

# Application dates for Schools for 2022



School admissions **open** (all ordinary public schools):  
**26 February 2021**

School admissions **close** (all ordinary public schools):  
**26 March 2021**



Important dates to remember when applying  
to a school for a place for your child in 2021

## Frequently asked questions



### 1 How do I get my child enrolled in a school of my choice? Some points to consider.

- > Apply early. Don't wait till the last day.
- > Apply to more than one school.
- > Know the law/check the school's Admission Policy.

### 2 What is the admission age for Grade 1?

Compulsory school-going age (Grade 1) is 7 years in the year that the child is in Grade 1.

Admission to Grade R is 6 years in the year that the child is in Grade R.

### 3 What documents are required to register a child at a public school?

- > Birth certificate.
- > Immunisation card.
- > A transfer card/letter.
- > Last school report card for learners who have been to school.
- > A study permit issued by Home Affairs for foreign learners.

A child may be provisionally registered if these documents are not available. The parent must be given reasonable time to submit them.

### 4 Is it important to enrol for Grade R?

Yes. Early childhood development assists learners to cope better later on in their school careers.

### 5 Can a child be refused permission if they do not live in a school's feeder zone?

The WCED has not declared any feeder zones/areas.

### 6 Can schools charge a non-refundable deposit before accepting learner?

No. Schools may not charge a fee before accepting a learner.

### 7 Where do parents apply?

Parents should apply to at least three schools (including their nearest school). Parents can apply at schools or online at [wcedonline.westerncape.gov.za](http://wcedonline.westerncape.gov.za). (Additional documents may be required by the schools when you apply online.)