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Addendum to the Astronomical & Calendrical Sheets for 2007 – 2012

St Andrew's Day Bank Holiday (Scotland)

The Royal Assent was given on the 15th January 2007 to the “St Andrew's Day Bank Holiday (Scotland) Act 2007”. This act inserted the following paragraph to Schedule 1 of the Banking and Financial Dealings Act (1971) (c.80):

“The 30th November, if it is not a Saturday or Sunday or, if it is a Saturday or Sunday, the first Monday following that day.”

The Scottish Executive has declared that the aim of this act is to promote St Andrew's Day, on November 30th, as a national celebration of Scottish identity and culture across the whole of Scotland. However, it does not automatically create an additional day off work or school; it does not oblige employers to change their existing pattern of holidays nor does it add to the total number of designated local holidays in any year.

Full details may be found at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/01/bankholidays>.

The following table is the list for those years for which HMNAO have produced *Astronomical and Calendrical Sheets*, giving the day of the week that St Andrew's Day falls on and the subsequent St Andrew's Day Holiday date.

Year	St Andrews Day November 30	St Andrew's Day Holiday (Scotland)
2007	Friday	November 30, Friday
2008	Sunday	December 01, Monday
2009	Monday	November 30, Monday
2010	Tuesday	November 30, Tuesday
2011	Wednesday	November 30, Wednesday
2012	Friday	November 30, Friday

For more information on Scotland's statutory bank holidays, please contact the Scottish Executive directly (tel. 0131 244 5217).