

Telegram: "EDUCATION"

General Line: 234451/8

Fax: 234920

In any correspondence on

This subject please quote No. **ADM/235/269/01**



Ministry of Education and Sports

Embassy House

P.O. Box 7063

Kampala, Uganda

12th November, 2019

To: Vice Chancellor, Kyambogo University,
All Chairpersons Local Council V,
All Resident District Commissioners,
All Chief Administrative Officers,
Town Clerk, Kampala,
All Town Clerks, Municipal Councils
City Education Officer, Kampala,
All District Education Officers,
All District Inspectors of Schools,
All Municipal Education Officers,
All Municipal Inspectors of Schools,
All Directors of National Teachers' Colleges
All Principals, Primary Teachers' Colleges, Technical Institutes, Farm Schools, and
other Tertiary Institutions,
All Headteachers: Government & Private Secondary, Primary Schools and
Community Polytechnics.

RE: SCHOOLS' AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS' CALENDAR - 2020

Please receive the Schools' and other Institutions Calendar- 2020

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

Term	From	To	No of Days
Term I	Monday 3 rd February, 2020	Friday 1 st May, 2020	89 days
Term II	Monday 25 th May, 2020	Friday 21 st August, 2020	89 days
Term III	Monday 14 th September, 2020	Friday 27 th November, 2020	82 days
	TOTAL		260 days

Holidays

Term	From	To	No of Days
1 st Term holidays	Saturday 2 nd May, 2020	Sun 24 th May, 2020	23 days
2 nd Term holidays	Saturday 22 nd August, 2020	Sun 13 th September, 2020	23 days
3 rd Term holidays	Saturday 28 th November, 2020	Sun 31 st January, 2021	58 days
	Total		104 days

N.B

- i. End of Programme UBTEB Examinations' calendar shall be followed. Term I for S.1, year I for Technical/Farm Schools and Community Polytechnics will start on Monday.*
- ii. 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.*
- iii. 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.*
- iv. All schools, especially boarding schools, should designate only **ONE DAY** a term as a visiting day.*
- v. 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.*
- vi. All open days and other functions for schools and institutions shall be set by individual schools during second term.*
- vii. Parents and other stakeholders should be sensitized on the School Calendar.*

2. PRIMARY TEACHERS' COLLEGES

Term	From	To	No of Days
Term I	Monday 3 rd February, 2020	Friday 1 st May, 2020	89 days
Term II	Monday 25 th May, 2020	Friday 21 st August, 2020	89 days
Term III	Monday 14 th September, 2020	Friday 27 th November, 2020	82 days
	TOTAL		260 days

N.B.

a) **Final School Practice for six weeks:**

- **In-service: Sunday**
- **Pre-service: Sunday**

b) **Promotion Examinations:**

c) **Final Written Examinations:**

3. TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL AND FARM INSTITUTES:

Term	From	To	No of Days
Term I	Monday 3 rd February, 2020	Friday 1 st May, 2020	89 days
Term II	Monday 25 th May, 2020	Friday 21 st August, 2020	89 days
Term III	Monday 14 th September, 2020	Friday 27 th November, 2020	82 days
	TOTAL		260 days

N.B.

End of Term III/Year UBTEB Examinations Calendar shall be followed.

4. UGANDA TECHNICAL COLLEGES:

Term	From	To	No of Weeks
Semester I	17 th August 2020	18 th December 2020	17 Weeks
Semester II	15 th February 2021	4 th June 2021	17 weeks
UBTEB May/ June Examinations 2020	15 th May 2020	29 th May 2020	
UBTEB Nov/Dec Examinations 2020	4 th December 2020	18 th December 2020	
Industrial Training	December 2020	January 2021	
	Total		

5. NURSING TRAINING SCHOOLS:

Term	From	To	No of days
Semester I	13 th July 2020	11 th December 2020	17 Weeks
Semester II	22 nd February 2021	28 th June 2021	17 Weeks
UNMEB Examinations	4 th December 2020	18 th December 2020	
Industrial Training			
Paramedical Institutions			
Semester I	20 th July 2020	11 th December 2020	17 Weeks
Semester II	15 th February 2021	4 th June 2021	17 Weeks

6. UGANDA COLLEGES OF COMMERCE:

Semester	From	To	No. of Weeks
1 st Semester	24 th August 2020	18 th December 2020	17 Weeks
2 nd Semester	22 nd February 2021	11 th June 2021	17 Weeks
UBTEB May/June Examinations 2020	15 th May 2020	29 th May 2020	
UBTEB Nov/Dec Examinations 2020	4 th December 2020	18 th December 2020	

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	24 th August 2020	11 th December 2020	17 Weeks
Industrial training	June 2020	August 2020	
2 nd Semester	24 th February 2021	11 th June 2021	17 Weeks

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 Semester Examinations'. UBTEB Examinations' calendar shall be followed.

8. HEALTH TUTORS' COLLEGE, MULAGO

Term	From	To	No. of weeks
1 st Semester	17 th August 2020	11 th December 2020	17 Weeks
2 nd Semester	25 th January 2021	27 th May 2021	17 weeks
Recess	29 th June 2020	24 th July 2020	25 days
Short Break	27 th July 2020	14 th August 2020	18 Days
1 st Semester Academic Yr 19/20			

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	23 rd September 2019	13 th December 2019	82 Days
Term II	3 rd February 2020	2 nd May 2020	91Days
Term III	25 th May 2020	11 th August 2020	77 Days
	Total		Days

B. DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION PRIMARY

Session	Opening of Term	Closing of Term
1 st Session	4 th May 2020	22 nd May 2020
2 nd Session	23 rd August 2020	11 th September 2020
3 rd Session	1 st December 2019	31 st January 2020
SESEMAT TRAINING FOR NTCs		

C. THEORY EXAMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL TEACHERS' COLLEGES

A	Diploma Secondary Education (DES)	29 th July 2020	10 th August 2020
B	Diploma Primary Education (DEP)	17 th January 2020	31 st January 2020

N.B.

- (i) All DEP 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 26th May, 2013 to 14th July 2013
- (iv) School Practice for Diploma in Education Primary to be conducted during term time as this is an on-job Distance Education Programme.

10. OTHER ACTIVITIES

	ACTIVITIES	TENTATIVE DATES
a.	Placement of P7 and S4	
	Placement of P7 leavers	January 2020
	Placement of S4 Leavers	January 2020
b.	National Schools' Science & Agriculture Fairs	
	Primary (This will double as the Education week) The theme will be communicated during the course of 1st term.	
	Secondary Schools -Regional Science Fair -National Science Fair	Term II 2020
	Tertiary Institutions	
c.	World Teacher's Day National celebrations. Venue " <i>to be decided</i> "	5 th October 2020
	DEAR Day	12 th March 2020
	Primary Music Dance and Drama festival	25 th - 29 th August 2020
	3 rd National Teachers' Conference	1 st - 4 th September 2020
d.	Annual School Career Events	
	○ Secondary Schools	
	○ BTVET institutions	
	○ Primary Teachers' Colleges	
e.	National Book Week	
f.	National Music, Dance and Drama Competitions	

11. SCHOOLS' AND OTHER TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS' GAMES AND SPORTS

CALENDAR – 2020

Date	Activity	Organized by	Venue
March			
29 th -31 st	National Intercollegiate Tertiary Institution (NITI) Games UTCs/UCCS/NTCs/ Tutors Colleges/Other Specialized Departments; Agriculture/Forestry/Fisheries/Meteorology (Athletics/ X - Country/Basketball/ Board Games Football/ Handball/ Volleyball/Netball/ Wood ball/Rugby)	Intercollegiate Principals Sports Association (IPSA)	UCC Pakwach - Pakwach / UTC Kichwamba - Kabarole
24 th – 27 th	All Institutions Goal Ball Competitions for Students with Learning Needs – The blind (IUGC - SNE)	Uganda Paralympics Committee (UPC)	Lugogo – Kampala Uganda
April			
1 st -7 th	(NITI) Games continued	IPSA	UCC Pakwach
24 th -30 th	National Technical Schools and Community Polytechnics Games (NTSCP) (Athletics/ Board Games/ Cross Country/ Football/Handball/Netball/Volleyball/Wood ball and Demonstrations of Cricket)	Vocational Schools Sports Association (VSSA)	Ruharo Vocational Training Institute – Mbarara/ Rweziringiro TS-Isingiro/ Kakiika TS-Mbarara
May			
1 st – 5 th	NTSCP Games Continued	VSSA	As above
5 th – 14 th	National Secondary Schools Racket, Bat And Ball Games I (Badminton/Tennis/Table Tennis/Basketball/Girls Football/ Hockey/ Rugby, Demonstration of Wood ball	USSSA	Sacred Heart - Gulu
5 th – 18 th	Copa Coca Cola	Coca Cola	Mvara SS - Arua
6 th – 16 th	National Primary Schools Kids and SNE Athletics Championship	UPSGSA	Sironko/ Kitgum/ Masaka/Busia District
June			
28 th - 30 th	Secondary Schools National Swimming (SSNS) Gala; Racket/Bat/Board Games	USSSA	Kampala Region
29 th - 30 th	Disability Cricket	UPS & UCA	Kyambogo University

July			
5 th – 12 th	National Secondary Schools Ball Game II (Handball/Netball/Volleyball/Swimming/Board Games/FUFA S1 & S2 tournaments. Athletics & Cross Country Championship)	USSSA	Dr. Obote SS and St. Catherine SS - Lira
23 rd - 31 st	ALL AFRICA University Games (FASUG)	FAUSU	Rabat - Morocco -
August			
1 st – 5 th	FASU GAMES Continued		Rabat - Morocco
13 th – 23 rd	18 th Edition of East Africa Secondary Schools Games (FEASSA and Primary School Athletics/Netball/Football/Handball/Hockey Volleyball/Basketball/Rugby and Swimming)	FEASSA	Kenya
14 th	8 TH Edition of the Education Sector Physical Activity and Sports (ESSR PAS)Gala	PES & ESSR Secretariat	Kampala/Wakiso
20 th – 30 th	7 th Edition of the National Technical & Vocational Institutes/PTC Games (Athletics/Cross Country/Basketball/Football/Handball/Netball/Volleyball/Wood ball/Board Games) and MDD	National Association of PTCs Technical Vocational Institutes Sports Association NAPTVISA	Bukinda PTC – Kabale/Ndegeya CPTC – Masaka/ Bishop Stuart – Mbarara/Kabale TI – Rukungiri
25 th - 31 st	International Paralympic Committee Games	UPC/NCS/PES	Tokyo Japan
26 th – 31 st	Primary Schools and SNE Ball Games	UPSSGA	Masaka/Kabale/ Bushenyi
September			
1 st – 5 th	Primary Schools and SNE Ball Games	UPSSGA	Masaka/Kabale/ Bushenyi
1 st -6 th	International Paralympic Committee Games	UPC/NCS/PES	Tokyo Japan
1 st – 10 th	Health Training Institutions Games (Athletics/X-Country/Handball/ Football/ Netball/Volleyball/Wood ball & Board Games)	APHTIU	Fort portal College of Health Sciences – Kabarole/ Kabale Nursing School/ UIAHMS Mulago - Kampala
25 th -30 th	7 TH Edition of the National Education Institutions Disability Sports Gala	UPC	Mbale
October			
17 th -24 th	International Schools sports Federation Summer Gymnasiade	ISF	Jinjiang - China

25 th -31 st	Tertiary Institutions Champions Championship	Uganda Tertiary Institutions Sports Association (UTISA)	UAHAIMS, Mulago Kampala
November			
1 st – 6 th	Tertiary Institutions Champions Championship	UTISA	UAHAIMS
December			
10 th – 20 th	East Africa Inaugural Games for Tertiary Institutions	Federation of East Africa Tertiary Institutions Regional Sports Associations (FEATIRSA)	Kenya/ Kampala – Uganda/Tanzania
15 th – 22 nd	East Africa University Sport Games	EAUSF	Ndejje University - Luwero

12. PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2020

Wednesday	1 st January, 2020	New year's Day
Sunday	26 th January, 2020	NRM Liberation Day
Sunday	16 th February, 2020	Archbishop Janani Luwum Day
Sunday	8 th March, 2020	Women's Day
Friday	10 th April, 2020	Good Friday
Sunday	12 th April, 2020	Easter Sunday
Monday	13 th April, 2020	Easter Monday
Friday	1 st May, 2020	Labour Day
Wednesday	3 rd June, 2020	Uganda Martyrs' Day
Tuesday	9 th June, 2020	National Heroes' Day
Sunday	24 th May, 2020	Eid -Il- Fitr
Friday	31 st July 2020	Eid al-Adha
Friday	9 th October, 2020	Independence day
Friday	25 th December, 2020	Christmas Day
Saturday	26 th December, 2020	Boxing day

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 respective Universities.
- (ii) The days as recorded on this calendar include public holidays and weekends.
- (iii) The number of weeks in the semester cycle is based on a 7-day working week.
- (iv) The Permanent Secretary Ministry of Education & Sports should be notified of any changes in the schedules in the calendar.

14. COMPLIANCE BY ALL

This calendar must be complied with by all Education Institutions (Government and Private). No teaching shall take place in any institution during designated holidays without the written permission of the Permanent Secretary. Also note that violation of this calendar shall invite disciplinary action against 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

“ Head Public Service/Secretary to Cabinet

“ 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**
- “ **Principal Private Secretary to H.E The President**
- “ **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**
- “ **Vice Chancellors, Public Universities & Private Universities**
- “ **Co-ordinator, Education Development Partners**
- “ **Education Secretaries:** - **Uganda Catholic Secretariat**
 - **The Province of the Church of Uganda**
 - **Muslim Supreme Council**
 - **Seventh Day Adventists Church**
- “ **Secretary, Uganda National Teachers’ Union**