



THE NEW UAE

2.5 DAY WEEKEND

The UAE has a shorter workweek. From January 1, 2022, Friday half-day, Saturday and Sunday would form the new weekend in the country, aligning it with global markets. Sharjah has adopted a four-day week, offering workers Friday full-day off in addition to Saturday and Sunday.

Here are some tips from Khaleej Times to understand new changes.

01 Friday Prayers

Mosques across the country will host Friday sermon and prayer after 1.15pm. Thanks to this, residents can finish their work by 12 noon and head to the mosque for the congregational prayer.



02 Schools

Public and private schools across the country will follow the new workweek. This means that schools will remain open on Fridays till 12pm. Saturday and Sunday will form the new weekend at schools. In Sharjah, schools will remain closed for three days: Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

03 Banks

Sunday will be the new holiday for branches, four banks have confirmed. As per directives issued by the UAE Central Bank, bank branches have to remain open six days a week, including Fridays.



04 Dubai Parking

Paid parking zones in the Emirate will continue to remain free on Fridays from the new year. This means that public parking remains a paid service on Saturdays and Sundays.

05 Dubai Metro

Red and Green Lines of the Dubai Metro shall be in operation from Monday to Thursday from 5am to 1.15am. On Friday and Saturday, the Metro lines shall operate from 5am to 2.15am. On Sunday, the metro will be in service from 8am to 1.15am.

