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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, **Mandisa Muriel Lindelwa Maya**, 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 2028 to 2036, 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 support of the Heads of Court as required in section 8(5) of the Act.

MML Maya
Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa

2028

TERMS	No of weeks in Term	RECESS	No of weeks in Recess
17 Jan – 26 March	10	27 March – 9 April	2
10 April – 18 June	10	19 June – 16 July	4
17 July – 17 Sept	9	18 Sept – 1 Oct	2
2 Oct – 3 Dec	9	4 Dec – 15 Jan	6

2029

TERMS	No of weeks in Term	RECESS	No of weeks in Recess
16 Jan – 27 March	10	28 March – 11 April	2
12 April – 21 June	10	22 June – 20 July	4
21 July – 22 Sept	9	23 Sept – 7 Oct	2
8 Oct – 9 Dec	9	10 Dec – 20Jan	6

2030

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

2031

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 Sept	9	22 Sept – 5 Oct	2
6 Oct – 7 Dec	9	8 Dec – 18 Jan	6

2032

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

2033

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 Sept	9	19 Sept – 2 Oct	2
3 Oct – 4 Dec	9	5 Dec – 15 Jan	6

2034

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 Sept	9	18 Sept – 1 Oct	2
2 Oct – 3 Dec	9	4 Dec – 15 Jan	6

2035

TERMS	No of weeks in Term	RECESS	No of weeks in Recess
16 Jan – 27 March	10	28 March – 11 April	2
12 April – 21 June	10	22 June – 20 July	4
21 July – 22 Sept	9	23 Sept – 7 Oct	2
8 Oct – 9 Dec	9	10 Dec – 20Jan	6

2036

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

Easter:

2028: 14 April – 17 April

2029: 30 March – 2 April

2030: 19 April – 22 April

2031: 11 April – 14 April

2032: 26 March – 29 March

2033: 15 April – 18 April

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