

To: Program Directors, Program Administrative Assistants and Residents
From: Postgraduate Medical Education and Resident Doctors of Saskatchewan
RE: Friday, July 2 – University Day Off; Process for Resident Doctors
Date: June 18, 2021

The University of Saskatchewan is granting all university employees the day off on Friday, July 2, 2021 in recognition of employee commitment throughout the pandemic. This is in addition to stat holiday on July 1.

In recognition that residents are university employees and that they continue to make valuable contributions during the pandemic, residents registered in the 2021-2022 academic year will be granted July 2 off where it is possible in their programs. However, recognizing that residents may not be able to take July 2 off (clinical service, SHA and program orientation for incoming residents, other commitments), the benefit (bonus day in lieu) would remain available and the residents can take another day off any time during the 2021-2022 academic year.

PROCESS:

- Residents will discuss the schedule with the appropriate Program Directors, Program Administrative Assistants and Chief/Scheduling Residents to get the appropriate approvals prior to taking July 2 off.
- For those residents who cannot take July 2 off, they will be granted a day in lieu (bonus day) to be used anytime between July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022.
- This one bonus day:
 - is in addition to the statutory holiday of July 1
 - is to be used by June 30, 2022; and will not be paid out or carried over into the next academic year
 - may be combined with other time off if approved by the Program Director
 - is considered non-academic time away from the program (like vacation days)
- Use the “other” box on the [PGME Leave Request Form](#) for tracking purposes (this bonus day is not considered a “vacation day” by definition, so please do not deduct it from vacation leave totals)

Please contact PGME at 306-966-5536 or RDoS at 306-655-2134 should you have questions.