

## RHODES UNIVERSITY – AMENDED TERM DATES – 2026

Amended due to the Senate decision to move all supplementary examinations to one sitting in 2026 and to facilitate the Senate recommendations regarding the reimagining of assessment.

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| <b>January</b>            | 5             | Monday                                   | University opens                                                                            |
|                           | 12            | Monday                                   | Postgraduate registration opens                                                             |
|                           | 16            | Friday                                   | Initial fee deadline for returning students                                                 |
|                           | 23            | Friday                                   | Initial fee deadline for first-year students                                                |
|                           |               |                                          | Final day for registration for returning UG students                                        |
|                           | 19-30         | Monday - Friday                          | Supplementary exams ( <b>2025</b> supplementary)                                            |
| <b>January / February</b> | 31-01         | Saturday/Sunday                          | On-campus registration for first-time entering students                                     |
| <b>February</b>           | 01            | Sunday                                   | Vice-Chancellor's and SRC President's Opening Address                                       |
|                           | 02            | Monday                                   | Final day for registration for first-time entering students (on campus)                     |
|                           | 02-05         | Monday - Thursday                        | Academic Orientation Week                                                                   |
|                           | 05            | Thursday                                 | Humanities Curriculum approval                                                              |
|                           | 06            | Friday                                   | All Faculties Curriculum approval                                                           |
|                           | 07            | Saturday                                 | Commerce, Science and Humanities Curriculum approval for returning students                 |
|                           | 09            | Monday                                   | Undergraduate lectures begin                                                                |
| <b>March</b>              | 20            | Friday                                   | Undergraduate lectures end                                                                  |
|                           | 21            | Saturday                                 | Mid-Semester vacation begins                                                                |
|                           | 25-27         | Wednesday – Friday                       | Graduation                                                                                  |
|                           | 30            | Monday                                   | Undergraduate lectures begin                                                                |
| <b>April</b>              | 03-6          | Friday - Monday                          | Easter                                                                                      |
| <b>May</b>                | 15            | Friday                                   | Undergraduate lectures end                                                                  |
|                           | 16            | Saturday                                 | Swot period begins                                                                          |
|                           | 21            | Thursday                                 | Swot period ends                                                                            |
|                           | 22            | Friday                                   | Examinations begin                                                                          |
| <b>June</b>               | 12            | Friday                                   | Examinations end                                                                            |
|                           | 13            | Saturday                                 | Mid-year vacation begins                                                                    |
| <b>July</b>               | 06            | Monday                                   | Undergraduate lectures begin                                                                |
| <b>August</b>             | 14            | Friday                                   | Undergraduate lectures end                                                                  |
|                           | 15            | Saturday                                 | Mid-Semester vacation begins                                                                |
|                           | 24            | Monday                                   | Undergraduate lectures begin                                                                |
| <b>October</b>            | 01            | Thursday                                 | Undergraduate lectures end                                                                  |
|                           | 02            | Friday                                   | Graduation for M and PhD graduates<br>Swot period begins                                    |
|                           | 07            | Wednesday                                | Swot period ends                                                                            |
| <b>October</b>            | 08            | Thursday                                 | Examinations begin                                                                          |
| <b>November</b>           | 05            | Thursday                                 | Examinations end                                                                            |
| <b>October - November</b> | 19/10 – 10/11 | Monday - Tuesday                         | Submission of end-of-year exam results to Registrar's Division                              |
| <b>November</b>           | 09/11 – 11/11 | Monday - Wednesday                       | Academic Departments/Faculties to advise Students of supplementary qualifications           |
| <b>November</b>           | 13/11         | Friday                                   | Supplementary examinations ( <b>2026</b> ) begin (Saturdays will be used if required)       |
|                           | 26/11         | Thursday                                 | Supplementary examinations end                                                              |
| <b>December</b>           | 01/12         | Tuesday                                  | Final date for the submission of supplementary results                                      |
|                           | 03-05         | Thursday - Saturday                      | Result printouts to Deans for analysis (including supplementary results)                    |
|                           |               | At least 24 hrs before the Faculty Board | Deans to submit recommendations to the Registrar's Division to photocopy for faculty boards |

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|  | 09/12 – 11/12 | Wednesday - Friday  | Faculty Boards confirm results                                                                       |
|  | 12/12 – 17/12 | Saturday - Thursday | Academic Administration to process Faculty Board decisions in preparation for the release of results |
|  | 15/12         | Tuesday             | University Closes (P&C to confirm)                                                                   |
|  | 16/12         | Wednesday           | Day of Reconciliation                                                                                |
|  | 18/12- 19/12  | Friday - Saturday   | Exam results released to Students                                                                    |

### **TERMS DATES:**

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|---------|------------------------------|
| Term 1: | 09 February – 20 March 2026  |
| Term 2: | 30 March – 12 June 2026      |
| Term 3: | 06 July – 14 August 2026     |
| Term 4: | 24 August – 05 November 2026 |

### **VACATION PERIODS:**

21 March – 29 March 2026  
 13 June – 05 July 2026  
 15 August – 23 August 2026  
 University shutdown: 15 December 2026 (P&C to confirm)

*Please note that although Rhodes University takes care to publish term dates accurately, the academic diary is subject to change.*

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### **ACTING REGISTRAR**

**30 September 2025**