



PRACTICE DIRECTION

Federal Statutory Holiday: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The Government of Canada recently passed legislation to make September 30 a federal statutory holiday called the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day is an important step in the reconciliation process. It provides an opportunity to recognize and commemorate the tragic history and ongoing legacy of residential schools, and to honour their survivors, their families and communities.

Starting this September 30, 2021, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will become a designated paid holiday for federally regulated workers in the public and private sector and will no longer be considered a working day for the purpose of Tribunal proceedings. Therefore, the Tribunal will not be open for business on September 30, and no hearings will be held on that day. Moreover, the Tribunal will look at the schedule of active cases, modify any deadlines as necessary and convey any changes to the affected parties.

For more information on holidays with regard to Tribunal activities and proceedings, please consult the Tribunal's ["Holidays" for the Purpose of Tribunal Proceedings](#) practice notice.

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