

# Summaa Newsletter

For Thais, April is one of the months with the most public holidays, and these include Chakri Day and Songkran. Many people will use this opportunity to take additional leave and to travel or to rest.

By law, Thai workers are entitled to various types of statutory leave, including sick leave, business leave, regular holiday leave, maternity leave, and leave to fulfil military service, and workers are able to take these days off as appropriate.



In addition, April is also when the draw for military service takes place. This affects Thai men aged 21, and when the draw takes place, the atmosphere can be very tense. If you're in the area when the draw is being made, you should be sure to go and have a look. You'll hear an officer call out "(bai) dam" and "(bai) daeng". If you look at the faces of the young men being conscripted, you'll soon work out what these mean!

**FOR SONGKRAN FROM 13 - 15 APRIL,  
TAKE OFF THE PREVIOUS MONDAY (10) TO  
WEDNESDAY (12) APRIL AND GET 9 DAYS OFF !!**

April

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Songkran: 13 April - 15 April  
 Days to take leave: 10 April - 12 April  
 Days off: 3 days leave = 9 days off (8 April - 16 April)



## VOCABULARY

ลากิจ	ลาป่วย	ลาพักร้อน
laa-kit	laa-pùay	laa-phák รว่น
Business leave	Sick leave	Vacation/holiday leave