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TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (TVET) COLLEGE ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2026

NATIONAL CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL (NCV)

ANNUAL	STAFF COMMENCES	CLASSES COMMENCE	CLASSES END	EXAM DATE	COLLEGES CLOSE	LECTURING DAYS	LECTURING STAFF SERVICE DAYS
Term 1	06 January	12 January	01 April	Supplementary Examination: 16 February – 27 February	01 April	58	62
Term 2	13 April	13 April	10 June		10 June	41	41
Term 3	07 July	07 July	16 September	Days for the Internal Examinations	16 September	51	51
Term 4	28 September	28 September	23 October	Life Skills & Computer Literacy (P2): 19 – 23 October Examination: 26 October – 27 November 2026	11 December	20	55
					YEAR TOTALS:	**170**	**209**

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REPORT 191: BUSINESS AND UTILITY STUDIES

SEMESTER	STAFF COMMENCES	CLASSES COMMENCE	CLASSES END	EXAM DATE	COLLEGES CLOSE	LECTURING DAYS	LECTURING STAFF SERVICE DAYS
Semester 1 Term 1	06 January	12 January	01 April		01 April	58	62
Semester 1 Term 2	13 April	13 April	11 May	12 May – 10 June	10 June	19	41
Semester 2 Term 1	07 July	15 July	16 September		16 September	47	51
Semester 2 Term 2	28 September	28 September	06 November	9 November – 11 December	11 December	30	55
					YEAR TOTALS:	**155**	**209**

REPORT 191: NATURAL SCIENCE STUDIES

TRIMESTER	STAFF COMMENCES	CLASSES COMMENCE	CLASSES END	EXAM DATE	COLLEGES CLOSE	LECTURING DAYS	LECTURING STAFF SERVICE DAYS
Trimester 1	06 January	12 January	20 March	23 March – 17 April	17 April	49	72
Trimester 2	11 May	18 May	24 July	27 July - 18 August	18 August	48	69
Trimester 3	07 September	14 September	20 November	23 November – 11 December	11 December	48	68
					YEAR TOTALS:	**145**	**209**

NOTES
1. The Internal Examinations may be conducted either in the second or third term, for a maximum of fourteen days for NC (V) candidates. 2. Lecturing staff service days when no students are on campus MUST be utilised for lesson planning, assessment planning, subjects and faculty meetings, lecturer training, work integrated learning and work-based, and administrative work. 3. All NATED examinations are assured under the Quality Council for Trades & Occupations (QCTO). 4. The final examination dates have been revised as per UMALUSI request to ensure the smooth running of examination administration and the timeous release of results. 5. As the TVET sector has transitioned the TVET Calendar has included the Occupational qualifications. There are two registration cycles of January/ February and July August to assist in the teaching and learning and administration of NSFAS. Each college should design its own rotation plan in agreement with employers. The college opens and closes as per dates on the TVET calendar.

PUBLIC AND COLLEGE HOLIDAYS	
01 JANUARY	NEW YEAR'S DAY
21 MARCH	HUMAN RIGHTS DAY
03 APRIL	GOOD FRIDAY
06 APRIL	FAMILY DAY
27 APRIL	FREEDOM DAY
01 MAY	WORKERS' DAY
15 JUNE	SPECIAL COLLEGE HOLIDAY
16 JUNE	YOUTH DAY
09 AUGUST	NATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
10 AUGUST	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
24 SEPTEMBER	HERITAGE DAY
25 SEPTEMBER	SPECIAL COLLEGE HOLIDAY
16 DECEMBER	DAY OF RECONCILIATION
25 DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DAY
26 DECEMBER	DAY OF GOODWILL

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