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ORDER N° **26 / 00772** / MINESUP/SG/DCAA/DAJ/SDSAA/SAAST/ **07 JUL 2026**
PRESENT THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR OF HIGHER EDUCATION
INSTITUTIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON FOR THE 2026/2027
ACADEMIC YEAR

THE MINISTER OF STATE, MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

- Mindful of the Constitution;
- Mindful of Directive No. 01/06-UEAC-019-CM-14 of 11 March 2006 on the implementation of BMD System (Bachelor, Master, Doctorate) in Universities and Higher Education Institutions in the CEMAC Zone;
- Mindful of Directive No. 02/06-UEAC-019-CM-14 of 11 March 2006 on the organization of University Studies in the CEMAC Zone within the framework of the BMD System (Bachelor, Master, Doctorate);
- Mindful of Law No. 2023/007 of 25 July 2023 on the orientation of Higher Education in Cameroon;
- Mindful of Decree No. 97/027 of 19 January 1993 to lay down General regulations governing Universities, as amended and supplemented by Decree No. 2005/342 of 10 September 2005;
- Mindful of Decree No. 2011/408 of 09 December 2011 on the organization the Government;
- Mindful of Decree No. 2012/433 of 1st October 2012 on the organization of the Ministry of Higher Education;
- Mindful of Decree No. 2019/002 of 4 January 2019 to reshuffle the Government;
- Mindful of Order N° 17/00260/MINESUP/SG/DAJ/DDES/ of 28 April 2017 to lay down the Regime and organization of Academic Supervision of State Universities or accredited Institutions over private Institutes of Higher Education.

HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER I:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. This order presents the academic calendar of Higher Education Institutions in the Republic of Cameroon for the 2026-2027 Academic Year.

Article 2. The following are referred to as academic activities in this order:

- teaching, training and learning,
- continuous assessments and syntheses or final exams,
- defence of various works (internship reports, research or professional dissertations ...)

Article 3. (1) The 2026-2027 academic year shall begin on Monday 05 October, 2026 and imperatively end on Friday 30th July, 2027 in all Higher Education Institutions in the Republic of Cameroon;

(2) the administrative staff shall resume work on the 1st of September, 2026;

(3) Guidance, pre-registration and registration for undergraduates shall begin on Monday 07th September, 2026.

CHAPTER II:

STRUCTURE OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Article 4. (1) The aforementioned academic year shall comprise of two (2) semesters with two (2) periods of break as follows:

- 1st break: From Friday 18th December, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. to Friday 01st January, 2027 at 3:30 p.m.
- 2nd break: From Friday 05th March, 2027 at 3:30 p.m. to Friday 26th March, 2027 at 3:30 p.m.
- 3rd break: the period of the university games.

Article 5. Holidays for universities shall begin on Monday 02nd August, 2027 at 7:30 p.m. and end on Tuesday 31st August, 2027 at 3:30 p.m.

Article 6. (1) Periods assigned for national examinations (BTS, HND) and competitive entrance examinations into State Universities and Higher Education Institutions with Special Status under academic supervision, shall be as follows:

- May-July 2027 for national examinations (BTS, HND);
- March-September 2027 for competitive entrance examinations.

(2) Examination dates shall be indicated and communicated by specific texts of the Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education.

CHAPTER III

PEDAGOGIC ORGANISATION

Article 7. The academic year shall comprise two (2) semesters for a total of at least twenty-eight (28) weeks and at most thirty-two (32) weeks of effective teaching.

Article 8. Semesters mentioned under article 7 above shall be divided as follows:

(1) 1st semester: From Monday 05th October, 2026 to Friday 26th February, 2027;

2nd semester: From Monday 29th March, 2027 to Friday 30th July, 2027;

(2) Graduation period shall run from 1st August, to 31st August, 2027.

Article 9. (1) In the Institutions, each semester shall comprise teachings, continuous assessment, synthesis or final exams, and possibly, defence of various works (internship reports, academic and professional dissertations ...).

(2) During each semester, heads of university institutions must ensure that teaching is carried out properly, that curricula and their progression are respected, and that continuous synthesis assessments and final exams or possibly, defence of various works are well organised (internship reports, academic and professional dissertations ...).

Article 10. (1) Heads of institutions should organise mid-term and end of semester teaching councils to assess academic activities, laying emphasis on:

- the coverage rate of the semester programmes;
- the average success rate in continuous assessments;
- the success rate per teaching unit for the end of semester balance sheet.

(2) Reports of the said councils shall be forwarded to the Heads of Institutions, who shall make a summary within two weeks to the Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education.

(3) At the end of the academic year, a general report on all the academic activities shall be sent to the Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education by the Head of the Institution.

Article 11. (1) The synthesis or final exams in each Teaching Unit cannot take place less than seven (07) days after the publication of continuous assessment marks in the said Teaching Unit.

(2) The synthesis for the resit or resit exams of a given Teaching Unit may not take place less than five days (05) after the publication of the synthesis or final results of the said Teaching Unit.

(3) Defence of various works (internship reports, dissertations...) shall take place before the end of the semester concerned, in the strict respect of the academic calendar.

Article 12. For purposes of rational management of Teaching Units (TU) and modules, it is recommended to group all Teaching Units of the given module of the same semester. To this end:

(1) The end of each semester will be marked by the following:

- the publication of the overall results of teaching units and Modules;
- the publication of the list of students who failed at the end of the semester and who are authorized to resit the exams after publication of results.

(2) Transcripts shall be systematically produced at the end of each semester.

Article 13. At the end of the academic year, all graduates must receive an end-of- course certificate duly signed by the Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education.

CHAPTER IV:

MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 14. Pedagogic training sessions for newly recruited teachers shall take place during the month of November 2026.

Article 15. (1) University Games shall be organised within the interval of Saturday February 13th to Saturday, May 15th 2027.

2) During this period, unless otherwise authorised by the Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education, classes are suspended in all university Institutions.

Article 16. Pre-registration, selection and postgraduate registration, (Master's level II and Doctorate) shall officially take place before Monday 02nd November, 2026, date of resumption of classes for these cycles.

Article 17. Elections for Student delegates shall take place during the month of December 2026.

Article 18. The 2026/2027 specific academic calendars of each Higher Education Institution, adjusted to the present general calendar, should be sent to the Ministry of Higher Education latest September 18th 2026.

Article 19. Apart from legal civil and religious feast days including those fixed by decree of the President of the Republic, Head of State, any other interruption of academic activities shall be authorised in advance, by the Head of the University Institution.

Article 20. Heads of University Institutions and the Director for the Coordination of Academic Activities are responsible, each in his/her own sphere, for the implementation of this order, which shall be registered and communicated wherever necessary.

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