
GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

No. 472

8 June 2015


NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 27 OF 1996)
CALL FOR COMMENTS: PROPOSED 2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, acting in terms of Section 3(4)(k) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996, and after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, hereby publish the Proposed 2017 School Calendar set out in the Schedule for comments.

All persons with a particular interest in school calendars are invited to comment in writing on the proposed school calendar and direct the comments to: the Acting Director-General, Private Bag X 895, Pretoria 0001 for the attention of Mr Sihle Mlambo, fax: 012 328 3532 or e-mail: Mlambo.S@dbe.gov.za; cc Manaka.L@dbe.gov.za.

Kindly provide the name, address, telephone number, fax number and or email address of the person or organisation submitting the comments.

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



MRS AM MOTSHEKGA, MP
MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION

DATE: 06.06.2015

Proposed School Calendar for the 2017 Academic Year

January 2017						
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February 2017						
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March 2017						
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April 2017						
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May 2017						
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June 2017						
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July 2017						
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August 2017						
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September 2017						
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October 2017							November 2017							December 2017						
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Public and School Holidays 2017	
01 January	New Year's Day
20 March	School holiday
21 March	Human Rights Day
14 April	Good Friday
17 April	Family Day
27 April	Freedom Day
28 April	School holiday
01 May	Workers Day
16 June	Youth Day
09 August	National Women's Day
24 September	Heritage Day
16 December	Day of Reconciliation
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Day of Goodwill

PROVINCES: EASTERN CAPE, FREE STATE, GAUTENG, KWAZULU-NATAL, LIMPOPO, MPUMALANGA, NORTH WEST, NORTHERN CAPE AND WESTERN CAPE					
Term	Duration	No. of weeks	No. of days	No. of public holidays	Actual no. of school days
1	(16) 18 Jan - 31 March	11	53 (55)	1+1	51 (53)
2	10 April -23 June	11	55	5+1	49
3	17 July-29 September	11	55	2	53
4	09 Oct-06 (8) Dec	09	43 (45)	0	43 (45)
TOTAL		42	206 (210)	8+2	196 (200)

IMPORTANT Information from Government Printing Works

Dear Valued Customers,

Government Printing Works has implemented rules for completing and submitting the electronic Adobe Forms when you, the customer, submits your notice request.

Please take note of these guidelines when completing your form.

GPW Business Rules

1. No hand written notices will be accepted for processing, this includes Adobe forms which have been completed by hand.
2. Notices can only be submitted in Adobe electronic form format to the email submission address submit.egazette@gpw.gov.za. This means that any notice submissions not on an Adobe electronic form that are submitted to this mailbox will be **rejected**. National or Provincial gazette notices, where the Z95 or Z95Prov must be an Adobe form but the notice content (body) will be an attachment.
3. Notices brought into GPW by "walk-in" customers on electronic media can only be submitted in Adobe electronic form format. This means that any notice submissions not on an Adobe electronic form that are submitted by the customer on electronic media will be **rejected**. National or Provincial gazette notices, where the Z95 or Z95Prov must be an Adobe form but the notice content (body) will be an attachment.
4. All customers who walk in to GPW that wish to submit a notice that is not on an electronic Adobe form will be routed to the Contact Centre where the customer will be taken through the completion of the form by a GPW representative. Where a customer walks into GPW with a stack of hard copy notices delivered by a messenger on behalf of a newspaper the messenger must be referred back to the sender as the submission does not adhere to the submission rules.
5. All notice submissions that do not comply with point 2 will be charged full price for the notice submission.
6. The current cut-off of all Gazette's remains unchanged for all channels. (Refer to the GPW website for submission deadlines – _____)
7. Incorrectly completed forms and notices submitted in the wrong format will be rejected to the customer to be corrected and resubmitted. Assistance will be available through the Contact Centre should help be required when completing the forms. (012-748 6200 or email info.egazette@gpw.gov.za)
8. All re-submissions by customers will be subject to the above cut-off times.
9. All submissions and re-submissions that miss the cut-off will be rejected to the customer to be submitted with a new publication date.
10. Information on forms will be taken as the primary source of the notice to be published. Any instructions that are on the email body or covering letter that contradicts the notice form content will be ignored.

You are therefore advised that effective from **Monday, 18 May 2015** should you not comply with our new rules of engagement, all notice requests will be rejected by our new system.

Furthermore, the fax number **012- 748 6030** will also be **discontinued** from this date and customers will only be able to submit notice requests through the email address submit.egazette@gpw.gov.za.

