

FACT SHEET

Statutory Holidays Amendment Bill 2026

The *Statutory Holidays Amendment Bill 2026* amends the *Statutory Holidays Act 2000* to recognise Easter Sunday as a statewide public holiday in Tasmania.

This reform aligns Tasmania with all other Australian states and ensures a more consistent approach across the Easter period.

What the Bill does

- Declares Easter Sunday as a statutory public holiday in Tasmania

What the Bill does not do

- The Bill does not introduce additional shop trading restrictions
- Easter Sunday will be treated as a standard public holiday for trading purposes, consistent with most other jurisdictions

Why this change is being made

- Easter Sunday is widely recognised by the community as a significant part of the Easter holiday period
- Tasmania currently has public holidays for Good Friday and Easter Monday, but not Easter Sunday
- This creates an inconsistency in how workers are treated across the same holiday period
- The Bill fixes this gap and brings Tasmania into line with all other Australian states

Commencement

- The Act commences on Royal Assent
- The public holiday will apply from the first Easter Sunday following Royal Assent