



## Ministry of Technical and Higher Education

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### Prof. Wurie Updates the Press on resolutions reached in a meeting with VC&Ps

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The Minister of Technical and Higher Education, Prof. Alpha Tejan Wurie, has, in a press briefing, informed the media on resolutions that were arrived at in a meeting with Vice Chancellors and Principals (VC&Ps) held on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2022.



The following resolutions were made:

1. That all tertiary institutions will commence the 2022/2023 academic year on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 and end on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2023



**Prof. Alpha Tejan Wurie**  
**Minister, MTHE**

2. That all students who complete Diploma programmes in Sierra Leone's Public Tertiary Institutions will proceed to commence degree programmes at year one, without going back to take the WASSCE

Those with a grade point from above 3.6 will be evaluated for admission into year two. Polytechnics are also to commence science subject options within their professional diploma and higher diploma programs

3. That preliminary year shall be re-introduced for students pursuing Science, Engineering and Technology options only

This will give firmer foundation to science students, before pursuing their chosen options

Polytechnics will start a foundation year in Science and Technology including Mathematics and English

4. That with the education service delivery during pandemics now using the blended method of face-to-face and e-learning, the Tertiary Education Commission, with funds from the Commonwealth of Learning, shall develop an Online Policy that will ensure Quality and Parity of Esteem in the educational output of Sierra Leone's graduates.

According to Prof. Wurie, all examinations must be conducted from the start of May to mid-June, 2023, encompassing the two semesters which would reflect a full academic year. He further stated that those referred will take their reference exams in September, 2023, adding that all students' admissions are expected to be done online on the Learning Management System Platform provided by the Ministry of Technical and Higher Education. This system, he noted, will smoothen the management of students' application, registration, submission of assignments, and accessing of results.

Prof. Wurie commended H.E. President Bio for exhibiting leadership in administering three schemes in higher education, vis-à-vis *National Grant-in-Aid, International Awards, and Students' Loan Scheme*.

MTHE's Deputy Minister, Sarjoh Aziz-Kamara, spoke about the mass entrance into university as a result of President Bio's investment in human capital development. "The SLG cannot suffice. So whilst we still continue the SLG for STEAM, we would have the Students' Loan Scheme introduced not only for students in Sierra Leone but those who will be pursuing international studies on scholarship," he said. In welcoming question from the press, Deputy Minister Aziz-Kamara urged the media to make good use of the opportunity, seek clarifications and ask questions so that they would leave the conference with the right information.



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