# BRUIN Financial PAYE CONTRACTOR GUIDE TO HOLIDAY PAY 

THIS GUIDE RELATES TO PAYE CONTRACTORS ONLY; IF YOU ARE A PSC OR WORKING THROUGH AN UMBRELLA COMPANY, YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR HOLIDAY PAY THROUGH THE LIMITED COMPANY.

## What do I need to know?

The European Working Time Regulations ensure that a PAYE contractor is entitled to 28 days paid leave per leave year (which equates to 0.12 days per week or $12.07 \%$ of your basic pay), inclusive of public holidays.

The purpose of the Working Time Regulations is to ensure that workers take holiday for their health and safety and they receive remuneration when doing so. Consequently holiday pay must be shown as a separate entry on the worker's payslip and cannot be included within their pay rate.

Therefore, as a contractor you will accrue 0.12 weeks of holiday pay per week worked, and any accrued days or holiday taken will be displayed on your payslips as "Annual Leave (Weeks) Due / Taken".

## EXAMPLE PAYSLIP EXPLAINED:

This figure represents holiday pay that has been requested for this week. It is calculated using an average of your working patterns and the unit reflects your usual pay format (ie hourly or daily)*.

This figure reflects your normal pay rate in GBP. It is one of the figures used to calculate your holiday pay*.


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## FAQS

WHAT DOES 'ACCRUED' MEAN?
'Accrued' pay or holiday is pay or holiday that is 'banked', or accumulated. BRUIN are required to retain this on your behalf, but it remains your money to claim.

## WHEN DO I GET PAID FOR HOLIDAY?

Holiday pay is paid either:

- When you take time off and request payment
- At the end of your contract if you have not taken all your holiday


## HOW IS A DAY OF HOLIDAY CALCULATED?

Your hours and pay rate may vary during your contract, and the legislation states that an average of your hours and earnings over the most recent

12 week period is taken to determine your holiday pay. So if you work variable hours each week, or your rate changes this will be reflected in your holiday pay. This is why 1 day of holiday may not be the same unit of time in every payslip.

CAN I OPT OUT OF ACCRUED HOLIDAY PAY AND HAVE IT ADDED STRAIGHT TO MY PAYSLIP?

No - this is known as 'rolled-up holiday pay' and illegal.

The Working Time Regulations were introduced after a ruling made by the European Court of Justice and it is a legal requirement in the UK for holiday pay to be a separate entry on your payslip.

## HOW MUCH HOLIDAY CAN I TAKE?

The maximum holiday that can be accrued is 5.6 weeks and from this you can elect to be paid for public holidays (e.g. Christmas) and other holidays. Any holiday taken on top of this would be unpaid. Untaken holiday is carried forward for 1 year before it is lost.

## HOW DO I REQUEST HOLIDAY?

You can request holiday pay by filling in the right hand columns on your timesheet and ticking the box in the far right hand column, or by requesting holiday pay by email.

## I THINK MY PAYSLIP IS INCORRECT

Please let us know if you have any queries, alternatively you can refer to the gov.uk website to calculate your holiday entitlement: www.gov.uk/calculate-your-holiday-entitlement


[^0]:    *Further information about calculating your holiday pay is available on the following page

