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**Africa and Indian
Ocean Countries**



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Country	Examination at end of secondary schooling	Calendar	Results released
ALGERIA	Baccalaureate Examinations	Academic Year: September to June with a 15-day break in December and another in March. -Exams in May/June	-July
ANGOLA	Secondary School Leaving Certificate	Academic Year: January to November Exams held in November	-January
BENIN	Exit Examination – Baccalaureate Examinations	Academic Year: October to July (October to January, January to March, April to July) -Exams in May/June	-July
BOTSWANA	Botswana General Certificate of Education (BGCE)	-Exams are held twice a year: June November	-August -January
BURUNDI	National Secondary Education Advanced Level Examinations	November	March
CAMEROON	GCE A-Level (Anglophone Part of Cameroon) Baccalaureate	Academic Year: September to June -Exams in May/June	-July/August
COMOROS	Baccalaureate exams	-May Exam Session -November Exam Session	-July -January
COTE D'IVOIRE	Baccalaureate exams	-May Exam Session -November Exam Session	-July -January
DJIBOUTI		Academic Year: September to June	

EGYPT	Baccalaureate exams	-May Exam Session -November Exam Session	-July -January
ETHIOPIA	-A-Level Exams -International Baccalaureate	For A-Level: -June -November For BAC Exams: -May Exam Session -November Exam Session	Results are released: -July/August -January
GAMBIA	West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE)	Exams are held twice a year: -May/June -November/December	-September -February
GHANA	West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE)	Exams are held twice a year: -May/June -November/December	-September -February
KENYA	-Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE)	Academic Year: January to December Exams: October/November.	February
LESOTHO	Advanced (A) level Examinations	Examinations are taken in November.	February
LIBERIA	West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE)	Exams are held twice a year: -May/June -November/December	-September -February
MADAGASCAR	International Baccalaureate	-May Exam Session -November Exam Session	-July -January
MALAWI	GCE A-Level Examinations	Academic year: September to June -Exams in June	-August

MAYOTTE	International Baccalaureate	-May Exam Session -November Exam Session	-July -January
MOROCCO	International Baccalaureate	-May Exam Session -November Exam Session	-July -January
MALDIVES	GCE A-Level Examinations	Academic Year: February to December Exams held in November	-January
MOZAMBIQUE	3 year pre-university: University preparatory track of secondary education Or Cambridge A-Level Examinations	A-Level Exams are held twice a year: -June -November	-August -January
NAMIBIA	International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)	-May/June Exam Session -October/November Exam Session	-August -January
NIGER	Baccalaureate Examinations	May	-July
NIGERIA	West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE)	Exams are held twice a year: -May/June -November/December	-September -February
RWANDA	National Secondary Education Advance Level Exam	November	March
SENEGAL	-A-Level Exams -International Baccalaureate	For A-Level: -June -November For BAC Exams: -May Exam Session -November Exam Session	-July/August -January

SEYCHELLES	National School Certificate A-Level Exams	Exams held in October/November	January/February
SIERRA LEONE	West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE)	Exams are held twice a year: -May/June -November/December	-September -February
SOUTH AFRICA	-Senior Certificate Examination	Academic Year: January to December Exams held in November	-February/March
SUDAN	Higher Secondary School Certificate Secondary School Diploma	Academic Year: July to March Exam held in March	
SWAZILAND	Advanced (A) level Examinations	Academic Year: August to May Exams are held in June	August
TANZANIA	Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (ACSEE)	Academic Year: January to December Exams held in November	March
UGANDA	Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education(UACE) (Higher School Certificate - A-Level)	Exams held between October and December	February/March
ZAMBIA	-A-Level Exams	-June -November	-July -January
ZIMBABWE	A-Level Exams	Academic Year: January to December Exams held twice: June and November	August and January

Note:

1. KCSE stands for the **Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education**, which is taken at the completion of Secondary Education.
2. In Uganda, students receive the **Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE)** when they finish the 2-year upper secondary school. It is comparative to GCE A-Level in the UK. UACE is also known colloquially as "A-Level"
3. The country members of the West African Examinations Council (Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone) undertake the international examinations **West African Senior School Certificate Examinations (WASSCE)** which replaced the GCE (O and A Level) Examinations.
4. The East African Community which consisted of Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda has been joined by Burundi and Rwanda. They form member of one Examination Board.
5. The British Council is established in the following countries and hold different UK examinations:

Botswana, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
6. TANZANIA: Opening Term 1 January 9 - March 30 56 teaching days Mid-term closure April 2 - 9 6 closure days (Easter holiday) Continuing Term 1 April 10 - June 22 52 teaching days End of Term 1 break June 22 - July 6 17 closure days Opening Term 2 July 9 - August 2 18 teaching days Mid-term closure August 3 - September 7 35 closure days (National Census) Continuing Term 2 September 10 - December 14 69 teaching days