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**GENERAL NOTICE**

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**NOTICE 941 OF 2014****DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION  
NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 27 OF 1996)  
2016 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, (Act No. 27 of 1996), and after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, hereby publish the 2016 School Calendar for public schools as detailed in the accompanying schedule.

  
**ANGELINA MATSIE MOTSHEKGA, MP**  
**MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION**  
DATE: 13.10.2014

# 2016 school calendar for ordinary public schools in South Africa

January 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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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
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February 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

March 2016						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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May 2016						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

June 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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	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		

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July 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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August 2016						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31			

September 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

October 2016						
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

December 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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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

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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	(11) 13 January-18 March	10	48 (50)	0	48 (50)
2	05 April – 24 June	12	59	3+1	55
3	18 July – 30 September	11	55	1+1	53
4	10 October – 07 (09) December	09	43 (45)	0	43 (45)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>205 (209)</b>	<b>4+2</b>	<b>199 (203)</b>

<b>Public and School Holidays 2016</b>	
01 January	New Year's Day
21 March	Human Rights Day
25 March	Good Friday
28 March	Family Day
27 April	Freedom Day
01 May	Workers' Day
02 May	Public Holiday
16 June	Youth Day
17 June	School Holiday
08 August	School Holiday
09 August	National Women's Day
24 September	Heritage Day
16 December	Day of Reconciliation
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Day of Goodwill