



**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER**

MINISTERIAL POLICY STATEMENT NO 02 OF 2024

DATE: 03/06/2024

FILE: CM2-4-2

**TO: ALL PROVINCIAL EDUCATION ADVISORS
ALL CHURCH EDUCATION SECRETARIES
ALL PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT EDUCATION BOARDS
ALL DISTRICT EDUCATION ADVISORS AND COORDINATORS
ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS INSPECTIONS/ INSPECTORS
ALL REGIONAL GUIDANCE OFFICERS/ GUIDANCE OFFICERS
ALL HEADS OF SCHOOL**

**SUBJECT: CHANGE OF EDUCATION CALENDAR DATES FOR TERMS 2, 3
AND 4**

1. AUTHORITY

This Ministerial Policy Statement (MPS) is issued under Section 27 of the Education Act 1983.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ministerial Policy Statement (MPS) is to inform all education authorities and partners in education of the changes made to the National Education Calendar dates for Terms 2, 3 and 4 due to the deferral of PNG Games and the inclusion of National Census in 2024.

3. APPLICATION

All Education Authorities and Schools in the National Education System (NES) are to implement this Ministerial directive.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1. The PNG Games was initially scheduled for Term 3 holidays but this has been cancelled and deferred to 2025.
- 4.2. The National Executive Council (NEC) has approved the National Census to be conducted from the 17th – 30th June, 2024.
- 4.3. The above changes have forced the Ministry to alter the 2024 National Education Calendar holiday dates.
- 4.4. The Department is tasked to take immediate steps to change the dates for Term 2, 3 and 4 instructions and holiday dates, without changing the total annual instructional weeks and hours.

5. IMPLEMENTATION

- 5.1. This MPS is to take immediate effect throughout all schools in the National Education System.
- 5.2. A Secretary's Circular Instruction (SCI) will be issued to provide clear implementation details of this policy.

6. CONCLUSION

I instruct every school leader and authority in the national education system to comply.



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Minister for Education





DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SECRETARY'S CIRCULAR INSTRUCTION NO 07 OF 2024

DATE: 07/06/2024

FILE: CM2-4-2

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL EDUCATION CALENDAR DATE CHANGES FOR TERMS 2, 3 AND 4

1. AUTHORITY

This Secretary's Circular Instruction (SCI) is issued under Section 28 of the National Education Act 1983. It is to be read in conjunction with Ministerial Policy Statement (MPS) No 02 of 2024.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this SCI is to inform all education authorities and stakeholders of the changes made to the National Education Calendar dates for the remainder of this year, consistent with MPS 02/2024.

3. APPLICATION

All Education Authorities and Schools operating in the National Education System (NES) are to implement this SCI.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1. The PNG Games which was initially scheduled for Term 3 holidays has been deferred to 2025.

4.2. The National Executive Council (NEC) has approved the National Census to take place from the 17th – 30th June, 2024.

4.3. These changes have affected the 2024 National Education Calendar.

4.3. The Department complies with the MPS 02/2024 and changes are made to the Terms and holidays dates for Terms 2, 3 and 4, 2024.

5. IMPLEMENTATION

5.1. The changes made to the 2024 Education Calendar are as follows

Table 1: Date Changes of Terms 2, 3, & 4

Terms	Start of Term	End of Term	No. of Weeks	Term Holiday
2	Monday, 15 th April	Friday, 14 th June	9	17 – 28 June, 2024
3	Monday, 1 st July	Friday, 13 th September	11	16 th - 20 th September, 2024
4	Monday, 23 rd September	Friday, 6 th December	11	December, 9 th 2024 – Monday 17 th January 2025

5.2. Teachers involved in the National Census are required to resume duties as soon as their assigned duties are completed.

5.3. Any teacher found abusing this privilege of participating in the National Census will face the necessary disciplinary charges.

5.4. Teachers who will be attending pre-training for the National Census are advised to make relief arrangements.

5.5. Terms 2, 3 and 4 teaching and assessment programmes are rescheduled accordingly.

5.6. School Inspectors and District Education Officers are to provide the overall supervision and support for a successful National Census.

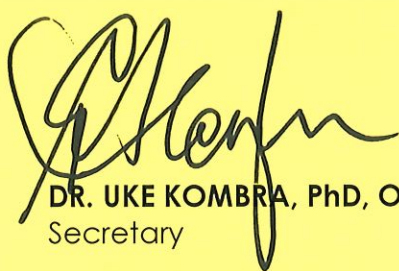
6. COMPLIANCE

6.1. This SCI must be implemented immediately throughout the National Education System.

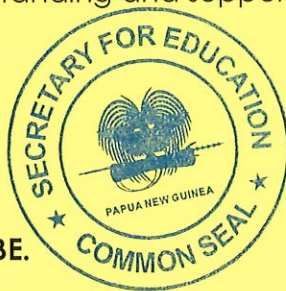
7. CONCLUSION

Every school leader and authority in the national education system must comply with the changes to ensure the 41 weeks of instructional hours in the whole year is not affected.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



DR. UKE KOMBRA, PhD, OBE.
Secretary



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