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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION**NOTICE 18 OF 2021****DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002**

AMENDMENT OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(3) OF THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002) REGARDING THE DATES FOR THE RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE 2021 ACADEMIC YEAR, AND FOR MEASURES TO ADDRESS, PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION, ALL PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION, ALL EDUCATION DISTRICT OFFICES AND ALL SCHOOLS IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, in terms of regulation 4(3)(b) of the Regulations made under the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), published under Government Notice No. R.480, in Government Gazette No. 43258 of 29 April 2020, as amended, hereby, amend the Directions regarding the dates for the re-opening of schools, to provide for the 2021 academic year, and for measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 in the National Department of Basic Education, all Provincial Departments of Education, all education district offices and all schools in the Republic of South Africa, as published under Government Notice No. 343, in Government Gazette No. 43465 of 23 June 2020, as amended, as set out in the Schedule.



MRS AM MOTSHEKGA, MP
MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION
DATE: 22 JANUARY 2021

4. The following direction is hereby inserted in the Directions after direction 5A:

"5B. Dates for reopening of schools for 2021 academic year

- (1) All public schools must be reopened as follows:

ARRANGEMENTS FOR REOPENING OF SCHOOLS	RETURN TO SCHOOL DATE
(a) The principal, the school management team including Education Assistants and General Assistants (Basic Education Employment Initiative) and non-teaching staff must return to school	25 January 2021
(b) All educators must return to school	1 February 2021
(c) All learners must return to school	15 February 2021

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- (2) Independent schools must delay the date for the reopening of schools for learners to return to school for a period of two weeks from the date of the pronouncement of the Minister, on 15 January 2021.
- (3) Independent schools may not open earlier than the two-weeks period as contemplated in sub-direction (2).
- (4) Officials may access school premises during the period of closure if required to do so, for purposes of preparation in anticipation of the reopening of schools.
- (5) All conditions in the Directions and Regulations published in relation to health and safety measures to contain the spread of COVID-19, under Alert Level 3, still apply under Adjusted Alert Level 3 and must be adhered to.
- (6) All Directions previously issued by the Minister, continue to apply, until repealed or amended."

Commencement

5. These amendment directions come into operation on the date of publication