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## **OBSERVANCE OF THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR FOR EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026**

On 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025, the Ministry issued a Calendar for Education Institutions for the Year 2026 (**copy attached**). The Calendar indicates the dates of opening and closing of the School terms and Institutional semesters for the Academic Year 2026 as 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 and 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 respectively. This applies to both Public and Private Education Institutions with exception of Universities which determine their own Calendar.

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It has come to our attention that some individuals are circulating on Social and other Media platforms Calendars purported to be issued by the Ministry which is not true. We are also informed that some Education Institutions have opened for Term One while others are planning to open before the stipulated time.

The purpose of this letter is to:

1. Direct all Education Institutions that are affected by the Official Calendar for 2026 as issued by the Ministry, not to open for Term/Semester One for 2026 before the official date given on the Calendar.
2. Inform you that any Head of an Education Institution who will open or close the Institution before the official dates will be personally held responsible and face disciplinary action in accordance with the law.

Your cooperation on this matter is highly anticipated.



Dr. Kedrace R. Turyagyenda

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## **SCHOOLS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS CALENDAR FOR 2026**

### **1. PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Term	From	To	DAYS
Term I	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February, 2026	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May, 2026	89 Days
Term II	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May, 2026	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> August, 2026	89 Days
Term III	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September, 2026	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2026	82 Days
	<b>Total</b>		<b>260 Days</b>
<b>HOLIDAYS</b>			
Term	From	To	DAYS
1 <sup>st</sup> Term Holidays	2 <sup>nd</sup> May, 2026	24 <sup>th</sup> May, 2026	23 Days
2 <sup>nd</sup> Term Holidays	22 <sup>nd</sup> August, 2025	13 <sup>th</sup> September, 2026	23 Days
3 <sup>rd</sup> Term Holidays	5 <sup>th</sup> December, 2026	31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2027	58 Days
	<b>Total</b>		<b>104</b>

### **SECONDARY SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES, 2026**

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



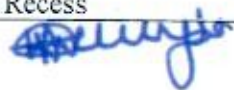
## 2. HEALTH TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

PERIOD	ACTIVITY	NURSING AND MIDWIFERY TRAINING INSTITUTIONS	ALLIED HEALTH TRAINING INSTITUTIONS
JANUARY – JUNE SEMESTER	Beginning of the semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2026	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	15 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
	End of Semester	27 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	27 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
	Recess Term	Not applicable	29 <sup>th</sup> June – 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
	Holidays	29 <sup>th</sup> June – 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	20 <sup>th</sup> July – 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
JULY – DECEMBER SEMESTER	Beginning of the semester	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> November – 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2026	30 <sup>th</sup> November – 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2026
	End of Semester	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2026	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2026
	Recess Term	Not applicable	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2026 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2027
	Holidays	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 – February 2027	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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		



Industrial Training	8 <sup>th</sup> December to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2027	42
Total		
<b>HOLIDAYS</b>		
<b>TERM</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>DAYS</b>
Term I	2nd May 2026 to 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	22
Term II	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2026 to 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	20
Term III	4 <sup>th</sup> December 2026 to 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2027	36
<b>Others Activities</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ National Skills Exhibition April 2026</li> <li>➤ Games and Sports 23<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026 (holiday period)</li> <li>➤ National Skills competitions 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>➤ International Skills Competition in Changai-China 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026</li> <li>➤ Deadline for Submission of TVET Application forms for VTIs – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026</li> <li>➤ VTIs Placement/Selection of trainees - 23<sup>th</sup> February- 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026</li> <li>➤ Reporting of New Trainees for Year 1 2026 - 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026</li> </ul>		

## 6. TVET OM COLLEGES CALENDAR 2026/2027

Term	From	To	Weeks
Semester I	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026	18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026	16
Semester II	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2027	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027	16
Industrial Training	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2027	27 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> January 2026	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	
School Practice	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	
Semester II Holiday	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> August 2026	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	
Semester I	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2026	

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




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

*Note:*

## 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.**

  
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