

2026 Public Holidays & Important Retail Dates

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
New Year's Day Thu 1 January	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Australia Day Mon 26 January	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Labour Day/May Day/ Eight Hours Day	Mon 5 October	Mon 5 October	Mon 4 May	Mon 4 May	Mon 5 October	Mon 9 March	Mon 9 March	Mon 2 March
Good Friday Fri 3 April	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Easter Saturday Sat 4 April	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Easter Sunday Sun 5 April	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Easter Monday Mon 6 April	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ANZAC Day Sat 25 April		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ANZAC Day* Mon 27 April	✓							✓
King's Birthday/ June Public Holiday	Mon 8 June	Mon 8 June	Mon 8 June	Mon 5 October	Mon 8 June	Mon 8 June	Mon 8 June	Mon 28 Sept
Christmas Eve Thu 24 December			7pm to midnight	6pm to midnight	7pm to midnight			
Christmas Day Fri 25 December	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Boxing Day Sat 26 December	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Boxing Day* Mon 28 December	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
New Year's Eve Thu 31 December			7pm to midnight		7pm to midnight			

*Additional or substitute day

State Public Holidays

ACT	Canberra Day – Monday 9 March Reconciliation Day – Monday 1 June
NSW	
NT	Picnic Day – Monday 4 August
QLD	Royal Queensland Show – Wednesday 12 August (Brisbane Area Only)
SA	Adelaide Cup Day – Monday 10 March
TAS	Royal Hobart Show – Thursday 22 October
VIC	AFL Grand Final Holiday – Friday 26 September (Subject to change) Melbourne Cup – Tuesday 3 November
WA	Western Australia Day – Monday 1 June

Other Important Dates

January	February	March	April	May	June
BACK TO SCHOOL From Tuesday 27	VALENTINE'S DAY Saturday 14 LUNAR NEW YEAR Tuesday 17	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY Sunday 8 Afterpay Day Thursday 19	APRIL FOOLS Wednesday 1 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS Sunday 5 EARTH DAY Wednesday 22	MOTHER'S DAY Sunday 10 VOGUE ONLINE SHOPPING NIGHT TBC	WINTER SALES / EOFY SALES
July	August	September	October	November	December
NAIDOC WEEK Starts Sunday 5	INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY Wednesday 12	FATHER'S DAY Sunday 6 R U OK DAY Thursday 10	WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY Saturday 10 WORLD TEACHERS DAY Monday 5 HALLOWEEN Saturday 31	AMEX SHOP SMALL TBC SINGLES DAY Wednesday 11	GREEN MONDAY Monday 7 BOXING DAY SALES Saturday 26 BLACK FRIDAY Friday 27 CYBER MONDAY Monday 30
AMAZON PRIME DAY TBC	BOOK WEEK From Saturday 22				
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP Thursday 30					

State School Holidays

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Autumn	Friday 3 April to Monday 20 April	Friday 3 April to Sunday 19 April	Friday 3 April to Sunday 12 April	Friday 3 April to Sunday 19 April	Saturday 11 April to Sunday 26 April	Saturday 18 April to Sunday 3 May	Friday 3 April to Sunday 19 April	Friday 3 April to Sunday 19 April
Winter	Saturday 4 July to Monday 20 July	Saturday 4 July to Sunday 19 July	Saturday 20 June to Sunday 12 July	Saturday 27 June to Sunday 12 July	Saturday 4 July to Sunday 19 July	Saturday 11 July to Sunday 26 July	Saturday 27 June to Sunday 12 July	Saturday 4 July to Sunday 19 July
Spring	Saturday 26 September to Sunday 11 October	Saturday 26 September to Sunday 11 October	Saturday 19 September to Sunday 4 October	Saturday 19 September to Monday 5 October	Saturday 26 September to Sunday 11 October	Saturday 3 October to Sunday 18 October	Saturday 19 September to Sunday 4 October	Saturday 26 September to Sunday 11 October
Summer	Saturday 19 December to Sunday 31 January	Saturday 19 December to Wednesday 27 January	Saturday 12 December to Tuesday 26 January	Saturday 12 December to Tuesday 26 January	Saturday 12 December to Wednesday 26 January	Saturday 19 December to Wednesday 3 February	Saturday 19 December to Wednesday 27 January	Saturday 19 December to Sunday 31 January

*Dates do not apply to schools in the Western Division

Note: The state school term dates are correct as of January 2026.

Changes to the dates of student free days or term dates are not the responsibility of the Australian Retail Council.

PLEASE NOTE: This document is intended for use as a guide only. State and Territory governments may announce changes to public holidays during the year. This document is current as of January 2026 and will be updated as needed by the Australian Retail Council.