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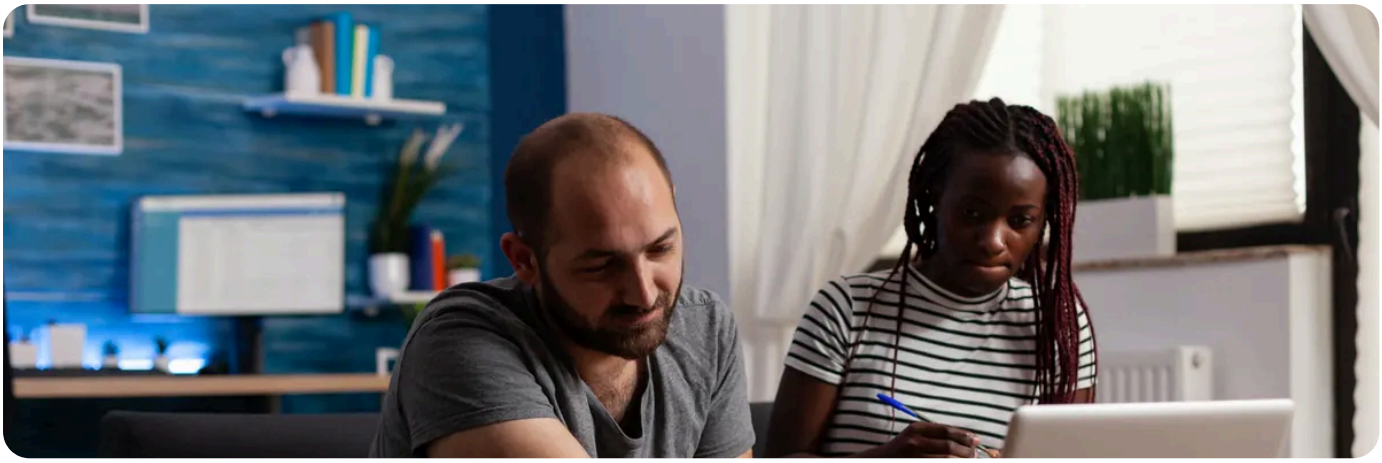
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The short answer: an SMS marketing calendar is a sheet with the year's campaigns, month by month: the **seasons** that matter to your business, **paydays**, **back to school**, special dates and the **end of the year**. With it, you write texts in good time, schedule campaigns in the SMS Center and avoid sending three offers in the same week.

The seasons that matter to almost everyone

Season	Campaign idea	Who benefits most
Start of the year	New goals, enrolments, "new year, new look"	Gyms, driving schools, training centres, salons
Back to school	School supplies, uniforms, tutoring, school transport	Stationers, clothing retailers, private schools, tutors
Valentine's Day	Dinner for two, flowers, gifts	Restaurants, bakeries, florists, perfumeries
Women's Day, Mother's Day and Father's Day	Gifts and experiences, on your country's dates	Retail, salons, restaurants
Paydays	Monthly shopping, offers at the end and start of the month	Supermarkets, grocers, retail in general
Public holidays	Special opening hours, plans for the day	Everyone: at the very least, announce your hours
Black Friday	One-day or weekend discounts, at the end of November	Retail, electronics, online sales

Season	Campaign idea	Who benefits most
Christmas and year end	Orders for the festivities, opening hours, gifts, hampers	Almost everyone

How to build your calendar

1. **Open a sheet with the 12 months** and mark the seasons that make sense for your business. You do not need to use all of them.
2. **Plan one or two campaigns a month at most** for each group, plus the occasions you cannot miss. See **how often to send**.
3. **For each campaign, note** the group, the offer, the deadline and the send date.
4. **Write the texts one or two weeks ahead**, send a test to your own phone and schedule them in the SMS Center. The best days and times are in **when to send**.
5. **At the end of each month, record the result** of each campaign. Next year, repeat the ones that worked and drop the rest.

Credits for the busy season

Busy seasons such as the end of the year pack several campaigns into a few weeks. Add up the credits for all of them before you buy: the entire quantity is charged at the price of the tier it falls into, so a bigger purchase can lower the price per SMS. See **SMS credits and price tiers** and **whether credits expire**.

Examples for the most common seasons, with the parts in square brackets to replace with your own details:

Season	Message
Back to school	`[COMPANY]: 10% off school supplies until the end of the month. Bring your school list! Opt out: [PHONE]`
Payday	`[COMPANY]: monthly basket with 5 essentials, this weekend only. Opt out: [PHONE]`
Year end	`[COMPANY]: order your year-end cake now. Orders until the 28th on [PHONE].`

Announce holiday opening hours even without an offer.
A short message saying you close early saves customers a wasted trip, and they remember it.

In busy seasons, every business is sending.

Send a few days before your competitors, with a clear offer, instead of arriving on the day itself among dozens of messages.

RECOMMENDED

With your calendar ready, all that is left is scheduling. See SMS Marketing and the price tiers.

See the SMS Marketing page →

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