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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
					<b>YEAR TOTALS:</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>209</b>

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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
					<b>YEAR TOTALS:</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>209</b>

**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
					<b>YEAR TOTALS:</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>209</b>

NOTES	PUBLIC AND COLLEGE HOLIDAYS	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Internal Examinations may be conducted either in the second or third term, for a maximum of fourteen days for NC (V) candidates.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>All NATED examinations are assured under the Quality Council for Trades &amp; Occupations (QCTO).</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	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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