## OBLIGATIONS/CONDITIONS FOR DAY RELEASE

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- Devote the full time required for the course
- Do not change course of study without permission from the appropriate authority
- Submit progress reports to HR on a semesterly basis
- Submit copy of award to HR on successful completion of the programme/course
- Complete the requirements of the programme/course
- Ensure that the tertiary institution is <u>registered</u> and the course is <u>accredited</u> (Consult with UCJ's Website)

- Attend classes one (1) or two (2) days a week, and where necessary on full time for two (2) to four (4) weeks during the summer period if required by the institution
- The day(s) and full time period utilized for the course will be charged to the Officer's Vacation Leave
- The Officer will cease to earn Vacation Leave at the start of the course until its completion
- On completion of the course the Officer will be credited with Vacation Leave for the number of days on which he/she was not in attendance at classes





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### WHAT IS DAY RELEASE?

Day Release is a provision granted to Public Officers as indicated in the Staff Orders for the Public Service, 2004, to pursue courses at tertiary institutions for a maximum of two (2) days per week.



### **DAY RELEASE GUIDELINES**

- The course of study may be offered on a part-time basis or full-time basis.
- Officers must have at least twelve (12) months continuous employment.
- Officers should have Vacation Leave to their credit. When exhausted the Officer may be granted a period up to 180 days.
- Officers may be granted time-off by the appropriate authority to pursue courses of study at approved institutions, on a part-time basis during established working hours.
- The originals or certified copies of documents (Acceptance Letters, Progress Reports, Timetables) should be submitted with the Application Form.

#### DAY RELEASE APPLICATIONS

Applications for Day Release open annually from January to December and the application deadline is at least one (1) month before the commencement of the Course of Study/Programme.



All application forms MUST have original signatures Outdated application forms will NOT be accepted

Day Release is granted in accordance with Staff Order No. 7.8.4

(Staff Orders for the Public Service 2004)