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

On 24th 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 2nd February 2026 and 1st May 2026 respectively. This applies to both Public and Private Education Institutions with exception of Universities which determine their own Calendar.



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.



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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

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		

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		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ 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 – 23rd 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 27th 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 29th 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

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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.

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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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