

# **UK Public and Official Holidays**

## **Leave Entitlement**

**Overview**

This section lists the UK public and official holidays recognised by the British Council.

**Audience**

This policy applies to UK-appointed staff only.

**England and Wales**

- New Year's Day (or any other day declared a public holiday in lieu)
- Good Friday and Easter Monday
- May Day Bank Holiday (normally the first Monday in May)
- Spring Bank Holiday (normally the last Monday in May)
- Late Summer Bank Holiday (normally the last Monday in August)
- Christmas Day (or any other day declared a public holiday in lieu)
- Boxing Day (or any other day declared a public holiday in lieu)
- British Council offices in the UK close at 1300 on the last working day before Christmas Day, usually Christmas Eve.

**Scotland and Northern Ireland**

Where official bank holidays vary from the above, country directors may determine the days to be observed as holidays taking local circumstances into consideration.