



## higher education & training

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**To:** CET COLLEGE PRINCIPALS  
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**SUBJECT:** CIRCULAR ON THE 2023 ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR COMMUNITY  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COLLEGES

### Objective of the Circular

1. To inform and request Community Education and Training (CET) Colleges to implement the attached academic calendar for 2023.

### Background

2. The Department has a responsibility to perform an oversight function and ensure that the colleges are functional and provide quality Community Education and Training. Part of the functionality is availability of an academic calendar which is meant to assist the colleges to plan accordingly.
3. The design of the CET Colleges academic calendar is aligned to that of the Department of Basic Education (DBE) which has been published in gazette No. 46061 of 18 March 2022 to ensure accessibility as the majority of Community Learning Centres (CLCs) are hosted by mainstream schools.
4. Owing to the alignment to the DBE calendar, the calendar is structured into inland colleges which include Free State, Gauteng, Limpopo, Mpumalanga and North West and the coastal colleges consist of Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Northern Cape and Western Cape.

5. The first term of the year is set to start on 11 January 2023 for inland colleges and on 18 January 2023 for coastal colleges.
6. The inland colleges will also be the first to conclude the first term on 24 March 2023 followed by the coastal colleges on 31 March 2023.
7. In the attached 2023 academic calendar, the dates indicated in brackets are applicable to academic staff. Management and support staff should take annual leave in line with their appointments in terms of the Public Service Act, (1994) (Act No. 103 of 1994).

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