations.**

**1A.** (1) The Committee for Economic Development may by regulations, in respect of any specified calendar year, vary section 1 so as –

- (a) to substitute a different date for any of the public holidays mentioned in that section, or
- (b) to appoint an additional public holiday or remove any of the public holidays mentioned therein,

for that year only.

(2) Regulations under subsection (1) must be laid before the States of Deliberation as soon as practicable after being made and if, at that or the next meeting, the States of Deliberation resolve to annul them, they shall cease to have effect, but without prejudice to anything done under them or to the making of new regulations.]

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## NOTES

*Section 1A was inserted by the Public Holidays Ordinance, 2022, section 2, with effect from 16th February, 2022.*

*The following Regulations have been made under section 1A:*

*Public Holidays (Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II) Regulations, 2022;*

*Public Holidays (Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III) Regulations, 2022;*

*Public Holidays (Visit of His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty Queen Camilla to Guernsey) Regulations, 2024.*

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## **Amendment.**

2. For Article I(1) of the Ordinance entitled "Ordonnance contenant les Règlements pour le Greffe" of the 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1930, as amended<sup>c</sup>, substitute the following –

" (1) The Greffe shall be open, during the times specified in the Schedule hereto, on every day except Christmas Day, Good Friday and any day specified as a public holiday in section 1 of the Public Holidays Ordinance, 1994."

## **Repeals.**

3. The following enactments are repealed –

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<sup>c</sup> Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome VIII, p. 94 and Tome XV, p. 392.

- (a) the Bank Holidays (Royal Visit) (Guernsey) Ordinance, 1978<sup>d</sup>,
- (b) the Bank Holidays (Guernsey) Ordinances, 1979 and 1980<sup>e</sup>,
- (c) the Registry of Deaths (Opening Hours) (Repeal) Ordinance, 1979<sup>f</sup>,
- (d) the Bank Holidays (Amendment) (Guernsey) Ordinance, 1989<sup>g</sup>, and
- (e) the Public Holidays Ordinance, 1993<sup>h</sup>.

**Extent.**

4. This Ordinance shall have effect in the Islands of Guernsey, Herm and Jethou.

**Citation.**

5. This Ordinance may be cited as the Public Holidays Ordinance, 1994.

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**NOTE**

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- d** Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome XXI, p. 136.
  - e** Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome XXI, pp. 264 and 426.
  - f** Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome XXI, p. 334.
  - g** No. III of 1989.
  - h** No. XXX of 1993.

*The Ordinance was made and came into operation on 9th February, 1994.*

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