

Prime Minister Liz Truss's call with Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki of Poland: 10 September 2022

Press release

Prime Minister Liz Truss spoke with Prime Minister of Poland.



The Prime Minister spoke to the Prime Minister of Poland, Mateusz Morawiecki, this afternoon.

Prime Minister Morawiecki expressed his condolences on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The leaders agreed that Her Majesty The Queen's long reign and life of public service is as an inspiration to many.

The Prime Minister and Prime Minister Morawiecki agreed on the strength of the UK-Poland relationship, particularly as we work together to support the people of Ukraine.

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Bank holiday announced for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral on Monday 19 September

- Monday 19 September will be a bank holiday to coincide with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral
- bank holiday to mark the last day of the period of national mourning

Monday 19 September, the date of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral, will be a national bank holiday.

This will allow individuals, businesses and other organisations to pay their respects to Her Majesty and commemorate Her reign, while marking the final day of the period of national mourning.

This bank holiday will operate in the same way as other bank holidays, and there is no statutory entitlement to time off. Employers may include bank holidays as part of a worker's leave entitlement.

The bank holiday will take place across the United Kingdom.

The bank holiday will be a unique national moment, and we would encourage employers to respond sensitively to requests from workers who wish to take time off.

Does this bank holiday mean individuals can have the day off work?

This is a matter for discussion between individuals and their employer. There is no statutory entitlement to time off for bank holidays, but employers may include bank holidays as part of a worker's leave entitlement.

The government cannot interfere in existing contractual arrangements between employers and workers. However, we would expect that many workers will be able to take the day off on the bank holiday. We also expect employers to respond sensitively to requests from workers who wish to take the day of the funeral off work.

Some employment contracts ask individuals to work some Saturdays/bank holidays. Can these individuals take this bank holiday off work?

This is a matter for discussion between individuals and their employer.

If an individual will have to work on the day of the funeral – can they take an additional day's holiday another day?

This is a matter for discussion between you and your employer.

This is a matter for discussion between you and your employer. There are no statutory rules regarding extra pay on bank holidays.

If an individual has annual leave booked for the day of the funeral – will they be able to reclaim this leave?

This is a matter for discussion between you and your employer.

Will this bank holiday apply everywhere in the UK?

Yes, this bank holiday will apply in all parts of the UK.

Is this an official bank holiday, or does it have a special status?

This bank holiday is official and applies in the same way as all others.

Was King George VI's funeral a National Holiday?

No, King George VI's funeral was not a bank holiday, but the government wants to help give as many people as possible the opportunity on the day of the State Funeral to mark Her Majesty's passing and commemorate Her reign.

Will there be a bank holiday for the Coronation?

No decision has yet been made. A decision will be made nearer the time.

Will the bank holiday to mark Queen Elizabeth II's funeral be an annual holiday?

There are currently no plans for an annual holiday.

Will schools be closed on the day of the bank holiday?

Yes, schools will be closed, we are not asking them to remain open on the day of the bank holiday.

Please see [UK bank holidays](#) for further information about pay and time off on bank holidays.

[Prime Minister Liz Truss's call with India Prime Minister Narendra Modi: 10 September 2022](#)

Press release

Prime Minister Liz Truss spoke with India Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



10 Downing Street Door

The Prime Minister spoke to Prime Minister Narendra Modi this afternoon, following the death of Her Majesty The Queen.

The Prime Minister thanked Prime Minister Modi for his heartfelt condolences, which he said were on behalf of 1.3 billion Indians.

The leaders acknowledged the grief felt by the many people of the UK and India, and paid tribute to Her Majesty The Queen's lifetime of service.

The two agreed on the vital importance of the UK-India relationship and looked forward to meeting in person in the near future.

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Prime Minister Liz Truss's call with New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern: 10 September 2022

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Prime Minister Liz Truss spoke with New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern.



Image of the 10 Downing Street Door.

The Prime Minister spoke to New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern this morning, following the death of Her Majesty The Queen.

The leaders spoke about the fondness felt for Her Majesty The Queen, both in the United Kingdom and New Zealand, and shared their condolences.

The Prime Minister also expressed her sincere condolences for New Zealand after the capsizing of a boat off the coast of the South Island in recent hours.

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[Condolence book in Rome and Milan](#)

World news story

Following the death of HM The Queen we have opened condolence books to the public both in Rome and Milan.



Following the death of The Queen, The British Embassy in Rome and the British Consulate-General in Milan have opened condolence books to the public. Please

visit during the opening times below if you would like to sign and leave a message.

You will be able to leave flowers if you wish, but please do not bring large or bulky items with you. Visitors will be subject to security checks.

Alternatively, we invite you to offer your condolences online. A condolence facility is available on the Royal website www.royal.uk.

British Embassy Rome

Please come to the Ceremonial Gate of the British Embassy Rome at Via XX Settembre 80, Rome where the condolence book will be open from 10.00 to 17.00 CET from Saturday 10 September until Sunday 18 September included.

British Consulate-General Milan

Please visit the ground floor of our offices on Via San Paolo 7, Milan where the condolence book will be open between 10.00 and 17.00 CET Monday to Friday, until Friday 16 September included.

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