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MINISTRY OF BASIC EDUCATION NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT 27 of 1996) 2011 AND 2012 SCHOOL CALENDARS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, MP, hereby publish in terms of Section 3(4)(k) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996), the 2011 and 2012 school calendars for public schools as detailed in the accompanying schedule.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2012 ACADEMIC YEAR: (COASTAL)

January 2012	February 2012	March 2012	April 2012	May 2012	June 2012
S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	5 6 7 8 9 10 11	4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	1 2 3 4 5	3 4 5 6 7 8 9
8 9 10 11 12 13 14	12 13 14 15 16 17 18	11 12 13 14 15 16 17	8 9 10 11 12 13 14	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	10 11 12 13 14 15 16
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	19 20 21 22 23 24 25	18 19 20 21 22 23 24	15 16 17 18 19 20 21	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	17 18 19 20 21 22 23
22 23 24 25 26 27 28	26 27 28 29	25 26 27 28 29 30 31	22 23 24 25 26 27 28	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	24 25 26 27 28 29 30
29 30 31			29 30	27 28 29 30 31	
July 2012	August 2012	September 2012	October 2012	November 2012	December 2012
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7	5 6 7 8 9 10 11	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4 5 6	4 5 6 7 8 9 10	2 3 4 5 6 7 8
8 9 10 11 12 13 14	12 13 14 15 16 17 18	9 10 11 12 13 14 15	7 8 9 10 11 12 13	11 12 13 14 15 16 17	9 10 11 12 13 14 15
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	19 20 21 22 23 24 25	16 17 18 19 20 21 22	14 15 16 17 18 19 20	18 19 20 21 22 23 24	16 17 18 19 20 21 22
22 23 24 25 26 27 28	26 27 28 29 30 31	23 24 25 26 27 28 29	21 22 23 24 25 26 27	25 26 27 28 29 30	23 24 25 26 27 28 29
29 30 31		30	28 29 30 31		30 31

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2012 ACADEMIC YEAR: (INLAND)

January 2012	February 2012	March 2012	April 2012	May 2012	June 2012
S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S
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8 9 10 11 12 13 14	12 13 14 15 16 17 18	11 12 13 14 15 16 17	8 9 10 11 12 13 14	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	10 11 12 13 14 15 16
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	19 20 21 22 23 24 25	18 19 20 21 22 23 24	15 16 17 18 19 20 21	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	17 18 19 20 21 22 23
22 23 24 25 26 27 28	26 27 28 29	25 26 27 28 29 30 31	22 23 24 25 26 27 28	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	24 25 26 27 28 29 30
29 30 31			29 30	27 28 29 30 31	
July 2012	August 2012	September 2012	October 2012	November 2012	December 2012
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7	5 6 7 8 9 10 11	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4 5 6	4 5 6 7 8 9 10	2 3 4 5 6 7 8
8 9 10 11 12 13 14	12 13 14 15 16 17 18	9 10 11 12 13 14 15	7 8 9 10 11 12 13	11 12 13 14 15 16 17	9 10 11 12 13 14 15
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	19 20 21 22 23 24 25	16 17 18 19 20 21 22	14 15 16 17 18 19 20	18 19 20 21 22 23 24	16 17 18 19 20 21 22
22 23 24 25 26 27 28	26 27 28 29 30 31	23 24 25 26 27 28 29	21 22 23 24 25 26 27	25 26 27 28 29 30	23 24 25 26 27 28 29
29 30 31		30	28 29 30 31		30 31

GROUP 1: COASTAL PROVINCES: EASTERN CAPE, KWAZULU-NATAL, NORTHERN CAPE AND WESTERN CAPE					
Term	Duration	No. of weeks	No. of days	No. of public holidays	Actual no. of school days
1	(9) 11 Jan – 23 March	11	(55) 53	1	(54) 52
2	10 April – 22 June	11	54	2 + 1	51
3	16 July – 28 Sept	11	55	2 + 1	52
4	8 Oct – 7 (11) Dec	9	(47) 45	0	(47) 45
Total		42	(211) 207	7 (5 + 2)	(204) 200
GROUP 2: INLAND PROVINCES: FREE STATE, GAUTENG, LIMPOPO, MPUMALANGA AND NORTH WEST					
Term	Duration	No. of weeks	No. of days	No. of public holidays	Actual no. of school days
1	(16) 18 Jan – 30 March	11	(55) 53	1	(54) 52
2	10 April – 22 June	11	54	2 + 1	51
3	16 July – 28 Sept	11	55	2 + 1	52
4	8 Oct – 7 (11) Dec	9	(47) 45	0	(47) 45
Total		42	(211) 207	7 (5 + 2)	(204) 200

Note: Dates and days in brackets are for educators

Public and school holidays 2012	
1 January	New Year's Day
2 January	Public Holiday
21 March	Human Rights Day
6 April	Good Friday
9 April	Family Day
27 April	Freedom Day
30 April	School Holiday
1 May	Workers' Day
16 June	Youth Day
9 August	Women's Day
10 August	School Holiday
24 September	Heritage Day
16 December	Day of Reconciliation
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Day of Goodwill