

NEVADA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD NEWSLETTER

May 2025



VISION

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board will be the leader in public protection through the promotion of safety, competence, and access to care.

MISSION

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board protects and promotes the health and safety of Nevadans by pursuing the highest quality of physical therapy practice through education, communication, licensing, legislation, regulation, and enforcement.

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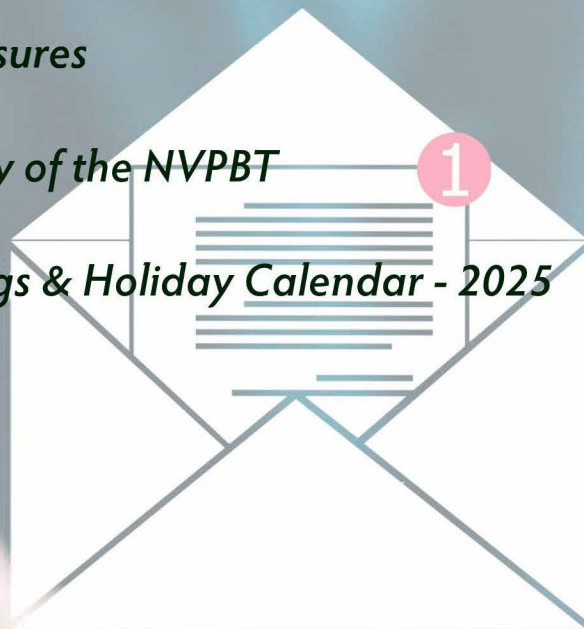
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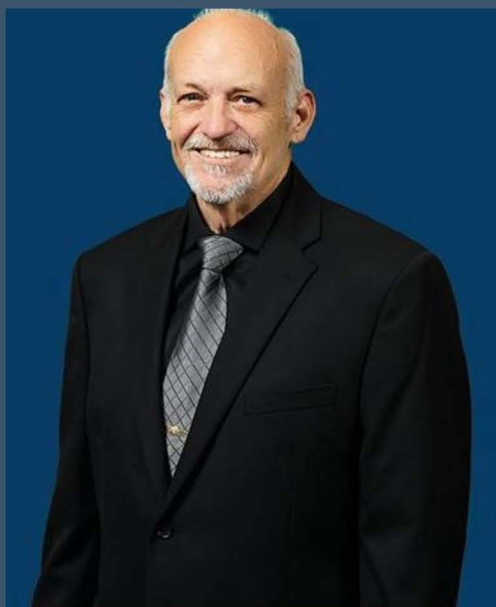
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BOARD CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Michael Laymon,
PT, DSc, OCS



*Dear Colleagues and
Community Members,*

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board continues to operate as an efficient, productive, transparent, and accountable agency. Our mission remains clear: to protect and promote the health and safety of Nevadans by ensuring that physical therapy practice is of the highest quality.

We achieve this mission through a combination of education, communication, licensing, legislation, regulation, and enforcement, all of which are carried out with the highest standards of professionalism and integrity.

As we continue to monitor the ongoing legislative session, I want to provide you with updates on several bills that could have a significant impact on the physical therapy profession in the state of Nevada.

- **Assembly Bill 248:** Physical Therapy Compact Licensure. We are optimistic about the potential of this bill and will keep you updated as it progresses.
- **Senate Bill 113:** Certifying Disability Status for Special License Plates. This bill would extend the scope of practice for PTs and potentially improve access to necessary accommodations for individuals with disabilities.
- **Assembly Bill 269:** Expanding the Student Loan Repayment Program. AB269 would provide much-needed financial relief to PTs working in rural and underserved regions, supporting both workforce development and improved access to care.
- **Senate Bill 78:** Restructuring Nevada Boards and Commissions. We remain concerned about the potential impact of Senate Bill 78, which would restructure the composition and operations of various boards and commissions, consolidating or eliminating others.

The NVPTB does not support SB78 in its current form and believes that its autonomous model provides the best flexibility and responsiveness to public needs and the evolving landscape of professional practice. We continue to collaborate with APTA/NV, our licensees, stakeholders, and interested parties, to explore proposals that would enhance governance and oversight without compromising the independence of our Board.

BOARD CHAIR'S MESSAGE

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To share your opinion on a Bill or Resolution, navigate to the Opinions form by visiting the Legislation/Bills and Resolutions Page - <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/83rd2025/Bills/List>. Find the Bill or Resolution you wish to share your opinion on and click on its name (e.g. AB1). This will bring up your selected Bill or Resolution's Overview tab. Scroll to the bottom of the tab until you see the Public Opinions section and then click on the Submit Opinion or View Opinion Stats link.

Concerned individuals may also contact their legislator directly by entering their address here: <https://nvlcb.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/lookup/index.html?appid=0815e77623f04028993e9f3ecc56174e>. After identifying your Senator or Assembly member, constituents can email or call, and clearly state their position. Contact details are available below:

- Senators: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Legislator/A/Senate/Current>.
- Assembly members: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Legislator/A/Assembly/Current>.

The NVPTB will continue to monitor legislative matters closely and provide updates as necessary. Your engagement and advocacy are crucial as we navigate these important issues.

Looking ahead, the NVPTB is well-positioned to continue its important work. With a strong foundation of qualified staff, dedicated board members, and ongoing investments in technology and process improvements, we are confident in our ability to continue delivering exceptional service, enhancing the state's economic competitiveness, and supporting the growth of the physical therapy profession.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the physical therapy profession in Nevada.



UNDERSTANDING INFORMED CONSENT

Informed consent is an essential concept in healthcare, and physical therapy is no exception.

Physical therapists have a responsibility to ensure that patients fully understand the treatment plans, potential risks, and expected outcomes before any intervention takes place.

Informed consent not only protects patient autonomy, but it also safeguards physical therapy practices from legal challenges.

What is Informed Consent?

Informed consent is the process of providing patients with all necessary information about their treatment plan so they can make a well-informed decision about whether to proceed. It goes beyond simply obtaining a signature on a form, it is an ongoing conversation between the therapist and the patient.

At its core, informed consent is based on respect for the patient's right to make decisions regarding their own body. It ensures that the patient understands:

- The nature of the proposed treatment or intervention,
- The risks and benefits associated with it,
- Alternative treatments or approaches available, and
- The potential consequences of refusing the recommended treatment.

Best Practices for Implementing Informed Consent in Your Practice. To help ensure informed consent is obtained properly in your physical therapy practice, consider the following best practices:

- **Create a Standardized Consent Form:** Design a clear and concise form that outlines the essential information. Include sections for the patient's questions, the consent to treat, and any risks or alternatives.
- **Educate Your Patients:** Take time to explain the treatment process in simple terms. Use diagrams, videos, or other visual aids.
- **Encourage Questions & Check for Understanding:** Always confirm that the patient comprehends the information. You can do this by asking the patient to repeat back what they understand about the treatment plan.
- **PTAs should ensure that patients are aware of the treatment being provided and can reinforce the information that the PT has already explained.**

Informed consent is not a formality, it is a vital part of delivering high-quality, patient-centered care.

PTs and PTAs share the goal of providing safe and ethical care with clear, open communication to ensure the patient is fully informed throughout the treatment process.

By fostering clear communication and respect for patient autonomy, PTs and PTAs ensure that patients make decisions that are right for them.



A NOTE FROM OUR VICE-CHAIR

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board: Empowering Operational Excellence and Sustained Growth

As Vice Chair, I am proud to share how the NVPTB is poised for continued success through a strong combination of operational efficiency, technological advancements, and sound financial management.

Accountability & Transparency: The Foundation of Our Operations

One of the core values that drives the NVPTB is our commitment to accountability and transparency in all that we do. Our strong foundation of accountability ensures that we are always focused on the needs of the community while maintaining the highest professional standards.

Enhancing Operations and Reducing Redundancy

Thanks to a dedicated and forward-thinking team, the Nevada Physical Therapy Board has been able to streamline operations, reduce redundancy, and ensure that our processes are as efficient as possible. We continually assess and refine our operations to ensure that every step we take enhances the overall experience for our licensees and the public.

Reducing Administrative Costs and Burdens to Licensees

The NVPTB is committed to reducing administrative costs and burdens for our licensees. We are proud to offer fee waivers for military and veteran licensees, reflecting our commitment to those who have served our country. These efforts, combined with continuous process improvements, help to keep costs low while still maintaining a high standard of service for all stakeholders.

Enhancing Nevada's Economic Competitiveness

The physical therapy profession plays a crucial role in the state's healthcare system, and the NVPTB is committed to enhancing the state's economic competitiveness by ensuring a steady, well-trained workforce. One of the key ways we are doing this is by actively pursuing the adoption of the PT Licensure Compact, which will allow qualified physical therapists from other compact states to practice in Nevada. This will increase access to physical therapy services for all Nevadans, while also strengthening Nevada's healthcare workforce.

Looking to the Future: Growth, Innovation, and Continued Excellence

We are excited about the future of physical therapy in Nevada, and we remain committed to enhancing the quality of care, expanding access to services, and removing barriers to entry for aspiring PTs and PTAs. Our work is driven by a shared vision of a healthier Nevada, supported by a dynamic, well-trained workforce. Thank you for your continued support as we work to create a brighter future for physical therapy in Nevada.

Regina McDade, PTA, Board Member

NEWLY LICENSED

Physical Therapists & Physical Therapist Assistants (January - April 2025)

The NVPTB is pleased to welcome the following new licensees to the Nevada physical therapy community. This list consists of new graduates who recently passed the NPTE and received their permanent license, and practitioners from other states who have been granted licensure in the State of Nevada.



| LAST | FIRST, M.I. | LICENSE NO. | LAST | FIRST, M.I. | LICENSE NO. |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| Glidewell | Andrew A. | 6614 | Taff | Meghan | 6650 |
| Beede | Nolan | 6621 | Payton | Julianne | 6651 |
| Trimanez | Mikchael P. | 6622 | Detweiler | Annie | 6652 |
| Contorno | Ashley | 6623 | Lipkin | Jeffrey S. | 6653 |
| Geniti | Juliana | 6624 | James | Jaiviana | 6654 |
| Taitano | Lissa | 6625 | Kongs | Laura J. | 6655 |
| Alvey | Kelly A. | 6626 | Guillen | Abigail | 6656 |
| Pham | Trung | 6627 | Cooper | Shakyr J. | 6658 |
| Liao | Jon J. | 6628 | Casupang | Patrick Greg | 6661 |
| Fenton | James | 6629 | Wojtkowiak | Josephine V. | 6663 |
| Ham | Sharon | 6630 | Van Thiel | Christopher | 6664 |
| Caro | Teresa | 6631 | Douglas | Dustin | 6665 |
| Moreland | Blake G. | 6632 | Quiroga | Charma R. | 6666 |
| Cody | Jessica | 6633 | Tipp | Holly | 6667 |
| McCall | Matthew | 6634 | Alletto | Lisa | 6668 |
| Holloway | BrieAnn P. | 6635 | Olvido | Giorlan S. | 6670 |
| Birnbaum | Susan | 6636 | Mabida | Mark | 6672 |
| Hodges | Nicholas | 6637 | Aquino | Greg M. | 6673 |
| Bordewick | Melissa | 6638 | Dewan | Sheen | 6674 |
| Freund | Emily | 6639 | Warner | Caitlin | 6675 |
| Nimes | Marlo R. | 6640 | Arnold | Jennifer | 6676 |
| Yumang | Kurt | 6642 | Phillips | Kevan P. | 6677 |
| Jones | Reyn K. | 6643 | Garcia | Karolina | 6678 |
| Lactaotao | Jessica | 6644 | Vogel | Joseph R. | 6679 |
| Jensen | Erik | 6645 | Carlson | Taylor | 6680 |
| Flores | Danielle | 6646 | Hung | Wan-Chen | 6681 |
| Ordillas | John | 6647 | Zimmer | Cameron L. | 6682 |
| Cooper | Carly | 6648 | Ingersoll | Jeremy | 6683 |
| Melear | Sarah | 6649 | Rehborg | Sharon | 6684 |

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| Ortega | Catherine | 6685 |
| Dodenhoff | Taylor E. | 6686 |
| Manoukian | Cole | 6687 |
| Landgrave | Sara | 6688 |
| Bianco | Lorenzo P. | 6689 |
| Hernandez | Arminda | 6690 |
| Bloomer | Melissa | 6691 |
| Laguros | Hannah Mae | 6692 |
| Wilcox | Kayla D. | 6693 |
| Hawk | Kristin | 6694 |
| Miras | Beverly | 6695 |
| Schmidt | Jessica | 6696 |
| Ball | Christopher | 6697 |
| Overly | Michael H. | 6698 |
| Rausch | Nancy | 6699 |
| Huffman | Joshua | 6700 |
| Barber | Britni | 6701 |
| Reantaso | Imelda | 6702 |
| Woodward | Kylee | A-1738 |
| Overby | Sophia | A-1739 |
| Orton | Dari | A-1740 |
| Gallardo | Joseph | A-1741 |
| Johnson | Kimberly | A-1742 |
| Chanthavong | Dollyjane | A-1743 |
| Tejada | Alejandro | A-1744 |
| Piper | Gary | A-1745 |

| LAST | FIRST, MI | LICENSE NO. |
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| Serrano | Marvin | A-1746 |
| Jaime | Jonathan | A-1747 |
| Podbielski | Makiah | A-1748 |
| Sheehan | Katherine | A-1749 |
| Gallo | Alexander James | A-1750 |
| Azzolini | Paulo | A-1751 |
| Valencia | Phyll Ayn Khristoffer | A-1753 |
| Crockett | Lynnore | A-1754 |
| Tyndall | Alyssa | A-1755 |
| Denson | Myles | A-1756 |
| Delano | Chelsey | A-1757 |
| Camiling | Austin | A-1758 |

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| Cazares | Jose | A-1759 |
| Cabingabang | Rayden Dre Lezane | A-1760 |
| Camacho | Ethan J. | A-1761 |
| Gertz | Kevin | A-1762 |
| Navar | Allyson | A-1763 |
| Padilla | Alexia | A-1764 |
| Miranda Conde | Carlos | A-1766 |
| Connor | Allen | A-1767 |



Charles D. Harvey

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we move forward in 2025, I am pleased to provide you with an update on the Nevada Physical Therapy Board's activities and progress thus far this year. Our efforts continue to prioritize the safety, quality, and accessibility of physical therapy services throughout the state. Below are the key statistics for the year-to-date:



Application & Licensing

- New Licenses Issued in 2025: 90
- Average Application Processing Time: 2 Days
- No. of Military/Veteran Licensees: 236
- Licenses Renewed: 428
- Continuing Competency Course Approvals: 356

Complaints & Investigations

- New Complaints Received in 2025: 14
- Pending Matters: 23
- Investigations Completed: 20
- Cases Closed: 19
- Active Investigations: 3
- Disciplinary Actions: 10

Operational Efficiency

- Open & Accessible Board Meetings: ✓
- Annual Financial Audits: ✓
- Removal of Licensing Barriers: ✓
- Fee Waivers - Military, Spouses and Veterans: ✓
- Reciprocity: ✓
- Administrative Rulemaking: ✓
- Strategic Planning: ✓
- National Exam & State Jurisprudence: ✓
- Background Checks & Disciplinary Reporting: ✓



Raising the Bar!

We are focused on fostering a culture of transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement in all aspects of our operations. From the timely processing of licenses to the fair and thorough investigation of complaints, we are committed to maintaining the trust and confidence of the public and the professionals we regulate.

A Glimpse into the Past: The History of the Nevada Physical Therapy Board

The Early Days: Laying the Foundation for a Growing Profession

The story of the Nevada Physical Therapy Board began in the 1950's, during a time when the practice of physical therapy was gaining recognition in healthcare. The legislative act establishing legal status for physical therapists was approved in 1955 by Charles Russell, who served as the 20th Governor of Nevada. The first Board consisted of three members, appointed in 1966: Marion Barkfknecht, Viola Gardner (Williams), and Margaret Heidrich. This was a pivotal moment in the development of the profession, as it provided a legal framework for physical therapy in Nevada.



Governor Charles Russell



Establishing the Nevada Physical Therapy Board

During the 1950s and 1960s, physical therapists began working more frequently in Nevada hospitals and rehab centers, often assisting polio survivors, veterans, and patients with orthopedic injuries. The early years of the NVPTB were focused on adopting rules, examining and registering qualified physical therapists and compiling an annual list of registered physical therapists. One of the first major achievements was the creation of a state licensure exam, ensuring that physical therapists were properly trained and credentialed.

EVOLUTION OF REGULATIONS

Advancement Milestones

Over the years, the NVPTB has adapted to changes in healthcare practices and technological advancements. Significant milestones include:

- 1977: Appointment of first lay person to the Board.
- 1979: Formalization of licensure standards, including educational and competency criteria.
- 1980s: Adoption of the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).
- 1991: Introduction of formal licensure requirements for physical therapists in Nevada.
- 1993: Expansion of regulations to include physical therapist assistants and technicians.
- 2003: Introduction of continuing education requirements for license renewal.
- 2017: Board composition expansion to include one licensed PTA member and one public member.
- 2017: Adoption of regulations permitting dry needling by qualified physical therapists.
- 2018: Best practice research, policy reviews & comprehensive website redesign and digital refresh.
- 2023: Business process reengineering, modernization of licensing system, records digitization.
- 2024: Adoption of regulatory changes to Chapter 640 of the Nevada Administrative Code, modernizing regulatory language and clarifying professional standards.

Continuing Progress

In recent years, the NVPTB has undertaken a series of strategic initiatives aimed at efficiency, transparency and accountability. This includes the development of online portals for license applications, renewals, and continuing education tracking, license verification and complaint filings, recognition of telehealth as an integral component of physical therapy practice, the real time sharing of exam, licensing and disciplinary data with other states, and the Board's efforts to join the PT Compact.

These efforts were further supported by annual financial audits, strategic planning, and regular video-conferenced public meetings to ensure openness and stakeholder engagement.

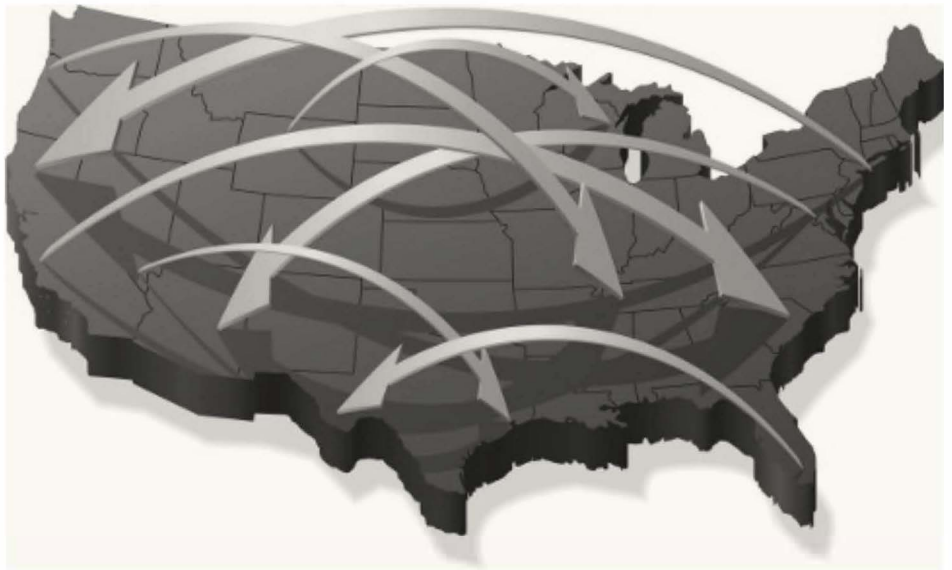
The NVPTB continues to take proactive steps to ensure that physical therapy services are accessible to all populations, regardless of race, gender, or socioeconomic status. This includes placing greater emphasis on cultural awareness, ethics and inclusion in the healthcare profession.



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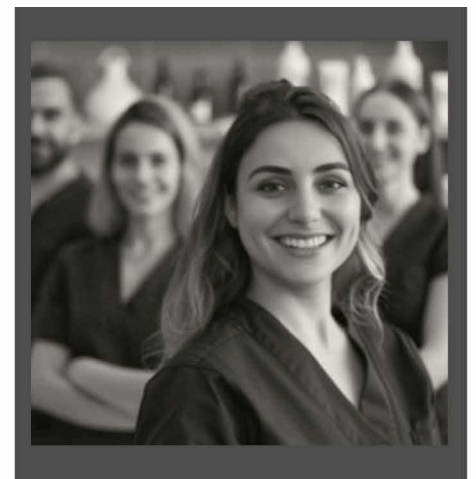
Looking to the Future

The continuing role of the NVPTB is firmly grounded in its mission to safeguard the public and maintain excellence in the practice of physical therapy throughout the state - an effort that increasingly includes supporting license mobility, enabling qualified PTs and PTAs to practice across state lines while upholding consistent standards of care.



As the healthcare landscape evolves, with shifts in technology patient care models, and legal frameworks, the Board remains central in guiding the profession responsibly. In essence, the NVPTB is both a gatekeeper and a guide, ensuring that physical therapy in Nevada remains safe, ethical, and innovative.

Through ongoing collaboration with the Nevada Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA/NV), the Federation of State Board's of Physical Therapy (FSBPT), and the 53 other state and jurisdictions across the nation, the NVPTB will ensure that the profession remains strong and well-regulated, benefiting both patients and practitioners alike.



Conclusion

The history of the Nevada Physical Therapy Board reflects a journey of growth, professionalism, and unwavering dedication.

Since its establishment in the 1950s, the Board has served as a

cornerstone of regulatory oversight, ensuring that physical therapy in Nevada is practiced with integrity, competence, and a deep commitment to public health.

As we look ahead, we honor

the legacy shaped by the many dedicated individuals who have served the NVPTB, individuals whose collective efforts have advanced the profession and upheld the standard of exceptional care for all Nevadans.

BOARD MEETINGS



The NVPTB holds public meetings throughout the year for purposes of conducting administrative business concerning ratifying licenses, promulgating rules, and disciplinary matters.

Board meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may participate in person, via videoconference or telephone. Meeting agenda and open meeting notices can be accessed on the Board website. Links to each meeting can be accessed by visiting <https://ptboard.nv.gov/About/Meetings/>.

2025 Meeting Schedule

| Board Meetings | Advisory Committee on Continuing Competency |
|----------------|---|
| May 16, 2025 | Jun 6, 2025 |
| July 18, 2025 | Jul 11, 2025 |
| Sep 12, 2025 | Aug 1, 2025 |
| Nov 21, 2025 | Oct 3, 2025 |
| - | Dec 13, 2025 |

NVPTB BOARD MEMBERS

MICHAEL LAYMON, Board Chair

PT, DSc, OCS

Term: 11/01/2023 – 10/31/2026

REGINA MCDADE, Vice Chair

PTA

Term: 12/01/2023 – 11/30/2026

JOSEPH INDRIERI, Board Member

DPT, MSPT

Term: 11/01/2024 – 10/31/2027

LOUIS HILLEGASS III, Board Member

PT, MHA

Term: 11/01/2024 – 10/31/2027

ANITA WAGNER, Public Member

Term: 11/01/2024 – 10/31/2027

2025 Holiday Schedule

| Date | Holiday |
|---------------|------------------|
| May 26, 2025 | Memorial Day |
| June 19, 2025 | Juneteenth Day |
| July 4, 2025 | Independence Day |
| Sep 1, 2025 | Labor Day |
| Oct 31, 2025 | Nevada Day |
| Nov 11, 2025 | Veteran's Day |
| Nov 27, 2025 | Thanksgiving Day |
| Nov 28, 2025 | Family Day |
| December 25 | Christmas Day |

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