



24th November 2025

Vice Chancellors of Public and Private Universities,
Chairpersons Local Council V,
Resident District Commissioners,
Executive Director, Kampala Capital City Authority
Chief Administrative Officers,
Town Clerks, Municipal Councils
District Education Officers,
District Inspectors of Schools,
City and Municipal Education Officers,
City and Municipal Inspectors of Schools,
Directors of National Teachers' Colleges
Principals of TETD, TVET and HET institutions
Headteachers: Government and Private Secondary, Pre-Primary, Primary Schools, Farm
schools and Community Polytechnics

SCHOOLS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS CALENDAR FOR 2026

1. PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Term	From	To	DAYS
Term I	Monday 2 nd February, 2026	Friday 1 st May, 2026	89 Days
Term II	Monday 25 th May, 2026	Friday 21 st August, 2026	89 Days
Term III	Monday 14 th September, 2026	Friday 4 th December 2026	82 Days
	Total		260 Days

HOLIDAYS

Term	From	To	DAYS
1 st Term Holidays	2 nd May, 2026	24 th May, 2026	23 Days
2 nd Term Holidays	22 nd August, 2025	13 th September, 2026	23 Days
3 rd Term Holidays	5 th December, 2026	31 st January, 2027	58 Days
	Total		104

SECONDARY SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES, 2026

Activity	Dates
School-based MDD Competitions	1 st Term
Inter-schools MDD Competitions – District	2 nd Term
Inter-schools MDD Competitions – Regional	2 nd Term

National MDD Festival	2 nd Term Holidays
School-Based Science Fairs	1 st Term
Regional Secondary Schools Science Fair	1 st Term
National Secondary Schools Science Fair	July
East African Community Essay Writing Competitions	3 rd Term
Secondary Schools District Debate Championships	13 th March 2026
National Agriculture Education Show (NAES)	7 th – 12 th July
UNSA Midterm Council Meeting	24 th July 2026
Secondary Schools National Debate Championships	24 th – 28 th August 2026
UNSA District Councils Meetings and Elections	3 rd October 2026
UNSA AGM and Elections	16 th – 19 th December 2026
Regional SESEMAT INSET – Eastern and North Eastern Regions	January School Holidays
Regional SESEMAT INSET – Central and North Western Regions	1 st Term Holidays
Regional SESEMAT INSET – Western and Mid-Western Regions	2 nd Term Holidays

PROPOSED DATES FOR S.1 AND S5 START OF TERM 1 2025

Event	Dates
Placement of S. 1 Students	29 th – 30 th January 2026
S1 Reporting for 1 st Term 2026	16 th February 2026
Placement of S.5 Students	12 th – 13 th February 2026
S5 Reporting for 1 st Term 2026	23 rd February 2026

Note:

- i. *Teaching and learning should start promptly at the beginning of each school term, and the school terms should not be cut short for any reason without prior written permission from the Permanent Secretary.*
- ii. *School starts at 8:00am and end at 4:30pm for Primary and post primary schools, and from 8:00am to 12:00pm for pre-primary schools.*
- iii. *Headteachers of Boarding Schools in Kampala City Metropolitan area should stagger the starting and closing dates for different classes over two to three days to mitigate the inconveniences of traffic congestion.*
- iv. *School open-days, visitation days and other annual functions during the school term should be set by individual schools and institutions, in consultations with the management of neighbouring schools/institutions to avoid clashes and congestion. Management of these functions should adhere to the Guidelines for Safe Conduct of Entertainment and Co-Curricular Activities and Election of Student Leaders in Pre-Primary, Primary and Post-Primary Schools and Institutions.*
- v. *School and institutions should sensitize parents and other stakeholders about the School Calendar*



2. HEALTH TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

PERIOD	ACTIVITY	NURSING AND MIDWIFERY TRAINING INSTITUTIONS	ALLIED HEALTH TRAINING INSTITUTIONS
JANUARY – JUNE SEMESTER	Beginning of the semester	2 nd February 2026	2 nd February 2026
	Regional Skills Competition	April 2026	April 2026
	National Students' Academic Seminar	April 2026	April 2026
	4th National Health Education, Training, and Health Care Conference	May 2026	May 2026
	End of Semester Examinations	15 th – 26 th June 2026	15 th – 26 th June 2026
	End of Semester	27 th June 2026	27 th June 2026
	Recess Term	Not applicable	29 th June – 18 th July 2026
	Holidays	29 th June – 17 th July 2026	20 th July – 30 th July 2026
JULY – DECEMBER SEMESTER	Beginning of the semester	20 th July 2026	3 rd August 2026
	National Games & Sports Competition for Health Training Institutions	August 2026	August 2026
	National Students' Academic Seminar	October 2026	October 2026
	End of Semester Examinations	30 th November – 11 th December 2026	30 th November – 11 th December 2026
	End of Semester	12 th December 2026	12 th December 2026
	Recess Term	Not applicable	14 th Dec 2026 – 2 nd January 2027
	Holidays	14 th December 2025 – February 2027	2 nd January 2027 – February 2027

3. NATIONAL INSTRUCTORS' COLLEGES

ABILONINO (NIC-A)

2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAMME		
Semester	From:	To:
Semester 1	11/08/2025	06/12/2025
Semester 1 Holidays	07/12/2025	08/02/2026
Semester 2	16/03/2026	30/05/2026
Semester 2 Holidays	01/06/2026	01/07/2026
National Health Training		
Recess		



HEALTH TUTORS' COLLEGE – MULAGO (HTC-M)

2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAMME		
Semester	From:	To:
Semester 1	04/08/2025	05/12/2025
Semester 1 Holidays	18/12/2025	18/01/2026
Semester 2	19/01/2026	24/05/2026
Semester 2 Holidays	25/05/2026	31/07/2026

4. SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS (TECHNICAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY POLYTECHNICS) CALENDAR 2026

TERM	FROM	TO	DAYS
Term I (continuing)	Monday 2 nd February 2026	Friday 1 st May 2026	89 Days
Term II	Monday 25 th May 2026	Friday 21 st August, 2026	89 Days
Term III	Monday 14 th September 2026	Friday 4 th December 2026	82 Days
TOTAL			260 Days
Industrial Training	8 th December to 31 st January 2027		
HOLIDAYS			
TERM	FROM	TO	DAYS
Term I	2 nd May 2026	24 th May 2026	22 days
Term II	22 nd August 2026	13 th September 2026	20 Days
Term III	5 th December 2026	31 st January 2027	58 Days
TOTAL			100 Days
Other Activities			
➤ Deadline for Submission of TVET Application forms for SDCs – 31st January 2026 ➤ SDCS Placement/Selection of trainees - 2nd February- 7th February 2026 ➤ Reporting of New Trainees for Year 1 2026 - 16th February 2026 ➤ Sports 20th -30th April 2026 ➤ National Skills Exhibition April 2026 ➤ National Skills competitions 23rd to 27th February ➤ International Skills Competition in Changai - China 22nd to 27th September 2026			

5. TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL/FARM INSTITUTES CALENDAR 2026

ITEM	DURATION	DAYS
Term I (Continuing)	2 nd February 2026 to 1 st May 2026	89
Term II	Monday 25 th May 2026 to Friday 21 st August, 2026	89
Term III	Monday 14 th September 2026 to Friday 4 th December 2026	82

Industrial Training	8 th December to 31 st January 2027	42
Total		
HOLIDAYS		
TERM	FROM	DAYS
Term I	2nd May 2026 to 24 th May 2026	22
Term II	22 nd August 2026 to 13 th September 2026	20
Term III	4 th December 2026 to 8 th January 2027	36
Others Activities		
➤ National Skills Exhibition April 2026 ➤ Games and Sports 23rd to 31st August 2026 (holiday period) ➤ National Skills competitions 23rd to 27th February ➤ International Skills Competition in Changai-China 22nd to 27th September 2026 ➤ Deadline for Submission of TVET Application forms for VTIs – 20th February 2026 ➤ VTIs Placement/Selection of trainees - 23th February- 27th February 2026 ➤ Reporting of New Trainees for Year 1 2026 - 9th March 2026		

6. TVET OM COLLEGES CALENDAR 2026/2027

Term	From	To	Weeks
Semester I	1 st September 2026	18 th December 2026	16
Semester II	1 st February 2027	28 th May 2027	16
Industrial Training	31 st May 2027	27 th August 2027	13
	Total		45

7. TEACHERS' TRAINING COLLEGES – ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027

SEMESTER II 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR FOR FRESHERS			
Semester II	From	To	
Semester II	Saturday 3 rd January 2026	Saturday 2 nd May 2026	
School Practice	Saturday 2 nd June 2026	Saturday 27 th June 2026	
Semester II Holiday	Saturday 27 th June 2026	Saturday 28 th August 2026	
Semester I 2026/2027 Academic Year for Freshers and Continuing Students			
Semester I	From	To	
Admissions for New Students for Diploma in Education Primary (DEP) and Diploma in Education Pre-Primary (DEPP)		July - August 2026	
Orientation or Induction of New students	Saturday 29 th August 2026	Saturday 5 th September 2026	
Semester I	Saturday 5 th September 2026	Saturday 19 th December 2026	

Note: College Practice and School Practice will take place in line with the school Calendar for Primary Schools



8. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS NATIONAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS CALENDAR 2026

Date	Activity	To be Organized by	Proposed Venue
January			
11 th -30 th	Orientation Training of PE Teachers	Mid-West ASSHU Subregion	Ntare School-Mbarara
February			
2 nd	Thinking Day celebrations	Uganda Girl Guides Association (UGGA)	Mayuge
13 th	Launch of PE School Based Festivals	All teachers Handling PE in all Schools	At schools
14 th -16 th	Elite Secondary school Games	USSSA	St. Janan Schools, Bombo
22 nd	World Scout/Founders Day	USA	Entebbe
March			
3 rd -20 th	Secondary Schools District qualifiers.	USSSA	All Districts
8 th	5 th AUUS Female Games.	AUUS	Victoria University
11 th -13 th	PE School Based Festivals.	All head teachers and teachers handling PE at school level	All Schools
25 th -27 th	PE District Festivals	All Districts ASSHU and PE Coordinators	District ASSHU Centers
April			
3 rd -15 th	Secondary Schools Zonal qualifiers	USSA	Countrywide
15 th -17 th	PE Regional Festivals.	ASSHU Regional Chairs and PE Regional Coordinators	ASSHU Regional Centers
20 th -30 th	National Technical, Vocational Schools and Community Polytechnics Games.	Vocational Schools Sports Association of Uganda (VSSA)	Eastern
28 th -30 th	Primary National Schools Kids Athletics pre-championship training for officiating officials.	Uganda Primary Schools Sports Association (UPSSA)	Tororo/Moroto/Masin di
May			
1 st -8 th	Regional Health Training Institutions Regional Qualifiers.	APHTIU	All Regional Centers
6 th -28 th	Orientation Training of PE Teachers	Lango ASSHU Subregion - APETU	Dr. Obote College/St. Catherine Girls/Atapara SS Oyam
4 th -14 th	Primary Schools National Kids Athletics and Para-Athletics Championship.	UPSSA	Tororo/Moroto/Masin di/ Sironko
22 nd -24 th	PWDs Championships	FEAUS	Kenya



April/May	Secondary School National Ball Games 1 Championships	USSSA	Y-Y Okot Memorial Sch, Kitgum/Mvara SS Arua
April/May	Secondary Schools National Boy's Football Championship	USSSA	Lira Town College/Lango College
20 th -21 st	1 st AUUS Mind Championship	AUUS	Makerere University
TBC	Regional Scout camps/youth forums	USA	Countrywide
June			
1 st -12 th	Secondary Schools National Ball Games Zonal qualifiers	USSSA	All zones
17 th -19 th	4 th Edition of the PE National Festival	Karamoja ASSHU Subregion and APETU	Morolem Girls SS- Abim
29 th -30 th	Secondary schools National Swimming Gala	USSSA	Seroma Christian School
July			
9 th -18 th	Secondary Schools National Ball Games II Championship	USSSA	Sacred Heart SS, Gulu
25 th -27 th	Youth Leaders camp	UGGA	Kaazi
1 st 10 th	Health Training Institutions National Games	Association of Principals of Health Training Institutions of Uganda (APHTIU)	Gulu COHES
August			
20 th -31 st	Technical Vocational and Farm Institutes National Games.	TVET Institutes Sports Association (TVETISAU)	Nyamitanga TI/ in Western
21 st -28 th	Girl Guides National Camp	UGGA	Kaazi
22 nd -27 th	National Scout Camp	USA	Kaazi
24 th -31 st	Primary Schools National Ball Games and SNE Championship	UPSSA	Mubende/ Hoima/Masindi/ Kayunga/ Butaleja/Iganga
24 th -31 st	Wood Badge Course	USA	Kaazi
August	Federation of East Africa School Sports Associations Games	FEASSA	Morogoro/Mwanza Tanzania
September			
1 st -3 rd	National Ball Games and SNE Championship	UPSSA	Mubende/ Hoima/Masindi/ Kayunga/ Butaleja/Iganga
2 nd Sept	Wood Badge Course.	USA	Kaazi
December			
1 st – 18 th	Orientation Training of PE Teachers	Greater. Masaka/Mid-West ASSHU Subregion (s)-APETU	St. Henry's College, Kitovu /Kaduggala S.S.

Note:

- i. *Adjustments on this Calendar can only be by Ministry through a circular to respective stakeholders;*
- ii. *Activities whose date are not determined locally will be communicated through a circular;*
- iii. *Not all activities are included here; those not included will still be undertaken as and when the Ministry finds it convenient;*

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day	1 st January
Liberation Day	26 th January
Archbishop Janani Luwum Day	16 th February
International Women's Day	8 th March
Good Friday	29 th March
Easter Monday	1 st April
Idd El Fitri	10 th April
Labour Day	1 st May
Uganda Martyrs' Day	3 rd June
National Heroes' Day	9 th June
Idd Al Adhwa	17 th June
Independence Day	9 th October
Christmas Day	25 th December
Boxing Day	26 th December

OTHER IMPORTANT DAYS IN THE SCHOOL CALENDAR

Event	Dates
International Day of Education	24 th January
International Menstrual Health and Hygiene day	28 th May
Day of African Child	16 th June
International Teachers' Day	5 th October
International Day of Sports	6 th October
International Day for the Girl Child	10 th October
International Students Day	17 th November
Sixteen Days of Activism to End Violence against Children	25 th November to 10 th December

NOTES ON CALENDAR

- i. This calendar does not include dates for Private and Public Universities. Their dates are determined by the individual Universities.
- ii. The days as recorded on this calendar include public holidays and weekends.
- iii. Changes in the schedules should be communicated to the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Education and Sports.



COMPLIANCE BY ALL

- a. This calendar **MUST** be complied with by all education institutions (Government and Private). Teaching shall not take place in any institution during designated holidays without the written permission of the Permanent Secretary.
- b. The dates indicated on this calendar may only be varied by management of a particular school/institution after obtaining written permission from the Permanent Secretary.
- c. **Non-adherence to this calendar will attract disciplinary action against the implicated head of school/institution.**


Dr. Kedrace R. Turyagye
PERMANENT SECRETARY

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