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### DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

NO. 6792

4 November 2025

#### **NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 27 OF 1996)**

#### **CALL FOR COMMENTS: PROPOSED 2028 SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

I, Siviwe Gwarube, Minister of Basic Education, acting under section 3(4)(k) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (No. 27 of 1996) and after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, invite stakeholder bodies and members of the public to comment on the Proposed 2028 School Calendar.

All interested persons and organisations are invited to comment on the Proposed 2028 School Calendar, in writing, and direct the comments to the Director-General: Department of Basic Education, for the attention of Mr S Mlambo, e-mail: [Mlambo.S@dbe.gov.za](mailto:Mlambo.S@dbe.gov.za); cc [Mkhize.ZM@dbe.gov.za](mailto:Mkhize.ZM@dbe.gov.za).

All comments must reach the Department no later than one month after the publication of this notice.



**MS SIVIWE GWARUBE, MP**

**MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION**

**DATE:** 10/10/2025

# PROPOSED 2028 SCHOOL CALENDAR

| January 2028 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S            | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|              |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| 2            | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9            | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16           | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23           | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30           | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |

| April 2028 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S          | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|            |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| 2          | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9          | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16         | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23         | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30         |    |    |    |    |    |    |

| July 2028 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S         | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|           |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| 2         | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9         | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16        | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23        | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30        | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |

| October 2028 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S            | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
| 1            | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 8            | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15           | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22           | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29           | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |    |

| February 2028 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S             | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|               |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 6             | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13            | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20            | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27            | 28 | 29 |    |    |    |    |

| May 2028 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S        | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|          | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| 7        | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14       | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21       | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28       | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |

| August 2028 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S           | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|             |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 6           | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13          | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20          | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27          | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |

| November 2028 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S             | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|               |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5             | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12            | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19            | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26            | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |

| March 2028 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S          | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|            |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5          | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12         | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19         | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26         | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

| June 2028 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S         | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|           |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| 4         | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11        | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18        | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25        | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |

| September 2028 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S              | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|                |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |
| 3              | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10             | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17             | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24             | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

| December 2028 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S             | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|               |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |
| 3             | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10            | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17            | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24            | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31            |    |    |    |    |    |    |

| Public and School Holidays 2028 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 01 January                      | New Year's Day          |
| 21 March                        | Human Rights Day        |
| 14 April                        | Good Friday             |
| 16 April                        | Easter Sunday           |
| 17 April                        | Family Day              |
| 27 April                        | Freedom Day             |
| 28 April                        | Special School Holiday  |
| 01 May                          | Workers' Day            |
| 16 June                         | Youth Day               |
| 09 August                       | National Women's Day    |
| 24 September                    | Heritage Day            |
| 25 September                    | Public Holiday          |
| 16 December                     | Day of Reconciliation   |
| 25 December                     | Christmas Day           |
| 26 December                     | Day of Goodwill         |
|                                 | Weekends                |
|                                 | Days for administration |
|                                 | School days             |
|                                 | Public holidays         |
|                                 | Special school holidays |
|                                 | School holidays         |

## SUMMARY OF PROPOSED 2028 CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

| Duration                      | No. of weeks | No. of days      | No. of public holidays | Actual no. of school days |
|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| (10) 12 January - 17 March    | 10           | 48 (50)          | 0                      | 48 (50)                   |
| 28 March – 14 June            | 12           | 57               | 4 +1                   | 52                        |
| 11 July – 22 September        | 11           | 54               | 1                      | 53                        |
| 03 October – 06 (08) December | 10           | 47 (49)          | 0                      | 47 (49)                   |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>43</b>    | <b>206 (210)</b> | <b>5+1</b>             | <b>200 (204)</b>          |

