



News Release

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Court Registries to remain open during Vacation

This is to notify court users and the general public that the Court Vacation for Courts of Judicature is from December 23 to January 7 as provided for in the Judicature (Court Vacation) Rules S.I. 13-20. The Rules provide for mandatory court vacation which is the period between the end of one term of court and the beginning of another.

It is however important to note that during Court Vacation, courts remain open for hearing of criminal cases. The registries remain open for registration of new cases of all categories as well as dealing with other registry-related work.

During Court Vacation, Judicial Officers mostly deal with deskwork like writing judgments and rulings.

However, where a civil matter is urgent, a formal application is filed by an interested party for a Certificate of Urgency and if granted, the matter is heard accordingly.

It is therefore important to note that Court Vacation does not mean that courts remain closed and should not be interpreted as such.

Editor's Notes

In Uganda, there are two mandatory court vacations for every court annually and they are part and parcel of the judicial calendar – a Civil Vacation between July and August every year and a general vacation between December and January. The Supreme Court and Court of Appeal's civil vacation is between August 1 and 31, whereas the High Court and Magistrates Courts vacations run between July 15 and August 15. All courts take a general vacation between December 23 and January 7.

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