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

## SCHOOLS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS CALENDAR FOR 2024

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

Term	From	To	DAYS
Term I	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February, 2024	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May, 2024	89 Days
Term II	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August, 2024	89 Days
Term III	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September, 2024	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	82 Days
	<b>Total</b>		<b>260 Days</b>

### Holidays

Term	From	To	DAYS
1 <sup>st</sup> Term Holidays	4 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024	26 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024	23 Days
2 <sup>nd</sup> Term Holidays	24 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024	15 <sup>th</sup> September, 2024	23 Days

3 <sup>rd</sup> Term Holidays	7 <sup>th</sup> December, 2024	2 <sup>nd</sup> February, 2025	57 Days
	<b>Total</b>		<b>103Days</b>

**PROPOSED DATES FOR S.1, S5 AND YEAR I FOR TECHNICAL/FARM SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY POLYTECHNICS START OF TERM 1 2024**

Event	Dates
Placement of P.7 leavers	24 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
S1 Reporting for 1 <sup>st</sup> Term 2024	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Placement of S.4 leavers	8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
S5 Reporting for 1 <sup>st</sup> Term 2024	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Note:**

- i. Teaching and learning should start promptly at the beginning of each school term, and the school terms should not be cut short without prior written permission from the Permanent Secretary.
- ii. All Headteachers of Boarding Schools, especially those in Kampala City, Mukono and Wakiso districts, should ensure that they stagger the starting dates for different classes over the week preceding the official opening and closing dates of the terms. This is intended to mitigate the inconveniences of traffic congestion.
- iii. All school open-days, visitation days and other annual functions should be set by individual schools and institutions during the school term.
- iv. School and institutions should sensitize parents and other stakeholders about the School Calendar.

**2. TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL AND FARM INSTITUTES:**

VET CALENDAR 2024			
Period	From	To	Duration
Term 1	1 <sup>st</sup> February, 2024	03 <sup>rd</sup> May, 2024	90 days
Term 2	29 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024	24 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024	84 days
Term 3	16 <sup>th</sup> September, 2024	6 <sup>th</sup> December, 2024	79 days
Industrial Training	January	-	30 days

**3. UGANDA TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND UGANDA COLLEGES OF COMMERCE:**

<b>UGANDA TECHNICAL COLLEGES</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Duration</b>
Year 1 (2022/23 -January 2022 Intake)	Two	04 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023	15 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023	15 Weeks
Year 1 (2023/24 Intake)	One	04 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023	15 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023	15 Weeks
Year 1 (2022/23 - January 2022 Intake)	Recess Term	18 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023	9 <sup>th</sup> February, 2024	08 Weeks
Year 1 (2023/2024 intake)	Recess Term	18 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023	28 <sup>th</sup> January, 2024	06 weeks
Year 2 (2022/23 - January 2022 Intake)	One	12 <sup>th</sup> February, 2024	17 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024	14 weeks
Year 1 (2023/2024 intake)	Two	29 <sup>th</sup> January, 2024	17 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024	17 weeks
Year 2 (2022/23 - January 2022 Intake)	Two	18 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024	02 <sup>nd</sup> June, 2024	2 Week s
Year 1 (2023/2024 intake)	Recess Term	18 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024	23 <sup>rd</sup> August, 2024	14 Weeks
Year 2 (2022/23 - January 2022 Intake)	Recess Term	03 <sup>rd</sup> June, 2024	23 <sup>rd</sup> August, 2024	12 weeks
Year 2 (2022/23 - January 2022 Intake)	Recess Term	02 <sup>nd</sup> September, 2024	1 <sup>st</sup> December, 2024	15 weeks
Year 2 (2023/2024 intake)	One	02 <sup>nd</sup> September, 2024	13 <sup>th</sup> December, 2024	17 weeks
Year 1 (2024/2025 intake)	One	02 <sup>nd</sup> September, 2024	13 <sup>th</sup> December, 2024	17 weeks
Year 2 (2023/2024 intake)	Recess Term	16 <sup>th</sup> December, 2024	31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2025	7 weeks
Year 1 (2024/2025 intake)	Recess Term	16 <sup>th</sup> December, 2024	31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2025	7 weeks
Year 2 (2023/2024 intake)	Two	3 <sup>rd</sup> February, 2025	23 <sup>rd</sup> May, 2025	17 weeks
Year 1 (2024/2025 intake)	Two	3 <sup>rd</sup> February,	23 <sup>rd</sup> May, 2025	17 weeks

		2025		
Year 2 (2023/2024 intake)	Recess Term	2 <sup>nd</sup> June, 2025	29 <sup>th</sup> August, 2025	13 Weeks
Year 1 (2024/2025 intake)	Recess Term	2 <sup>nd</sup> June, 2025	29 <sup>th</sup> August, 2025	13 Weeks

**UGANDA COLLEGES OF COMMERCE (BUSINESS/COOPERATIVE COLLEGES)**

<b>Year/Semester</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>No of weeks</b>
22/2023 (Year 1 Sem 11) & 2023/2024 (Year1 sem1)	04 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023	22 <sup>nd</sup> December, 2023	14 weeks
Industrial training	3 <sup>rd</sup> January, 2024	16 <sup>th</sup> February, 2024	6 weeks
2022/2023 (Year2 Sem1) and 2023/2024 Year 1 Sem 11	19 <sup>th</sup> February, 2024	17 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024	13 Weeks
2022/2023 (Year2, Sem 11) Finalists	27 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024	23 <sup>rd</sup> August, 2024	12 Weeks

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#### 4. HEALTH TRAINING INSTITUTIONS:

<b>NURSING AND MIDWIFERY TRAINING INSTITUTIONS</b>			
	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Duration</b>
January-June Semester	29 <sup>th</sup> January, 2024	28 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024	22 weeks
<b>Holidays</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> July, 2024	19 <sup>th</sup> July, 2024	19 days
July-December Semester	22 <sup>nd</sup> July, 2024	13 <sup>th</sup> December, 2024	21 weeks
<b>Holidays</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> December, 2024	January, 2025	

<b>ALLIED HEALTH TRAINING INSTITUTIONS</b>			
	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Duration</b>
January-June Semester	12 <sup>th</sup> February, 2024	15 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024	17 weeks
Recess Term	17 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024	13 <sup>th</sup> July, 2024	28 days
<b>Holidays</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2024	11 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024	27 days
July-December Semester	12 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024	14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2024	17 weeks
Recess Term	15 <sup>th</sup> December, 2024	15 <sup>th</sup> January, 2025	30 days

#### 5. PRIMARY TEACHERS COLLEGES, NATIONAL TEACHERS' COLLEGES AND HEALTH TUTORS' COLLEGES

Primary Teachers Colleges, National Teachers' Colleges and Health Tutors' Colleges will run on the respective programmes of the universities they are affiliated to; that is, Makerere University for Health Tutors' College, Mulago and Kyambogo University for the others.

#### 6. EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS SPORTS CALENDAR 2024

<b>SPORTS AND GAMES ACTIVITY CALENDAR 2024</b>			
<b>S/N</b>	<b>MONTH</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>HOST/VENUE</b>
<b>JANUARY, 2024</b>			
1	1 <sup>st</sup>	Online Registration - Opens	USSSA Offices
2	3 <sup>rd</sup>	ISF Registration for Championships	USSSA Offices
3	1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Talent Identification Camp - (Athletics Camp)	TBC
4	6 <sup>th</sup>	Elite Secondary School Championship (Meeting)	USSSA Offices
5	8 <sup>th</sup>	Talent Identification Camp - (Athletics Camp)	TBC
6	25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	Elite Secondary School Championship	TBC

7	24 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>	Capacity Building Training (Coaching, Refereeing, Officiation and Media)	TBC
8	24 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>	Zonal Meetings and Work Plan 2024	All Zones
<b>FEBRUARY, 2024</b>			
9	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Capacity Building Training	TBC
10	4 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	Zonal Administration & Management Training	All the 19 Zones
11	11 <sup>th</sup>	Annual School Sports Symposium (ASSS)	Kampala
12	12 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	ISF Fide World School Online Chess	Online
13	14 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting NFs (Fresh Dairy/Football Boys )	USSSA
14	25 <sup>th</sup>	2nd Inspection (National Competitions)	Central Region
15	26 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	FEASS - Annual General Assembly	TBC
<b>MARCH, 2024</b>			
16	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Launch Fresh Dairy Secondary School Games	Kampala
17	11 <sup>th</sup>	Annual School Sports Symposium (ASSS)	Kampala
18	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary School Qualifiers Kick Off (District)	Various Venues
15 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>		FEASSA Inspection (21st Edition)	Uganda
19	30 <sup>th</sup>	Zonal Sports Administration & Management	All the 19 Zones
20	28 <sup>th</sup>	Online Registration - Closes	USSSA Offices
21	28 <sup>th</sup>	Transfer Window - Closes	USSSA Offices
22	30 <sup>th</sup>	Zonal Activations - Fresh Dairy Games	Various Venues
<b>APRIL, 2024</b>			
23	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary School Qualifiers Kick Off (Zonal)	Various venues
24	18 <sup>th</sup>	Submission of Qualified Teams	USSSA
25	19 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup>	Venue Preparation (National Competitions)	Central/Host
26	20 <sup>th</sup>	National Draws and Fixtures	USSSA
27	19 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup>	ISF World Schools Volleyball Championship	Belgrade, Serbia
<b>MAY, 2024</b>			
28	4 <sup>th</sup>	Coordination Meeting (all invited)	USSSA Offices
29	5 <sup>th</sup>	FEASSA 1 <sup>st</sup> preparatory meeting (NOC)	USSSA Office
30	6 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fresh Dairy Secondary School Games	Central/Host
31	4 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary School Football Boys Championship	Central/Host
32	10 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>	ISF World Schools Cross Country	Nairobi, Kenya
33	17 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>	ISF World Schools Football World Cup	Dalian P.R China
34	30 <sup>th</sup>	Evaluation meeting	USSSA Offices
<b>JUNE, 2024</b>			
35	1 <sup>st</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ball Games II Zonal Qualifiers	Various Venues
36	13 <sup>th</sup>	Launch & Draws Ball Games II	Kampala
37	17 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with NFs (Ball Games II)	USSSA

38	18 <sup>th</sup>	Inspection – Ball Games II	Central Region
39	20 <sup>th</sup>	FEASSA 2nd preparatory meeting (NOC)	USSSA Office
40	23 <sup>rd</sup>	ISF World Schools Basketball Championship	Macao, China
41	29 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary School Swimming Gala	Kampala
<b>JULY, 2024</b>			
42	1 <sup>st</sup>	Coordination Meeting Ball Games II	USSSA
43	3 <sup>rd</sup>	ISF World Schools Basketball Championship	Macao, China
44	9 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary School National Ball Games II	Central Region
45	20 <sup>th</sup>	Evaluation meeting	USSSA Office
46	22 <sup>nd</sup>	FEASSA 3rd Preparatory Meeting (NOC)	USSSA Office
47	30 <sup>th</sup>	Registration of Teams for FEASSA	USSSA
<b>AUGUST, 2024</b>			
48	8 <sup>th</sup>	1st Coordination\FEASSA	USSSA Office
49	20 <sup>th</sup>	2nd Coordination\FEASSA	USSSA Office
50	19 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>	FEASSA GAMES 2024	Uganda
51	30 <sup>th</sup>	Evaluation Meeting	USSSA Office
<b>SEPTEMBER, 2024</b>			
52	5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	Inspection of Competition Venues	Host region
53	14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Annual General Assembly (AGM)	TBC, Uganda
54	22 <sup>nd</sup>	TC Commission Meeting – Evaluation	USSSA Office
55	29 <sup>th</sup>	Coordination Meeting (Beach Games) Soccer, Woodball, Volleyball 2024	USSSA Office
56	30 <sup>th</sup>	Talent Identification and Training Camps	TBC
<b>OCTOBER, 2024</b>			
57	10 <sup>th</sup>	2nd Edition of School Mind Games	WAKISHA
58	1 <sup>st</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>	Talent Identification and Training Camps	TBC
59	23 – 31,	ISF World Schools Gymnasiade Games	Manama, Bahrain
60	8 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	1st Inspection of Competition Venues	TBC
61	October	ISF World Teachers Games	France
<b>NOVEMBER, 2024</b>			
62	5 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary Schools National Beach Games	Entebbe, Kampala
24 <sup>th</sup>		USSSA Award Dinner	NCS
<b>DECEMBER, 2024</b>			
63	1 <sup>st</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Capacity Building Training	Various Venues (Across 19 Zones)

## 7. PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day	1 <sup>st</sup> January
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Liberation Day	26 <sup>th</sup> January
Archbishop Janani Luwum Day	16 <sup>th</sup> February
International Women's Day	8 <sup>th</sup> March
Good Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup> March
Easter Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> April
Idd El Fitri	10 <sup>th</sup> April
Labour Day	1 <sup>st</sup> May
Uganda Martyrs' Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> June
National Heroes' Day	9 <sup>th</sup> June
Idd Al Adhwa	17 <sup>th</sup> June
Independence Day	9 <sup>th</sup> October
Christmas Day	25 <sup>th</sup> December
Boxing Day	26 <sup>th</sup> December

### 8. OTHER IMPORTANT DAYS IN THE SCHOOL CALENDAR

Event	Dates
International Day of Education	24 <sup>th</sup> January
School Level Agricultural Education Fair	18 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024
District level Agricultural Education Fair	15 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
The National Population and House Hold Census	9 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> May
International Menstrual Health and Hygiene day	28 <sup>th</sup> May
National level Agricultural Education Fair	10 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Day of African Child	16 <sup>th</sup> June
International Teachers' Day	5 <sup>th</sup> October
International Day of Sports	6 <sup>th</sup> October
International Day for the Girl Child	10 <sup>th</sup> October
Sixteen Days of Activism to End Violence against Children	25 <sup>th</sup> November to 10 <sup>th</sup> December

### 9. 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 week-ends.



- iii. The number of weeks indicated for the semesters is based on a 7-day week.
- iv. Changes in the schedules should be communicated to the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Education and Sports.

## 10. COMPLIANCE BY ALL

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.

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.

Nonadherence of this calendar will attract disciplinary action against the implicated head of school/institution.



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**FOR: PERMANENT SECRETARY**

- Cc. Rt. Hon. Prime Minister
- “ 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

- Uganda Business Technical Examination Board
- Uganda Allied Health Examination Board
- “ The Executive Secretary Uganda Nurses and Midwives Examination Board
- “ The Director - National Curriculum Development Center
- “ The Director - Directorate of Education Standards
- “ Chair, Education Development Partners
- “ Education Secretaries:
  - Uganda Catholic Secretariat
  - The Province of the Church of Uganda
  - Muslim Supreme Council
  - Uganda Muslim Education Association
  - Seventh Day Adventists Church
  - The Orthodox Church in Uganda
- “ General Secretary, Federation of Non-state Education Institutions of Uganda
- “ Heads of Uganda National Teachers' Union
- “ The Chairperson, Association of Secondary Schools Headteachers of Uganda

