



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

EDUCATION

2026 CALENDAR

“LEADING QUALITY TEACHING AND LEARNING THROUGH PARTNERSHIP”



JANUARY	
Virtue - "COMPASSION"	
01	NEW YEARS DAY
02	PEAs and inspectors for Provincial Institutions prepare for teachers' resumption on January 19.
05-06	MPR is printed and delivered to the Assistant Secretary for Provincial Support Services to dispatch to respective provinces. Appointment documents are issued using 2025 staff postings and correct any anomalies in their provinces.
02-30	First Part of Staff Performance Appraisal (SPA) for 2026 commences. Heads of divisions and supervisors meet with their subordinates, discuss DoE priorities and KRAs, assign tasks, and issue SPA to individual officers to complete.
12-16	PEAs and all Supervisory Staff commence one week program of quick visits to accessible institutions to sort out administrative or professional problems. Inspectors assist provinces with Start of School Year related activities.
19	Term 1 begins for teachers today. Head Teachers, Principals, Vocational Centre Managers devote this week to sort out enrolments with governing bodies and teachers. Also, this week is devoted to preparations for a full day of teaching on January 26.
19-23	Teachers complete Resumption of Duty Summary Sheets (RoDSS). Teachers in new positions must complete Form EDB023. Principals, Head Teachers, VC Managers and PAS for respective national institutions to forward RoDSS & EDB023 immediately to PEAs.
23	All PEAs and A&S ensure RoDSS from all schools and Form EDB023 for new appointments are checked, signed and submitted to PDoE and NDoE.
26	All schools begin Term 1. Head Teachers, Principals, and Vocational Centre Managers to ensure that ALL teachers commence a full day of teaching starting today.
30	All Head Teachers, Principals of PHS, SS, NSoEs send special enrolment and staffing reports to provide an update of student numbers and staffing needs for current and following year to all Superintendents for Prep, Primary, Secondary, and General Education Services Division (GES). Managers of PEs to send reports to VETD with copy to PEO.
FEBRUARY	
02	Provinces submit 2025 Staff Posting Lists to GESD, Payroll and TSC. All education TV and radio programs commence. This includes EMTV, NBCTV and NDC Radio.
02-27	Submission of Applications for NDoE and donor sponsored courses for 2026. Teachers and public servants interested in training and seeking NDoE sponsorship to apply to HRM following set processes and procedures.
02-27	Officers due for recreation leave this year to apply using the MyLeavefare Application. HRM to assess, verify and recommend approval. Heads of Divisions and Operations Managers to discuss with individual officers due for leave and draw up a Leave Schedule.
23	Application Forms for Personal Inspections dispatched to all VET institutions.
26	NATIONAL REMEMBRANCE DAY IN MEMORY OF LATE GRAND CHIEF RT. HON. SIR MICHAEL T. SOMARE (FIRST PM).
MARCH	
02	Virtue - "TEAMWORK"
02-31	Heads of schools and institutions to complete and submit Monthly Staffing Returns for February to PDoE and GESD, NDoE. School Nutrition Intervention (NIa) month.
02-31	IHRD Submissions Training Bid Form on DoE/Public Category for Donor Sponsorship to DPM. Applications received by Executive Development Committee (EDC) for Donor Sponsorship via Public Category mid 2026 is coordinated and forwarded to DPM.
05-06	NEB Meeting No. 231
09-13	National School Census Week
13	TSC cancellation of tenure forms due at TSC from PEAs. DoE Divisions closing date for Education Ministry Awards: Nominations from Provincial and DoE Award Committees of any Province.
20	NDoE Training Bid Forms to be submitted to DPM.
27	Deadline to apply for registration of new schools/amendments for 2026. PEAs send NDoE Form EDA212 "Application for Membership/Amendment to registration information to Registrar-School Registration Section, GESD.
27	Application for new Permitted Schools for 2027 due at DoE, GESD. Heads of institutions from Preparatory to High/Secondary, NSoEs, FODE and VET to forward quarterly students returns to GESD.
APRIL	
01	Virtue - "HUMILITY"
01	Heads of schools and institutions to complete and forward Monthly Staffing Returns for March to PDoE and GESD, NDoE.
01-30	Preparations and compilations begin for 2026 Advertised Vacancy Gazette. Gazette is printed and distributed to schools before May 15.
01-30	Screening of Applications for NDoE/Donor Sponsorships for both short- and long-term training/courses in country and overseas. Staff Development Committee and Executive Development Committee meet and screen applications and make recommendations and notify concerned officers.
03	GOOD FRIDAY

EASTER MONDAY	
06	TERM 1 ends for all Preparatory to High/Secondary, NSoE, FODE & VCs.
03	Term 2 begins for all schools and institutions. Head Teachers, Principals, and Vocational Centre's Managers to ensure that all teachers commence a full day of teaching from today.
13	Furlough Leave Applications are sent to PDoE by teachers for 2027.
17	Those teachers whose RoDSS are not at Waigani and PEOs by today will be automatically suspended from Payroll on Pay no: 7.
24	Teachers complete RoDSS and Form EDB023 for any appointment variations. Heads of institutions to check, sign and forward to PEO.
MAY	
01	Heads of schools and institutions to complete and forward Monthly Staffing Returns for May to PDoE and GESD, NDoE.
01-31	Notification of the outcome of EDC/SDC decisions for Sponsorship for courses is delivered to individuals.
04-08	Issue and release of teachers' Eligibility Certificates by GESD and Registration Certificates by TRPD.
04-08	Screening of Applications for Personal Reports for all sectors.
08	Closing date for teachers' Furlough Leave Applications.
15	Advertised Vacancy Gazette released to provinces for application for positions.
15	Deadline for all TSC Forms 28, 29 & 30 to reach Appointment Officer at the Provincial Education Office is July 24.
15	All NIST/PIST funding application due from the provinces to TRPD.
15	Issue of Notification through Application Slips to successful applicants for personal inspections.
15	Deadline for all PEA and DoE AS to advise TSC/FAS HRM of full details of 2025 overseas recruitment requirements.
18-22	Processing of EDA 212 and approvals by TSC for creation, abolition or reclassification of positions for 2026 schools.
22	All PEAs prepare list of Activities for National Education Week Agenda items for PEB.
JUNE	
01	Virtue - "MINDFULNESS"
01	Heads of schools and institutions to complete and forward Monthly Staffing Returns for June to PDoE and GESD, NDoE.
31 st Aug - 04 th Sept	Grade 12 STEM Exams
31 st Aug - 04 th Sept	National Literacy Week
31 st Aug - 04 th Sept	All Inspection Reports to be written by head teachers and principals at this time. This covers Preparatory, Primary, Secondary, FODE, NSoEs and VCs.
11	Teachers wishing to retire or resign at the close of the year must submit request forms.
11	Term 3 ends for all Preparatory to High/Secondary, NSoE, FODE & VCs.
16	51 st INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY
31 st Aug - 18 th Sept	Final Vetting and quality checks of PEB recommendations with Form 30 and 31 at PPD and TSC. Compiling of TSC Tenure Confirmation Gazette.
14-18	Deadline for all Grade 10 SLF to be with the Chairperson for Grade 11 Selections.
14-18	Publication of TSC Tenure Confirmation Gazette and distribution to provinces. Appointing Authorities (PEB/NEB) notifies successful applications through the "Notification of Appointment slip." PEA ensures these slips are received by teachers.
21-30	Term 4 begins for all schools. Head Teachers, Principals, and Vocational Centre Managers to ensure that all teachers commence a full day of teaching from today.
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24-25	NEB Meeting No. 233
28	Heads of institutions from Preparatory to High/Secondary, NSoEs, FODE and VET to forward quarterly students returns to GESD.
JULY	
01	Virtue - "COMMITMENT"
01	Heads of schools and institutions to complete and forward Monthly Staffing Returns for June to PDoE and GESD, NDoE.
06	All schools and Institutions begin Term 3. Head Teachers, Principals, and Vocational Centre Managers to ensure that all teachers commence a full day of teaching from today.
06	All Teachers' Colleges and UoG to submit Graduates' List to TRPD, NDoE who will send updated MPRs to Provinces.
10	All Requests For Teachers Leave dues are at relevant PEO or NDoE Divisions.
10	Deadline for PEAAs, DoF FAS (teaching divisions) & permitted school agencies to submit Annual National Staffing & Enrolment Returns to EMIS & Statistics.
10	Provincial Institutions Submit Programs for National Education Week to PEB for approval; Principals (NI) submit programs to relevant NDoE AS.
17	All requests for teachers due for leave to be submitted to the PEA.
17	Names for caretaker duties and other TSC approved allowances from relevant institutions to be with PEO (PI) or respective NDoE divisions (NI).
17	Processing of EDA 012 for 2026 schools by Payroll in Alesco HRIS to generate school codes and position numbers.

23		NATIONAL REMEMBRANCE DAY	
31		Deadline for Advertised Teaching Positions, TSC Application Forms 28, 29 & 30 to reach Appointment Officer at the Provincial Education Offices.	
AUGUST		Virtue - "SELF-DISCIPLINE"	
01-28		School Nutrition Intervention (NIa) month	
03		Heads of schools and institutions to complete and forward Monthly Staffing Returns for July to PDoE and GESD, NDoE.	
03		Written Expression Examination (Grade 12)	
03-07		National Book Week	
03-07		Appointment Officers Begin Central Sorting.	
03-07		PEB/NEB Subcommittee meetings are scheduled for screening of applications. PEB/NEB meeting are scheduled for endorsement of 2026 teacher appointments.	
03-07		Inspection commences for all sectors including preparatory, primary, high/secondary schools, VCs, FODE and NSoEs.	
03-28		NDoE Officers (PPD, TSC) are in the provinces to begin Central Sorting Exercises and participate in sub-committee meetings to screen and recommend suitable applicants to positions. PEB recommendations for successful applicants are brought back to PPD with all Form 30 for vetting and compiling of TSC Tenure Confirmation Gazette.	
10		GESD notifies PEBS/PEAs/Divisions/TSC and stakeholders of the 2023 school registration amendments through the Instrument of Approval.	
10-14		Payroll distributes Teachers' Leave Circulars for 2026 and resumption circulars for 2027 to Provincial Education Divisions.	
26		NATIONAL REPENTANCE DAY	
SEPTEMBER		Virtue - "CONFIDENCE"	
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VIRTUE - "RESILIENCE"		2026 TERM DATES	
01		Heads of schools and institutions to complete and forward Monthly Staffing Returns for September to PDoE and GESD, NDoE.	
05-09		Lower Secondary School Certificate Written Expression	
12-16		Upper Secondary School Certificate Written Expression	
12-16		Grade 12 STEM Exams	
19-23		Grade 12 STEM Exams	
26		Grade 12 STEM Exams	
2026 NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS DATES		2026 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS DATES	
NO.	NATIONAL EXAMINATION	DAYS	DATES
1	Lower Secondary School Certificate Written Expression (Grade 10)	Thursday	4 June 2026
2	Upper Secondary School Certificate Written Expression (Grade 12)	Monday	3 August 2026
3	Grade 12 STEM Exams	Monday-Friday	31 August-4 September 2026
4	Lower Secondary School Certificate Exams (Grade 10)	Monday-Friday	5-9 October 2026
5	Upper Secondary School Certificate Exams (Grade 12)	Monday-Friday	12-16 October 2026
6	Certificate of Basic Education Exams (Grade 8)	Monday-Thursday	19-22 October 2026
NO.	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	DAYS	DATES
1	New Year's Day	Thursday	1 January, 2026
2	National Remembrance Day of the Late Former Prime Minister, Great Grand Chief Rt. Hon. Sir Michael Thomas Somare	Thursday	26 February, 2026
3	Good Friday	Friday	3 April, 2026
4	Easter Saturday	Saturday	4 April, 2026
5	Easter Sunday	Sunday	5 April, 2026
6	Easter Monday	Monday	6 April, 2026
7	King's Birthday	Wednesday	17 April, 2026
8	National Remembrance Day	Thursday	23 July, 2026
9	National Repentance Day	Wednesday	26 August, 2026
10	Independence Day	Wednesday	16 September, 2026
11	Christmas Day	Friday	25 December, 2026
12	Boxing Day	Saturday	26 December, 2026

JANUARY	

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