

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF JUSTICE
NOTICE 401 OF 2019



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Directive 2/2019

DETERMINATION OF SITTINGS OF THE SPECIFIC COURTS

By virtue of the powers vested in me in terms of section 8 of the Superior Courts Act, 2013 (Act no 10 of 2013) (the Act) I, **Mogoeng Mogoeng**, the Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa, hereby issue the following directive:

“In terms of section 8 (6) of the Superior Courts Act, the court terms of the Superior Courts for the period 2021 to 2027, other than the Constitutional Court, Supreme Court of Appeal and the Labour Appeal Court, shall be in accordance with the attached schedule.

The court terms for the Constitutional Court, Supreme Court of Appeal and Labour Appeal Court remain as contained in the Rules regulating the conduct of proceedings in those respective Courts.”

This directive is issued and published in the *Gazette* and enjoys the majority support of the Heads of Court as required in section 8(5) of the Act.


Mogoeng Mogoeng
Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa

2021

TERMS	No of weeks in Term	RECESS	No of weeks in Recess
18 Jan – 28 March	10	29 March – 11 April	2
12 April – 20 June	10	21 June – 18 July	4
19 July – 19 Sep	9	20 Sep – 3 Oct	2
4 Oct – 5 Dec	9	6 Dec – 16 Jan	6

2022

TERMS	No of weeks in Term	RECESS	No of weeks in Recess
17 Jan – 27 March	10	28 March – 10 April	2
11 April – 19 June	10	20 June – 17 July	4
18 July – 18 Sep	9	19 Sep – 2 Oct	2
3 Oct – 4 Dec	9	5 Dec – 15 Jan	6

2023

TERMS	No of weeks in Term	RECESS	No of weeks in Recess
16 Jan – 26 March	10	27 March – 9 April	2
10 April – 18 June	10	19 June – 16 July	4
17 July – 17 Sep	9	18 Sep – 1 Oct	2
2 Oct – 3 Dec	9	4 Dec – 22 Jan	7

2024

TERMS	No of weeks in Term	RECESS	No of weeks in Recess
22 Jan – 31 March	10	1 April – 14 April	2
15 April – 23 June	10	24 June – 21 July	4
22 July – 22 Sep	9	23 Sep – 6 Oct	2
7 Oct – 8 Dec	9	9 Dec – 19 Jan	6

2025

TERMS	No of weeks in Term	RECESS	No of weeks in Recess
20 Jan – 30 March	10	31 March – 13 April	2
14 April – 22 June	10	23 June – 20 July	4
21 July – 21 Sep	9	22 Sep – 5 Oct	2
6 Oct – 7 Dec	9	8 Dec – 18 Jan	6

2026

TERM	No of weeks in Term	RECESS	No of weeks in Recess
19 Jan – 29 March	10	30 March – 12 April	2
13 April – 21 June	10	22 June – 19 July	4
20 July – 20 Sep	9	21 Sep – 4 Oct	2
5 Oct – 6 Dec	9	7 Dec – 17 Jan	6

2027

TERM	No of weeks in Term	RECESS	No of weeks in Recess
18 Jan – 28 March	10	29 March – 11 April	2
12 April – 20 June	10	21 June – 18 July	4
19 July – 19 Sep	9	20 Sep – 3 Oct	2
4 Oct – 5 Dec	9	6 Dec – 16 Jan	6

Easter:

2021: 2 April – 5 April

2022: 15 April – 18 April

2023: 7 April – 10 April

2024: 29 March – 1 April

2025: 18 April – 21 April

2026: 3 April – 6 April

2027: 26 March – 29 March