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Date } 22.10.2024

Circular No: 32/2024

All Chief Secretaries to the Provincial Councils,
All Secretaries to the Provincial Ministries of Education,
All Provincial Directors of Education,
All Zonal Directors of Education,
All Deputy/Assistant Divisional Directors of Education,
All Principal Theros of Pirivenas,
All Principals of Government and Government Approved Private Schools

School Calendar - 2025

01. The School Calendar and related particulars to be followed within the year 2025 are as follows

I. For Sinhala and Tamil Schools

Term	Duration of the Term
First Term	<u>First Phase</u> Monday 27 th January 2025 to Friday 14 th March 2025 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 15.03.2025 to 31.03.2025)
	<u>Second Phase</u> Tuesday 01 st April 2025 to Friday 11 th April 2025 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 12.04.2025 to 20.04.2025)
	<u>Third Phase</u> Monday 21 st April 2025 to Friday 09 th May 2025 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 10.05.2025 to 13.05.2025)
Second Term	Wednesday 14 th May 2025 to Thursday 07 th August 2025 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 08.08.2025 to 17.08.2025)
Third Term	<u>First Phase</u> Monday 18 th August 2025 to Friday 17 th October 2025 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 18.10.2025 to 16.11.2025)
	<u>Second Phase</u> Monday 17 th November 2025 to Friday 19 th December 2025 (both days inclusive)

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II. For Muslim Schools

Term	Duration of the Term
First Term	First Phase Monday 27 th January 2025 to Friday 28 th February 2025 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 01.03.2025 to 31.03.2025)
	Second Phase Tuesday 01 st April 2025 to Friday 11 th April 2025 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 12.04.2025 to 20.04.2025)
	Third Phase Monday 21 st April 2025 to Friday 23 rd May 2025 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 24.05.2025 to 27.05.2025)
Second Term	Wednesday 28 th May 2025 to Tuesday 19 th August 2025 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 20.08.2025 to 24.08.2025)
Third Term	First Phase Monday 25 th August 2025 to Friday 31 st October 2025 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 01.11.2025 to 16.11.2025)
	Second Phase Monday 17 th November 2025 to Friday 19 th December 2025 (both days inclusive)

02. If each Provincial Ministries of Education views that it needs to make changes in the school calendar in accordance with circumstances identical in their respective provinces, this calendar may be amended subject to the following conditions and in compliance with the Circular No. 97/15 dated 08th August 1997 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

2.1. As per the Circular No. 97/15 dated 08th August 1997 issued by the Secretary to the Ministry of Education and Higher Education regarding the school calendar, the emphasis has been given that all schools in Sri Lanka should be held for 210 days per year. However, according to the public holidays of the year 2025 and as the school year starts on 27th of January 2025, it has been impossible to hold the schools for 210 days. Consequently, for the year 2025, all government and government-approved private schools and approved pirivenas should be held for 181 days.

2.2. Since the G.C.E (A/L) Examination 2025 is to be held in October/November and the G.C.E (O/L) Examination-2024 is scheduled in the March of the year 2025, the school vacations should be granted as scheduled in the calendar.

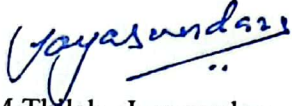
03. All schools will be closed during public holidays declared by the Government, Sundays and school holidays. However, if the school has to be closed on a day when the school should be held due to a special reason, the sessions in lieu of such day have to be held.

04. The Calendar of Public Holidays for the year 2025 is hereby sent to you (Annex-I) and the calendar of the school activities will be published on the website of the Ministry of Education (www.moe.gov.lk).

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In case of any issues arisen during the implementation of this calendar, please feel free to contact the Director of Education, School Activities Branch.

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List of Holidays - 2025

January	13	Monday	Duruthu Full Moon Poya Day	* =
January	14	Tuesday	Tamil Thai Pongal Day	* =
February	04	Tuesday	National Independence Day	* =
February	12	Wednesday	Navam Full Moon Poya Day	* =
March	26	Wednesday	Mahasivarathri Day	* =
March	13	Thursday	Madin Full Moon Poya Day	* =
March	31	Monday	Id Ul-Fitr (Ramadan Festival)	* =
April	12	Saturday	Bak Full Moon Poya Day	* =
April	13	Sunday	Day prior to Sinhala & Tamil New Year Day	* =
April	14	Monday	Sinhala & Tamil New Year Day	* =
April	15	Tuesday	Special Bank Holiday	=
April	18	Friday	Good Friday	* =
May	01	Thursday	May Day	* =
May	12	Monday	Vesak Full Moon Poya Day	* =
May	13	Tuesday	Day following Vesak Full Moon Poya Day	* =
June	07	Saturday	Id Ul-Alha (Hajj festival)	* =
June	10	Tuesday	Poson Full Moon Poya Day	* =
July	10	Thursday	Esala Full Moon Poya Day	* =
August	08	Friday	Nikini Full Moon Poya Day	* =
September	05	Friday	(Milad un-Nabi) Holy Prophet's Birthday	* =
September	07	Sunday	Binara Full Moon Poya Day	* =
October	06	Monday	Vap Full Moon Poya Day	* =
October	20	Monday	Deepavali	* =
November	05	Wednesday	Ill Full Moon Poya Day	* =
December	04	Thursday	Unduvap Full Moon Poya Day	* =
December	25	Thursday	Christmas Day	* =

* Public Holidays = Bank Holidays