Public Holidays

Public Holidays	Provincially Regulated	Federally Regulated
Rules for	Most employees who qualify	You are entitled to a day off with pay
employees that	are entitled to take these days	for the 10 general holidays.
are not required to	off work and be paid public	
work:	holiday pay.	When a general holiday falls on a non-
		working day, you are entitled to a
	Alternatively, the employee can	holiday with pay on the scheduled
	agree electronically or in	work day immediately before or after
	writing to work on the holiday	the general holiday.
	and be paid:	
	 Public holiday plus 	If one of the general holidays falls on a
	premium pay for all	non-workday, then a holiday with pay
	hours worked on the	may be added to your annual
	public holiday and not	vacation. It can also be granted as a
	receive another day off	general holiday with pay at a time
	(called a "substitute"	convenient to both you and your
	holiday)	employer.
	 Be paid their regular 	
	wages for all hours	
	worked on the public	
	holiday and receive	
	another substitute	
	holiday for which they	
	must be paid public	
	holiday pay.	
Rules for certain	Special rules apply to	As an employee working in
industries that	employees who work in the	continuous operations, there are
-	following businesses:	separate general holiday
work:	 Hotels, motels and 	entitlements.
	tourist resorts.	
	Restaurants and	A continuous operation is any:
	taverns.	Business whose operations in
	 Continuous operations 	each 7-day period continue
	(operations, or parts of	without interruption.
	operations, that do not	Operation or service
	stop or close more than	concerned with the running of
	once a week. For	trains, planes, ships, trucks,
	example: oil refinery,	etc.
	alarm monitoring	Telephone, radio, television
	company, etc.	telegraph, or other
		communication or

An employee who works in any of these businesses, you can be required to work on a public holiday, but only if the holiday falls on a day that the employee is not on vacation.

If an employee is required to work, they are entitled to either:

 Their regular rate for the hours worked on the public holiday, plus a substitute day off work with public holiday pay.

Public holiday pay plus premium pay for each hour worked.

- broadcasting operation or service.
- Operation or service normally carried on without regard to Sundays or general holidays.

If an employee is required to work, they are entitled to:

- 1.5 times your regular rate of pay for the actual hours worked on the general holiday, in addition to general holiday pay.
- Be paid for the actual hours worked on the general holiday at your regular rates of wages. You must also be provided with a holiday with pay at some other time, either by adding it to your annual vacation or on another day.

Be paid holiday pay for the first day on which you do not work after the general holiday, if permitted by your collective agreement.

Public/General Holidays:

Ontario has nine public holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Family Day
- Good Friday
- Victoria Day
- Canada Day
- Labour Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day

General holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Good Friday
- Victoria Day
- Canada Day
- Labour Day
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Thanksgiving Day
- Remembrance Day
- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day