

**TABLE III – SCHOOL HOLIDAYS OVER THE SCHOOL YEAR 2000/2001  
(PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION)**

COUNTRY	SUMMER	AUTUMN	CHRISTMAS	WINTER / CARNIVAL	SPRING / EASTER	3 <sup>rd</sup> TERM	PUBLIC HOLIDAYS / OCCASIONAL/RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS
<b>BELGIUM</b> FRENCH COMMUNITY	9 weeks (1 July-31 August)	1 week (30 October-5 November)	2 weeks (25 December-7 January)	1 week (26 February-4 March)	2 weeks (2 April-16 April)	-	27/09; 11/11; 1/05; 24/05; 4/06 (5 public holidays)
FLEMISH COMMUNITY	9 weeks (1 July-31 August)	1 week (30 October – 5 November)	2 weeks (25 December –7 January)	1 week (26 February-4 March)	2 weeks (2 April-16 April)	2 days (24-25 May)	11/11; 1/05; 4/6 (3+2 public holidays)
GERMAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY	9 weeks (1 July-31 August)	1 week (30 October-5 November)	2 weeks (25 December-7 January)	1 week (26 February-4 March)	2 weeks (2 April-16 April)	2 days (free choice)	11/11; 15/11; 1/05; 24/05; 4/06 (5 public holidays)
<b>DENMARK</b> <sup>1</sup>	7 weeks (19 June–6 August)	1 week (16-20 October)	2 weeks (18 December – 5 January)	1 week (variable)	1 week (9 April 13 April)	-	4 public holidays between Easter and summer holidays
<b>GERMANY</b> <sup>2</sup>	6 weeks (staggered between 22 June and 11 September)	2 to 11 days (staggered between 2 Oct. and 4 Nov.)	4 + 12 days (staggered between 20 Dec. and 13 Jan.)	0 to 10 days	5 to 15 days	0 to 9 days	Up to 10 days, depending on the <i>Land</i>
<b>GREECE</b>	<b>Prim.:</b> 12 weeks (between June-and Sept.) <b>Sec.:</b> 10 weeks (between July and Sept)	1 day (28 October falling on an Saturday; 17 November)	2 weeks (24 December-7 January)	2 days	2 weeks (9-20 April)	-	6 days throughout the year (28/10; 25/03; 01/05; 04/06; local national day; patron saint day)
<b>SPAIN</b>	<sup>3</sup> <b>Prim.:</b> 11 weeks (staggered between end June and mid-September) <b>Sec.:</b> 12 weeks (staggered between end June and end September)	-	2 weeks (between 22 and 7 January)	3 days in February depending on the Autonomous Community	10 days (between 6 and 23 April)	-	Around 7 public holidays, depending on the Autonomous Community
<b>FRANCE</b>	9 weeks (1 July-4 September)	1 week (28 October-6 November)	2 weeks (23 December – 8 January)	2 weeks 03.2-19.2 (zone A) 17.2-05.3 (zone B) 10.2-26.2 (zone C)	2 weeks 31.03-17.04 (zone A) 14.04-02.05 (zone B) 07.04-24.4 (zone C)	-	A few days between Easter and summer holidays
<b>IRELAND</b> <sup>4</sup>	<b>Prim.:</b> 9 weeks <b>Sec.:</b> 13 weeks	1 week 1 week	2 weeks 2 weeks	1 week (February)	2 weeks 2 weeks	-	-
<b>ITALY</b>	9 weeks (1 July-31 August)	-	2 weeks	-	1 week	-	5 public holidays 1.11; 8.12; 25.4; 1.5 + 1 religious day
<b>LUXEMBOURG</b>	9 weeks (17 July-15 September)	1 week (28 October-5 November)	2 weeks (23 December-7 January)	1 week (24 February-4 March)	2 weeks (7 April-22 April)	1 week (2 June-10 June)	-

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NETHERLANDS <sup>5</sup>	<b>Primary:</b> 6 weeks (staggered over 3 regions between 30 June-2 September.) <b>Secondary:</b> 7 weeks (staggered over 3 regions between 30 June-2 September)	1 week (14 October-22 October)	2 weeks (23 December-7 January)	-	1 week (staggered over 2 regions: North 3 March-11 March, Central/South 24 February-4 March)	1 week (28 April-6 May)	8 public holidays (+ 30/04; 5/05)
AUSTRIA	9 weeks (1/8 July-3/10 September)	-	2 weeks (24 December-7 January)	1 week (1-5 February or 12-17 February or 19-24 February)	11 days (7-17 April)	4 days (2-5 June)	6 days throughout the school year
PORTUGAL	11 weeks (29 June; 12 <sup>th</sup> year on 8 June)	1 week (30 October-3 November)	2 weeks (20 December-2 January)	1 week (26 February-2 March)	2 weeks (4 -17 April)	-	5 days throughout the school year
FINLAND	10-12 weeks (3 June-mid-August) <sup>6</sup>	1 to 7 days (mid of October-beginning of November)	Minimum 10 days (between 21 December-7 January)	1 week (between 19 February-11 March)	4 days (13-16 April)	-	1 religious (24/05) and 2 public (6/12; 1/05) holidays
SWEDEN <sup>7</sup>	10 weeks (beginning of June-end of August)	1 week (in some municipalities)	3 weeks	1 week (end of February - beginning of March)	1 week (April)	-	-
UNITED KINGDOM ENGLAND AND WALES <sup>8</sup>	6 weeks (21 July-4 September)	1 week (23-27 October)	2 weeks (20 December-8 January)	1 week (19-23 February)	2 weeks (6-23 April)	1 week (27 May-1 June)	1 public holiday (7 May)
NORTHERN IRELAND <sup>9</sup>	9 weeks (1 July-31 August)	3 days (30 October-1 November)	2 weeks (22 December-3 January)	1 day (16 February)	1 week (13-20 April)	-	1 public holiday (7 May)
SCOTLAND	7 weeks (30 June-18 August)	1 week (13 October-19 October)	2 weeks (22 December-4 January)	1 to 3 days (February)	2 weeks (6-19 April)	A few days (May)	-
ICELAND	13 weeks (1 June-31 August)	-	2 weeks (22 December-4 January)	-	11 days (9-18 April)	-	-
LIECHTENSTEIN	6 weeks (8 July-20 August)	2 weeks (7-22 October)	2 weeks (23 December-7 January)	1 week (24 February-4 March)	17 days (12-29 April)	-	11 days: 8 Sept., 1 Nov., 8 Dec., 2 Febr., 19 March, 1, 24 and 25 May, 4 June, 14 and 15 June
NORWAY <sup>10</sup>	8 weeks between 20 June and 20 August	1 week about week 40 (October <sup>11</sup> )	2 weeks (about 20 December-3 January)	1 week (end of February/beginning March <sup>10</sup> )	9 days (mid-April)	-	5 public holidays between Easter and the summer holidays
BULGARIA	<b>Prim.:</b> 15 weeks (1 June-15 Sept.) <b>Sec.:</b> 13 weeks (15 June -15 Sept)	Prim.: 3 days (11- 13 November).	2 weeks (24 December-6 January)	2 days (7-8 February)	1 week (1 April-10 April)	-	5-6 bank holidays
CZECH REPUBLIC	9 weeks (2 July-31 August)	2 days (26-27 October)	About 1 week (23 December-2 January)	1 day (1 February)	1 week (from 5 February to 16 March - different in various regions); 2 days (12-13 April)	-	5 days: 28 Sept.; 28 Oct.; 17 Nov.; 1 and 8 May

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ESTONIA	13 weeks (3 June-31 August)	1 week (21 October-29 October)	2 weeks (23 December-7 January)	-	9 days (17 March-25 March)	-	-
CYPRUS	<b>Prim.:</b> 11 weeks (22 June-9 Sept.) <b>Sec.:</b> 12 weeks (mid-June-9 Sept.)	3 days (1 and 28 October, 13 November)	2 weeks (23 December-7 January)	3 days (26 Febr., 25 March, 1 April)	2 weeks (8-22 April)	-	2 days (1 May and 11 June) plus additional variable days: primary 3 days, secondary 1 day
LATVIA <sup>12</sup>	Grades 1-8, 10-11: 13 weeks (1 June-3 September); Grade 9: 11 weeks (15 June-3 September), Grade 12: 10 weeks (22 June-3 September)	1 week	2 weeks	1 week (February, only grade 1)	1 week (spring holidays) + 2 days (Easter holidays)	-	2 public holidays (1/05, 18/11)
LITHUANIA	<b>Prim.:</b> 13 weeks (31 May-1 Sept.) <b>Sec.:</b> 10 ½ weeks (30 June-1 Sept.)	<b>Prim. and sec.:</b> 1 week (29 October-3 November)	<b>Prim. and sec.:</b> 2 weeks (24 December-8 January)	<b>Prim.:</b> 5 days (dates are within the schools' discretion)	<b>Prim. and sec.:</b> 1 week (9-14 April)	-	3 bank holidays (1 Nov., 16 Febr., 16 April)
HUNGARY	11 weeks (15 June-31 August)	6 days (1-6 November)	1½ weeks (22 December-2 January)	-	7 days (11-17 April)	-	5 days throughout the school year
MALTA <sup>13</sup>	9 weeks (15 July-14 September)	3 days (1-3 November)	2 weeks (23 December-6 January)	2 days (26-27 February)	1 week (11-18 April)	-	-
POLAND	10 weeks (23 June-31 August)	-	9 days (23-31 December)	2 weeks (between 15 January and 25 February)	6 days (12-17 April)	-	6 days throughout the school year
ROMANIA	11 weeks (15 June-31 August)	1 week (28 October-5 November)	17 days (21 December-7 January)	1 week (27 January-4 February)	2 weeks (between 1 April and 15 May)	-	-
SLOVENIA	10 weeks (26 June-31 August) <sup>14</sup>	1 week (30 October - 5 November)	1 week (25 December-2 January)	1 week <sup>15</sup>	6 days (27 April-2 May)	-	8 February/school day 1 day (16 April)
SLOVAKIA	9 weeks (1 July-31 August)	2 days (30 October-1 November)	Minimum 2 weeks (23 December-5 January)	1 day (2 February)	1 week (between end of February and mid-March-Spring holidays; 12-17 April-Easter holidays)	-	-

## ENDNOTES

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- <sup>1</sup> The holiday dates indicated go from Monday to Friday, i.e. do not include weekends prior to and at the end of holidays.
- <sup>2</sup> The length of the shorter holiday periods in each year is fixed by the individual *Länder* within the total number of 75 days of holidays in the school year.
- <sup>3</sup> Summer holidays start the day after the lessons are over and finish the day before the beginning of lessons for 2001/02 and they vary depending on the Autonomous Community (see table II for school year 2000/01).
- <sup>4</sup> Generally from 1 June-31 August. School authorities have discretion in the planning of the school year for holidays etc. on the basis of minimum number of recognised teaching days.
- <sup>5</sup> The summer holiday is decided by the ministry (compulsory dates for all schools). All other holidays are recommended by the ministry. The general recommendation is that schools after a period of 7 to 8 weeks lessons give one week holiday.

**School year 2000/2001 (summer holidays)**

	<b>Primary education</b>	<b>Secondary education</b>
North region	07 July – 19 August 2001	07 July – 26 August 2001
Central region	21 July – 02 September 2001	14 July – 02 September 2001
South region	30 June – 12 August 2001	30 June – 19 August 2001

- <sup>6</sup> School work begins in mid-August. The exact date depends on the municipality as an education provider. School work ends on the last working day of the 22<sup>nd</sup> week of the year. According to the law, there are 190 school days in a school year.
- <sup>7</sup> The exact dates vary between municipalities.
- <sup>8</sup> **E/W:** Dates of school holidays are not fixed nationally, but by local authorities and school governing bodies, and may vary from one local authority or school to another. A small minority of schools in England have implemented, and some local education authorities are considering introducing, a five-term year. This will have an impact on school holidays dates and duration.
- <sup>9</sup> **NI:** Dates of school holidays are not fixed nationally, but by the Education and Library Boards (Boards) for controlled schools and by relevant school authorities with approval by the appropriate Board for other schools, and may vary from one local authority to another. The dates given are for a typical Education and Library Board. Schools also have a further 6 days holiday closure to take account of individual preference, traditional holiday patterns and/or religious festivals.
- <sup>10</sup> The exact dates vary between municipalities for primary and lower secondary level and between counties for upper secondary level.
- <sup>11</sup> Decided by the county.
- <sup>12</sup> The summer holiday is shorter for grades 9 and 12 due to the examination period. The dates of the winter holidays for grade 1 in February are decided by municipalities.
- <sup>13</sup> Schools are on half days between 1 June and 14 July and between 15 September to the Friday preceding the fourth Monday in September.  
Teachers on in-service training attend school up to the 14<sup>th</sup> July and start attending on the 15<sup>th</sup> September.  
If the 2<sup>nd</sup> November should fall on a Saturday or Sunday, an additional day is granted in lieu.  
**Public holidays:** A day off is given in lieu of each public holiday that may fall on a Saturday or a Sunday. The dates when such day/s off in lieu will be availed of are established at the start of the school year.
- <sup>14</sup> The last day for pupils having lessons is 22 June.
- <sup>15</sup> Ljubljana region: 19 February-25 February; Maribor region: 26 February-4 March.