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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL POLICY ACT, 1996 (No. 27 OF 1996)

2003 SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

I, Kadar Asmal, Minister of Education, after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, and with national and provincial stakeholders with a specific interest in school calendars, hereby announce in terms of section 3 (4) (k) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996), the 2003 school calendar for public schools as detailed in the attached Schedule.

K. ASMAL

Minister of Education

**SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR LEARNERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FOR THE YEAR 2003**

{as approved by the Council of Education Ministers (CEM) on 10 September 2001}

N.B.: Dates in brackets () are for teachers only

Coastal provinces: *Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Northern Cape and Western Cape*

TERM	DURATION	Number of weeks	Number of days	Number of public holidays	Actual number of school days
1	(20) 22 Jan – 28 March	10	(50) 48	1	(49) 47
2	8 April – 27 June	12	59	5	54
3	22 July – 26 September	10	49	1	48
4	6 October – 5 Dec. (9)	(10) 9	(47) 45	0	(47) 45
Total		(42) 41	(205) 201	7	(198) 194

Inland provinces: *Free State, Gauteng, Mpumalanga, North West Province and Northern Province*

TERM	DURATION	Number of weeks	Number of days	Number of public holidays	Actual number of school days
1	(13) 15 Jan. – 20 March	10	(49) 47	0	49 47
2	7 April – 20 June	11	55	5	50
3	15 July – 19 September	10	49	0	49
4	1 October – 5 Dec. (9)	(11) 10	(50) 48	0	(50) 48
Total		(42) 41	(203) 199	5	(198) 194

Public Holidays:

1 January 2003	-	New Year's Day
21 March 2003	-	Human Rights Day
18 April 2003	-	Good Friday
21 April 2003	-	Family Day
27 (28) April 2003	-	Freedom Day (Public Holiday)
1 May 2003	-	Workers Day
16 June 2003	-	Youth Day
9 August 2003	-	National Women's Day
24 September 2003	-	Heritage Day
16 December 2003	-	Day of Reconciliation
25 December 2003	-	Christmas Day
26 December 2003	-	Day of Goodwill