Introduction
This briefing gives guidance on the programme of Public/Bank holidays and annual holidays, which apply in England, Wales and Scotland until the New Year 2021.

The holiday year and associated arrangements
1) The annual industry entitlement is 22 days each year. Plus 8 days of Public/Bank holidays making an annual total of 30 days.
2) The holiday year runs from 1st January to 31st December. Those days of the winter holiday that fall into the next calendar year will normally be taken from holidays earned in the previous year.
3) The concept of Easter (spring) and Summer holidays has been discontinued in favour of "Other Holidays". WR.18.2 now states:-
   The remaining 15 days of Industry holidays may be taken at any time by agreement with the employer. An operative requesting to take paid holiday must give the employer reasonable written notice and, as a minimum, equivalent to twice the duration of holiday requested (i.e. two weeks written notice to take a one week holiday) and the employer can either accept or reject the request, not later than the period equivalent to the period of holiday requested."

Calculation of holiday pay
Following the decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (EAT) in the case of Bear Scotland & Ors -v- Fulton & Ors relating to the calculation of holiday pay under the provisions of the EU Working Time Directive the CJJC has changed the way holiday pay is calculated for the 22 days of annual Industry holidays. The method of calculating pay for the 8 days of annual Bank and Public holidays remains unchanged.

Payment for annual holidays (22 days each full year)
Payment for annual holidays, which shall be made on the last payday preceding the commencement of each holiday period as follows:

Calculation of pay for annual holidays
A week's pay is the average of the previous 12 complete weeks' pay including overtime in accordance with WR.4, taxable travel allowance in accordance with WR5.1, Bonus in accordance with WR2 and regular allowances in accordance with WRs 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 13. Weeks during which the operative is absent due to sickness are to be excluded.

One day's pay is calculated by dividing a week's pay, as defined above, by the contractual hours in the normal working week and multiplying by the contractual hours in the particular day.

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*N.B. From April 2020 the reference period for calculating holiday pay will change from 12 to 52 weeks.
Calculation of holiday entitlement for an operative who either leaves or joins during the year (cont’d)

By way of example an operative who is employed for 20 weeks would have earned a total of $20 \times 0.577 = 11.54$ days of paid holiday of which $20 \times 0.423 = 8.46$ is to be paid as “Industry” days which includes overtime in accordance with WR.4.

Payment for the remaining 3.08 days for Public and Bank holidays excludes overtime.

If, on leaving, the operative has been paid for less than the accrued entitlement then a payment in lieu of the difference must be made with the final wage. If, on the other hand, the operative has been paid for more than the accrued holiday entitlement then an appropriate deduction should be made from the final wage.

- **Annual & Public/Bank holidays 2020 - England & Wales**
  The following are days to be recognised as Public/Bank holidays for the purposes of the Working Rule Agreement provided that such days are generally recognised as holidays in the locality in which the work is being done.

  - **Good Friday** - Friday 10th April
  - **Easter Monday** - Monday 13th April
  - **Early May Bank Holiday** - Friday 8th May
  - **N.B. The Government has decided, for 2020 only, the traditional May Day Holiday (the first monday in May) will be moved to Friday 8 May to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day.**
  - **Spring Bank Holiday** - Monday 25th May
  - **Summer Bank Holiday** - Monday 31st August
  - **Christmas Day** - Friday 25th December
  - **Boxing Day (substitute)** - Monday 28th December
  - **New Year’s Day** - Friday 1st January 2021

- **Other holidays - England and Wales**
  As stated at the beginning of this briefing flexibility has been introduced regarding when the 15 days of non-allocated Industry holidays may be taken.
  This does not prevent an employer from designating a particular period of “close down”. That is to stick with the old Easter close down or some other period. If an employer wishes to designate a “close down” then the workforce should be notified of such close down at the beginning of the holiday year.

- **Winter holiday and Associated Public/Bank holidays - Scotland**
  The Working Rule Agreement states that there shall be 7 working days taken in conjunction with Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year’s Day to give a winter holiday of 2 calendar weeks. The Winter Break in 2020 will be from normal finishing time Friday 18th December 2020 to normal starting time Monday 4th January 2021 in accordance with WR.18.1.

- **Payment for work on Public/Bank holidays**
  All hours worked on a day designated as a Public/Bank holiday shall be paid for at double time (WR.19.4). An operative who has worked on a Public/Bank holiday should be given another paid day’s holiday in lieu and not paid holiday pay for the day worked. The day in lieu should be taken by agreement between the operative and the employer.

- **Night-work and shift-work**
  In the case of night-work or shift-work, it is customary for a holiday period to commence and finish at the start of the shifts which include the midnight proceeding or the midnight at the end of the holiday period for normal day workers.

- **Flexibility associated with the Winter Holiday**
  The Working Rule Agreement provides that all or some of the days of the winter holiday can be taken on alternative days (WR.18.1). Where it is agreed that the days should be changed the entitlement remains two weeks. By way of example, from Wednesday to Tuesday - a fortnight away, inclusive.

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Members who require further information about the dates of the holidays to be fixed by a local authority should consult their local authority.