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Date } 02.09.2022

**Circular No: 11/2022 (I)**

All Secretaries of the Provincial Councils,  
All Secretaries of 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 - 2022**

Except for the first phase of the first term mentioned under 01 in the Circular No. 11/2022 dated 01.04.2022 issued previously in respect the School Calendar – 2022, rest of the instructions are amended as follows, and the instructions in this Circular come into force hereafter. Accordingly,

01. The school timetable to be followed for the coming period within the year 2022 and related details are given below.

**I. For Sinhala and Tamil Schools**

First Term	<u>Second Phase</u> Monday; 06.06.2022 to Wednesday; 07.09.2022 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be given from 08.09.2022 to 12.09.2022)
Second Term	Tuesday; 13.09.2022 to Thursday; 01.12. 2022 ( both days inclusive ) (Vacation will be given from 02.12.2022 to 02.01.2023 for the Grade 05 Scholarship Examination 2022, G.C.E (Advanced Level) Examination - 2022 and Christmas)
Third Term	Tuesday; 03.01.2023 to Tuesday; 21.03. 2023 ( both days inclusive )

**II. For Muslim Schools**

First Term	<u>Second Phase</u> Monday; 06.06.2022 to Wednesday; 07.09.2022 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be given from 08.09.2022 to 12.09.2022)
Second Term	Tuesday; 13.09.2022 to Wednesday; 14.12. 2022 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be given from 15.12.2022 to 02.01.2023)
Third Term	Tuesday; 03.01.2023 to Tuesday; 21.03.2023 (both days inclusive)

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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 in compliance with the Circular No. 97/15 dated 08<sup>th</sup> 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. However, due to the public holidays of the year 2022, start of school year on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and school closure owing to transport difficulties, it has been impossible to hold the schools for 210 days. Consequently, for the year 2022, all government and government-approved private schools and approved pirivenas should be held for 158 days.

2.2. Since the G.C.E (A /L) Examination 2022 is to be held in December and the G.C.E (O/L) Examination is scheduled in the first part of the year 2023, the school vacations in December should be given as scheduled in the calendar.

03. All schools will be closed during public holidays declared by the Government, Saturdays, Sundays and school vacations. 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 2022 and 2023 is hereby sent to you herewith (Annex I and II)

We kindly inform you to contact the Director of Education (School Activities Branch) if any issue arises during the implementation of this schedule, and you are further informed that an instruction letter will be issued on this later.

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4. Secretary, State Ministry of Dhamma Schools, Pirivenas and Bhikkhu Education
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6. Commissioner General of Examinations
7. Commissioner General of Educational Publications
8. Chief Commissioner - Teacher Education
9. Staff Officers of the Ministry of Education
10. General Manager, Railway Department of Sri Lanka
11. Chairman, Central Environmental Authority



## List of Holidays - 2022

January	14	Friday	Tamil Thai Pongal Day	* =
January	17	Monday	Duruthu Full Moon Poya Day	* =
February	04	Friday	National Independence Day	* =
February	16	Wednesday	Navam Full Moon Poya Day	* =
March	01	Tuesday	Mahasivarathri Day	* =
March	17	Thursday	Madin Full Moon Poya Day	* =
April	13	Wednesday	Day prior to Sinhala & Tamil New Year Day	* =
April	14	Thursday	Sinhala & Tamil New Year Day	* =
April	15	Friday	Good Friday	* =
April	16	Saturday	Bak Full Moon Poya Day	* =
May	01	Sunday	May Day	* =
May	03	Tuesday	Id Ul-Fitr ( Ramadan Festival)	* =
May	15	Sunday	Vesak Full Moon Poya Day	* =
May	16	Monday	Day following Vesak Full Moon Poya Day	* =
June	14	Tuesday	Poson Full Moon Poya Day	* =
July	10	Sunday	Id Ul-Alha (Hajj festival )	* =
July	13	Wednesday	Esala Full Moon Poya Day	* =
August	11	Thursday	Nikini Full Moon Poya Day	* =
September	10	Saturday	Binara Full Moon Poya Day	* =
October	09	Sunday	( Milad un-Nabi ) Holy Prophet's Birthday	* =
October	09	Sunday	Vap Full Moon Poya Day	* =
October	24	Monday	Deepavali	* =
November	07	Monday	Ill Full Moon Poya Day	* =
December	07	Wednesday	Unduvap Full Moon Poya Day	* =
December	25	Sunday	Christmas Day	* =

\* Public Holidays

= Bank Holidays

### List of Holidays - 2023

January	06	Friday	Duruthu Full Moon Poya Day	* =
January	15	Sunday	Tamil Thai Pongal Day	* =
February	04	Saturday	National Independence Day	* =
February	05	Sunday	Navam Full Moon Poya Day	* =
February	18	Saturday	Mahasivarathri Day	* =
March	06	Monday	Madin Full Moon Poya Day	* =
April	05	Wednesday	Bak Full Moon Poya Day	* =
April	07	Friday	Good Friday	* =
April	13	Thursday	Day prior to Sinhala & Tamil New Year Day	* =
April	14	Friday	Sinhala & Tamil New Year Day	* =
April	22	Saturday	Id Ul-Fitr ( Ramadan Festival)	* =
May	01	Monday	May Day	* =
May	05	Friday	Vesak Full Moon Poya Day	* =
May	06	Saturday	Day following Vesak Full Moon Poya Day	* =
June	03	Saturday	Poson Full Moon Poya Day	* =
June	29	Thursday	Id Ul-Alha (Hajj festival )	* =
July	03	Monday	Adhi Esala Full Moon Poya Day	* =
August	01	Tuesday	Esala Full Moon Poya Day	* =
August	30	Wednesday	Nikini Full Moon Poya Day	* =
September	28	Thursday	( Milad un-Nabi ) Holy Prophet's Birthday	* =
September	29	Friday	Binara Full Moon Poya Day	* =
October	28	Saturday	Vap Full Moon Poya Day	* =
November	12	Sunday	Deepavali	* =
November	26	Sunday	Ill Full Moon Poya Day	* =
December	25	Monday	Christmas Day	* =
December	26	Tuesday	Unduvap Full Moon Poya Day	* =

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