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RE: SCHOOLS' AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS' CALENDAR - 2018

**1. PRIMARY, SECONDARY, TECHNICAL/FARM SCHOOLS AND
COMMUNITY POLYTECHNICS**

Term	From	To	No of DAYS
Term I	Monday 5 th February, 2018	Friday 4 th May, 2018	89 Days
Term II	Monday 28 th May, 2018	Friday 24 th August, 2018	89 Days
Term III	Monday 17 th September, 2018	Friday 7 th December, 2018	82 Days
	TOTAL		260 Days

Holidays

Term	From	To	No of DAYS
1 st Term Holidays	Saturday 5th May, 2018	Sun 27th May, 2018	23 Days
2 nd Term Holidays	Saturday 25th August, 2018	Sun 16th September, 2018	23 Days
3 rd Term Holidays	Saturday 8th December, 2018	Sun 3rd February, 2019	58 Days
	Total		104 Days

N.B

- i. End of Term III/Year 1, UBTEB Examinations' calendar shall be followed.
- ii. Term I for S.1, year I for Technical/Farm Schools and Community Polytechnics will start on **Monday**.

- iii. *Classes must start at 8:00 am and end not later than 5:00pm everyday. Districts/City Inspectors of Schools are requested to ensure that schools comply.*
- iv. *Wastage and loss of teaching and learning time at the beginning and end of term must be stopped. Lessons should start promptly and terms should not be cut short without clearance from my office.*
- v. *All schools, especially boarding schools, should designate only **ONE DAY** a term as a visiting day.*
- vi. *All Headteachers of Boarding Secondary Schools especially those in Kampala, Wakiso and Mukono districts should ensure that they stagger the starting dates a week earlier than the official opening dates and also stagger the days for end of term. This is aimed at eliminating the inconveniences caused every beginning and end of term to parents and schools.*
- vii. *All open days and other functions for schools and institutions shall be set by individual schools during second term.*
- viii. *Parents and other stakeholders should be sensitized on the School Calendar.*

2. PRIMARY TEACHERS' COLLEGES

Term	From	To	No of DAYS
Term I	Monday 5 th February, 2018	Friday 4 th May, 2018	89 Days
Term II	Monday 28 th May, 2018	Friday 24 th August, 2018	89 Days
Term III	Monday 17 th September, 2018	Friday 7 th December, 2018	82 Days
	TOTAL		260 Days

N.B.

- a) **Final School Practice for six weeks:** 1st October 2018 – 9th November 2018
- b) **Promotion Examinations:** 19th November 2018 – 28th November 2018
- c) **Final Written Examinations:** 26th November 2018 – 6th December 2018
- d) **Child Study for Year 1:** 28th May 2018 - 15th July 2018

3. TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL AND FARM INSTITUTES:

Term	From	To	No of DAYS
Term I	Monday 19 th February, 2018	Friday 12 th May, 2018	89 Days
Term II	Monday 4 th June, 2018	Friday 8 th September, 2018	89 Days
Term III	Monday 24 th September, 2018	Friday 7 th December, 2018	82 Days
	TOTAL		260 Days

N.B.

End of term III/year 1, UBTEB Examinations' calendar shall be followed.

4. UGANDA TECHNICAL COLLEGES:

Term	From	To	No of Weeks
Semester I	Monday 28 th August, 2017	16 th December 2017	
Semester II	Monday 26 th February 2018	1 st June 2018	
UBTEB Examinations	Monday 4 th June, 2018	23 rd June 2018	
Industrial Training	18 th June 2018	24 th August 2018	
	Total		

5. NURSING TRAINING SCHOOLS:

Term	From	To	No of days
Semester I	Monday 19 th November 2017	4 th May 2018	
Semester II	Monday 18 th June, 2018	22 nd September 2018	
Industrial Training	CONTINUOUS: DURING THE COURSE		
Paramedical Institutions (Allied Health Institutions)			
Semester I	Monday 28 th August 2017	16 th December 2017	
Semester II	Monday 26 th February 2018	1 st June 2018	
Assessment Bodies			
UAHEB	January/February 2018	1 st Semester Examinations	
	June/ July 2018	2 nd Semester Examinations	

UNMEB	March 2018	Promotional Examinations
	May 2018	Final Examinations
	September 2018	Promotional Examinations
	November 2018	Final examinations

6. UGANDA COLLEGES OF COMMERCE:

Semester	From	To	No. of Weeks
1 st Semester	28 th August 2017	16 th December 2017	
2 nd Semester	26 th February 2018	20 th May 2018	

7. SURVEY INSTITUTE, METEOROLOGICAL INSTITUTE, SCHOOLS OF CLINICAL OFFICERS, SCHOOL OF HYGIENE MBALE, PARAMEDICAL SCHOOLS AND BUTABIKA SCHOOL OF PSYCHIATRY, AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES, WILD LIFE INSTITUTE, FISHERIES INSTITUTE AND COOPERATIVE COLLEGES

Semester	From	To	No. of Weeks
1 st Semester	28 th August 2017	16 th December 2017	
2 nd Semester	26 th February 2018	20 th May 2018	
Industrial training	5 th June 2018	5 th August 2018	

N.B:

- (i) UBTEB Examinations': Technical colleges, Colleges of Commerce, Agricultural Colleges, Survey Institutes, Meteorological Institutes, Wild Life Institutes, Fisheries Institutes and Cooperative Colleges End of Year 1 Examinations'. UBTEB Examinations' calendar shall be followed.

8. HEALTH TUTORS' COLLEGE, MULAGO

Term	From	To	No. of weeks
1 st Semester	12 th August 2017	16 th December 2017	17 Weeks
2 nd Semester	20 th January 2018	28 th July 2018	27 Weeks (10 wks for school practice)

Recess	19 th May 2018	28 th July 2018	10 Weeks
Short Break			5 Weeks

9. NATIONAL TEACHERS' COLLEGES AND COMMUNITY POLYTECHNICS INSTRUCTORS' COLLEGES

A. Diploma in Education Secondary

Term	Opening of Term	Closing of Term	No. of Days
Term I	25 th September 2017	16 th December 2017	83 Days
Term II	4 th February 2018	5 th May 2018	91 Days
Term III	25 th May 2018	11 th August 2018	
	Total		76 Days

B. Diploma in Education Primary

Session	Opening of Term	Closing of Term
1 st Session	10 th December 2017	28 th January 2018
2 nd Session	6 th May 2018	25 th May 2018
3 rd Session	28 th August 2018	14 th September 2018
SESEMAT TRAINING FOR NTCs		

C. Diploma in Instructor and Technical Teacher Education

Semester	From	To	No. of weeks
1 st Semester	29 th August 2017	22 nd December 2017	16 Weeks (117 Days)
2 nd Semester	20 th January 2018	28 th July 2018	16 Weeks (117 Days)
School Practice	28 th May 2018	6 th July 2018	6 Weeks (42 Days)
Industrial Training	9 th July 2018	17 th August 2018	6 Weeks (42 Days)

D. Theory Examinations for National Teachers' Colleges

		From	Date
A	Diploma Secondary Education (DES)	30 th July 2018	11 th August 2018
B	Diploma Primary Education (DEP)	15 th January 2018	28 th January 2018

N.B.

- (i) All DEP v face-to-face sessions will strictly take place during the Primary Schools' holidays as indicated above.
- (ii) All participating teachers/tutors must report to their respective duty stations on the opening dates of the term.
- (iii) School Practice for Diploma in Education Secondary Monday
- (iv) School Practice for Diploma in Education Primary to be conducted during term time as this is an on-job Distance Education Programme.

10. INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

**(1) Ecole Francaise
Le Grands Lac, Kampala**

Quarter I	Date
Reporting date for Teachers	Friday, 1 st September 2017
Reporting date for pupils	Monday, 4 th September 2017
Semi Quarter Holidays	Friday, 20 th October 2016 - 6 th November 2017
Christmas Holidays	Friday, 22 nd December 2017 - 8 th January 2018
Quarter II	
	Date
Semi Quarter Holidays	Friday, 23 rd February 2018 – March 12 th 2018
End of Quarter Holidays	Friday 27 th April 2018 – 10 th May 2018
Quarter III	
	Date

End of School Year	Wednesday, 4 th July 2018

11. SCHOOLS' AND OTHER TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS' GAMES AND SPORTS CALENDAR – 2018

Date	Activity	Venue
	Scouts & Girl Guides preliminary activities including leadership training, World thinking day Celebrations, Annual General meeting, and East Africa Regional Camp	
	Scouts and Girl Guides Founders Day	
	Africa Girl child and Scouts Day	
	SI & S2 (Basketball/Football/Handball/Netball/Volleyball/Wood ball and Board Games) league Tournaments	
28.4.2018	Inter University Goal Ball Competitions for Students with Learning Needs – The blind	Lugogo
28.4.2018	Disability Cricket	Lugogo
	National Technical Schools and Community Polytechnics Games (Athletics/ Board Games/Cross Country/Football/Handball /Netball/Volleyball/Wood ball and Demonstrations of Cricket)	
	National Intercollegiate Tertiary Institution Games (NICTIG) UTCs/UCCS/NTCs/ Tutors Colleges/Meteorological College (Athletics/ X – Country/Football/Handball/Volleyball/Netball/ Wood ball and Board Games)	

	National Intercollegiate Tertiary Institution Games (NICTIG) UTCs/UCCS/NTCs/ Tutors Colleges/Meteorological College (Athletics/ X – Country/Football/Handball/Volleyball/Netball/ Wood ball and Board Games)	
	National Primary and Secondary Girls Cricket Championship	
	National Technical Schools and Community Polytechnics Games (Athletics/ Board Games/Cross Country/Football/Handball /Netball/Volleyball/Wood ball and Demonstrations of Cricket)	
	Copa Coca-Cola	
	National Secondary Schools Racket, Bat And Ball Games I (Badminton/Tennis/Table Tennis/Basketball/Girls Football/Hockey/Rugby/ Demonstrations of Board Games)	
7-15 th	National Primary Schools Kids and SNE Athletics Championship	Apac
	National secondary Schools swimming Gala/Racket/Bat/Board Games)	
	National Secondary Schools Ball Game II (Handball/Netball/Volleyball/Swimming/Board Games) Athletics & Cross Country Championship	
28.4.2018	National Primary and Secondary Schools SNE Cricket Championship	Lugogo
	National Primary and Secondary Boys Cricket Championship	
	National Primary and Secondary Schools Soft/Baseball Championship	
	National Scout Camp	
	National Secondary Schools Pepsi Cricket Week	
	Education Sector Physical Activity and Sports (ESSR PAS)Gala	
	Edition of East Africa Secondary Schools Games (FEASSA) Athletics/Netball/Football/Volleyball/Basket ball/Rugby/Handball/Hockey)	

	National Technical & Vocational Institute/Meteorological Institutes Games (Athletics/ Cross/ Country/ Football/ Handball/ Netball/ Volleyball/ Wood ball/Board Games)	
	National Tertiary Institutions Champions Sports Gala (Athletics/Board/ Games/Cross Country/ Football/ Handball / Netball/ Volleyball/ Wood ball and Demonstrations of Cricket)	
	East Africa Primary Schools Kids & SNE (EAPSKSNE) Athletics	To be announced
	National Primary Schools and Paralympics Ball Games Championships	
	National Technical & Vocational Institute/Meteorological Institutes/PTC Games (Athletics/Cross Country/Football/Handball/Netball/Volleyball/Wood ball/Board Games)	
21- 31 Aug. 2018	National Primary Schools and Paralympics Ball Games Championships	Bushenyi
25 - 28 Sept. 2018	National Education Institutions Disability Sports Gala (Primary and Secondary Schools, Tertiary & Higher Institutions of Learning)	Mbarara
	East Africa Zonal Scout Competitions	
	Health Training Institutions Games (handball/football/netball/volleyball/Wood ball & athletics/cross country)	
	Inter University Games	

12. PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

New year's Day	Friday, 1 st January 2018
Liberation Day	Friday, 26 th February 2018
Arch bishop Janani Luwum Day	Friday, 16 th February 2018
International Women's Day	Thursday, 8 th March 2018
Good Friday	Friday, 30 th March 2018
Easter Sunday	Sunday 1 st April 2018
Easter Monday	Monday 2 nd April 2018
Labour Day	Tuesday, 1 st May 2018

Uganda Martyrs' Day	Sunday, 3 rd June 2018
National Heroes' Day	Saturday, 9 th June 2018
Idd El Fitri	Friday, 15 th June 2018
Idd Al Adhua	Tuesday, 21 st August 2018
Independence Day	Tuesday, 9 th October 2018
Christmas Day	Tuesday, 25 th December 2018
Boxing Day	Wednesday, 26 th December 2018

13. NOTES ON CALENDAR

- N.B.**
- (i) This calendar does not include dates for Private and Public Universities. Their dates are decided upon by the individual Universities.
 - (ii) The days as recorded on this calendar include public holidays and week- ends.
 - (iii) The number of weeks in the semester cycle is based on a 7-day working week.
 - (iv) Changes in the schedules should be notified to the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Education & Sports.

14. COMPLIANCE BY ALL

This calendar must be complied with **by all Education Institutions (Government and Private).**

No holiday teaching should take place in any institution. Violation of this calendar will call for disciplinary action against errant Headteachers/Schools.

The dates indicated on this calendar May, only be varied after obtaining written permission on an individual basis from the Permanent Secretary on recommendation of the Director of Education, Basic and Secondary Education or Higher, Technical and Vocational Education and Training, Ministry of Education and Sports, as the case May, be.

Alex Kakooza

PERMANENT SECRETARY

- c.c Hon. Minister, Ministry of Education & Sports**
- “ **Hon. Minister of State for Higher Education**
 - “ **Hon. Minister of State for Primary Education**
 - “ **Hon. Minister of State for Sports**
 - “ **All Honorable Members of Parliament**
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 - “ **Deputy Head Public Service/Secretary Administrative Reform**
 - “ **Permanent Secretary/Secretary to the Treasury; Ministry of Finance**
 - “ **Planning and Economic Development**
 - “ **Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Service**
 - “ **Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government**
 - “ **Permanent Secretary, Prime Minister’s Office**
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 - “ **Principal Private Secretary to H.E the Vice President**
 - “ **The Executive Secretary, Uganda National Examinations Board**
 - “ **The Director - National Curriculum Development Center**
 - “ **The Director - Directorate of Education Standards**
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 - **The Province of the Church of Uganda**
 - **Muslim Supreme Council**
 - **Seventh Day Adventists Church**
 - “ **Secretary, Uganda National Teachers’ Union**