

Dear IOL Student,

Important notice: Postponement of School Based Studies (SBS).

In accordance with the announcement by His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Namibia, on 30 June 2021, regarding the revised regulations, more specifically, AMENDED CIRCULAR: FORM ED:7/2021 with subject: Amendment to formal education circular 7 of 2021: School operations amid COVID-19 for the remainder of the 2021 school year. The circular state that the winter holiday for Pre-primary to Grade 9 is further extended until 3 August 2021. Learners should return to school for face-to-face teaching and learning on the 4th of August 2021. In light of the current trajectory of the COVID-19 pandemic the Ministry found it imperative to further amend the calendar which includes the Grade 10, 11 and Advanced Subsidiary learners and teachers which were due to return to school on the 19th of July 2021 for face-to face teaching and learning. They will now resume with face- to- face teaching and learning on 4 August 2021.

The amended calendar below:

Term	School Calendar for Learners Pre-Primary - Grade 9	Days	Grade 10 - AS	Days	School Calendar for Teachers
Term 1 First Day Last Day	26 January 2021 30 April 2021	66	26 January 2021 30 April 2021	66	14 January 2021 5 May 2021
Term 2 First Day Last Day	26 May 2021 25 June 2021	23	26 May 2021 30 June 2021	28	26 May 2021 25 June 2021
Term 3 First Day Mid-term break & Home weekend Last School Day	4 August 1 October to 5 October 2021 15 December 2021	91	4 August to 30 1 October to 5 October 2021 15 December 2021	93	2 August 1 October to 5 October 2021 (inclusive of Teachers Day) 17 December 2021
Total School Days for 2021		180		187	

The following courses require 3 weeks teaching at school that was scheduled from 7 June – 25 June 2021, this means all students who could complete their SBS within the given time period should submit their SBS guide as per the dates below.

Course	SBS guide submission date
Advanced Certificate in Senior Primary Education (ACPE)	28 July 2021
Advanced Certificate in Senior Secondary Education (ACSE)	28 July 2021
Diploma in Secondary Education (DSE)	28 July 2021
Certificate in Early Childhood Education (CECE)	28 July 2021

The winter holiday for schools will end 3 August 2021. It is for this reason that the Institute for Open Learning has decided to postpone the SBS for the 2nd term to 4 August 2021 to ensure that students get the necessary time to complete their SBS. All IOL students who attended their SBS during the week of 7 – 25 June 2021, will be granted an additional one, two or three weeks to complete their SBS, at the discretion of each student and as per the number of weeks required for their course. The dates below are provided to ensure that any student who had any issues with isolation, schools closing or due to illness can complete their SBS. If you already completed three weeks you should only return to school for one week, in the event that you could only do one or two weeks you will be granted an additional two or three weeks to complete your SBS.

The next SBS periods will be as listed below:

Courses	SBS Duration	SBS guide submission date
Advanced Certificate in Senior Primary Education (ACPE)	1 Week - 04 - 11 August 2021	13 August 2021
Advanced Certificate in Senior Secondary Education (ACSE)	This date applies to students who have completed 3 weeks between 7-25 June 2021	
Diploma in Secondary Education (DSE)	2 weeks - 04 -18 August 2021	20 August 2021
Diploma in Education (DE)	This date applies to students who have completed 2 weeks between 7-25 June 2021	
Diploma in Education Secondary (DES)	3 weeks - 04- 25 August 2021	27 August 2021
Certificate in Early Childhood Education (CECE)	This date applies to students who have completed 1 week between 7-25 June 2021	
Diploma Junior Primary Education (DJPE)		
Diploma in Pre -Primary Education (DPPE)		
Bachelor in Education Senior Primary (BESP)		
Bachelor in Education Senior Primary (BESP) phase 4		

You will not be required to re-submit Principal Permission Letters (“PPLs”). Please note that the SBS due date is subject to change depending on adjustments to the regulations by the Government.

The current adjustments will have an effect on the 3rd term SBS and will be as follows:

PPL due date	30 September 2021
SBS commence	11 October 2021
SBS ends	12 November 2021

IOL wish to thank every student for their commitment, understanding and support during these truly uncertain times.

For any enquiry or advice please don't hesitate to contact our office via email to SBSIOL@tgh.na