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In accordance with section 3 of the Supreme Court (Amendment) Ordinance 2020 which substitutes a new section 15 for the Principal Ordinance; and in accordance with section 3 of the Court of Appeal (Amendment) Ordinance which introduces section 20A into the Principal Ordinance, the following mechanism for the arrangement of the Supreme Court/Court of Appeal Calendar is set out:

1. Mechanism

- i. The First Term of the Court' Calendar will commence on the 4th of January each year after a Christmas recess which will begin on the 23rd of December of each year.
- ii. The First Term will end on the Thursday before Easter.
- iii. The Second Term will commence after the Easter Recess, on the first Monday after Easter Monday, and will end on the 31st day of July of each year.
- iv. Where 31st July of a year is a non-working day, the Second Term will end on the last working day before the 31st of July of that year. This will be followed by a six-week Long Vacation which will end on the third Tuesday of September.
- v. There is now established a three-day Continuing Judicial Education period commencing on the third Wednesday of September of every year, during which Judges/Magistrates and Registrars must attend seminars and workshops organised for greater efficiency.
- vi. The Third Term will begin on the last Monday of September, and will end on the 22nd of December of every year.
- vii. The Christmas Recess which commences on the 23rd of December of each year, will end on the 3rd January.

2. The following dates are set out in the Supreme Court/Court of Appeal Calendar for 2020 - 2023.

2021 Calendar	
First Term	Monday 4 January - Thursday 1 April, 2021
Easter Recess	Good Friday 2 April - 9 April, 2021
Second Term	Monday 12 April - Friday 30 July, 2021
Long Vacation	Monday 2nd August - Tuesday 21 September, 2021
Continuing Judicial Education	Wednesday 22nd September -Friday 24th September, 2021
Third Term	Monday 27th September - Wednesday 22 December, 2021
Christmas Recess	23 December, 2021 - 3 January 2022

3. 2022 Calendar

First Term	Tuesday 4 January 2022 - Thursday 14 April, 2022
Easter Recess	Good Friday 15 April 2022 - 22 April, 2022
Second Term	Monday 25 April 2022 - Friday 29 July, 2022
Long Vacation	Monday 1 August 2022 - Tuesday 20th September, 2022
Continuing Judicial Education	Wednesday 21 September 2022 - Friday 23rd September, 2022
Third Term	Monday 26th September 2022 - Thursday 22nd December, 2022
Christmas Recess	Friday 23 December, 2022 - 3 January, 2023

4. **2023 Calendar**

First Term	4 January 2023 - Thursday 6 April, 2023
Easter Recess	Good Friday 7 April 2023 - Friday 14 April, 2023
Second Term	Monday 17 April 2023 - Friday 28 July, 2023
Long Vacation	Tuesday 1 August 2023 - Tuesday 19 September, 2023
Continuing Judicial Education	Wednesday 20 September - Friday 22nd September, 2023
Third Term	Monday 25th September - Friday 22nd December, 2023
Christmas Recess	Saturday 23 December, 2023 - Wednesday 3 January, 2024

5. **Transitioning**

In order to bring the provisions of the Supreme Court (Amendment) Ordinance 2020 which came into force on 1st November 2020 into effect, and to transition the Supreme Court onto a Term Calendar, there will be a Christmas Recess in 2020 which begins on 22nd December 2020, and ends on the 3rd of January 2021.

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