

Kaun Banega Crorepati Season 18 (2026)
Frequently Asked Questions

Registration

Q. What is CFE?

A. CFE is registration processes through which a registrant can stand a chance to participate in KBC-18. Registrants participating in CFE can register via WhatsApp or SonyLIV as per the schedule defined below.

(Note: CFE Round 3 registration is made through the Google Gemini application or scanning QR Code as per the schedule)

Q. Who can register for CFE?

A To be eligible, a participant must:

- Be an Indian citizen.
- Be residing in India.
- Be 18 years of age or older as on:
 - March 09, 2026, for CFE (Round 1)
 - On the date of CFE for CFE (Round 2)
 - July 09, 2026, for CFE (Round 3.
- Be of sound health and mind.
- Participate only on their own behalf (no proxy participation allowed)

A participant is *not* eligible if:

- They have reached any of the Audition rounds (including the Auditions conducted for Sponsor Driven Activity (if applicable)) of the Show across the current season of the Show of the show (the current season).
- They have reached the Hot Seat even once in the current or any previous season of KBC Hindi.

Call For Entries (CFE)

Q. When will the lines be open for CFE (Round 1) registration?

A. Registration lines (WhatsApp & SonyLIV App) for **First Round** are open from 21:00:00 hrs. on March 9, 2026, when the first question goes on air, for all viewers. The schedule of on-air registration questions during this period will be as below:

Question	Details	Lines open Date	Lines open Time	Lines close Date
1	General	09-Mar-26	9:00 PM	10-Mar-26
2	General	10-Mar-26	9:00 PM	11-Mar-26
3	General	11-Mar-26	9:00 PM	12-Mar-26
4	General	12-Mar-26	9:00 PM	13-Mar-26
5	General	13-Mar-26	9:00 PM	14-Mar-26
6	General	14-Mar-26	9:00 PM	15-Mar-26
7	General	15-Mar-26	9:00 PM	16-Mar-26
8	General	16-Mar-26	9:00 PM	17-Mar-26
9	General	17-Mar-26	9:00 PM	18-Mar-26
10	General	18-Mar-26	9:00 PM	19-Mar-26
11	General	19-Mar-26	9:00 PM	20-Mar-26
12	General	20-Mar-26	9:00 PM	21-Mar-26
13	General	21-Mar-26	9:00 PM	22-Mar-26
14	General	22-Mar-26	9:00 PM	23-Mar-26
15	General	23-Mar-26	9:00 PM	24-Mar-26
16	General	24-Mar-26	9:00 PM	25-Mar-26
17	General	25-Mar-26	9:00 PM	26-Mar-26
18	General	26-Mar-26	9:00 PM	27-Mar-26

Q. When will the lines be open for CFE (Round 2) registration?

A. Registration lines for **Second Round** are open for all viewers, on specific days during the promotions of the Show on the Channel, beginning from July 01, 2026, to December 31, 2026. The Call For Entries (Round-2) dates will be announced by the company from time to time.

Q. When will the lines be open for CFE (Round 3) registration?

A. Registration lines for **Third Round** are open from 21:00:00 hrs. on July 09, 2026, when the first question goes on air, for all viewers. The schedule of on-air registration questions during this period will be as below:

Question	Details	Lines Open Date	Lines Open Time	Lines Close Date
1	General	09-Jul-26	9:00 PM	10-Jul-26
2	General	10-Jul-26	9:00 PM	11-Jul-26
3	General	11-Jul-26	9:00 PM	12-Jul-26
4	General	12-Jul-26	9:00 PM	13-Jul-26
5	General	13-Jul-26	9:00 PM	14-Jul-26
6	General	14-Jul-26	9:00 PM	15-Jul-26
7	General	15-Jul-26	9:00 PM	16-Jul-26
8	General	16-Jul-26	9:00 PM	17-Jul-26
9	General	17-Jul-26	9:00 PM	18-Jul-26
10	General	18-Jul-26	9:00 PM	19-Jul-26
11	General	19-Jul-26	9:00 PM	20-Jul-26
12	General	20-Jul-26	9:00 PM	21-Jul-26
13	General	21-Jul-26	9:00 PM	22-Jul-26
14	General	22-Jul-26	9:00 PM	23-Jul-26

Q. What are the different modes of registration?

A. For CFE (Round 1) you can register by answering the on-air question through WhatsApp or on the Sony LIV App. However, only the first valid entry will be considered for further shortlisting irrespective of the mode of entry used.

Mode of participation	Description
Sony LIV App *	As per the flow defined in the Sony LIV app. The App is available for Android and iOS devices.
WhatsApp	Scan the QR code available periodically during the CFE on SET channel or send a message to +91 8591975331.

For CFE (Round 2) you can register by answering the question available on Sony Liv Application. However, only the first 100 entries will be considered for further shortlisting.

Mode of participation	Description
Sony Liv Application	As per the flow defined in the Sony Liv Application. The App is available for Android and iOS devices

For CFE (Round 3) you can register through following mode of Participation.

Mode of participation	Description
Google Gemini App	As per the flow defined in the Google Gemini Application. The App is available for Android and iOS devices
QR Code	Scan the QR code available periodically during the CFE on SET channel

* The SonyLIV App is available for download from the Google Play store and Apple Appstore.

Q. Can I register more than once from the WhatsApp, Sony LIV Application?

A. Yes, there is no restriction on the number of registrations done through WhatsApp / Sony LIV App. However, only the first valid entry will be considered for each mobile number registered, irrespective of the mode of entry used, for each 'Call For Entry' question.

Q. When will I know the result of the registration?

A. For the Call For Entries (Round 1), if the answer provided by you was both valid and correct and you were shortlisted by the randomizer based on the pre-defined reservation criteria; you will receive a participation link through SMS or WhatsApp or Email. You will be required to click on the participation link to enter details and attempt 2 multiple-choice questions in time limit prescribed as per instructions communicated through such SMS or WhatsApp or Email from 27th March 2026 to 31st July 2026.

For the Call For Entries (Round 2) if the answer provided by you was both valid and correct, you will receive a participation link through SMS or WhatsApp or Email. You will be required to follow the instructions for participation in the Online Auditions, as per instructions communicated through such SMS or WhatsApp or Email.

For the Call For Entries (Round 3) if the answer provided by you was both valid and correct and you were shortlisted by the randomizer based on the pre-defined reservation criteria, you will receive a participation link through SMS or WhatsApp or Email. You will be required to click on the participation link to enter details and attempt 2 multiple-choice questions in time limit prescribed as per instructions communicated through such SMS or WhatsApp or Email from 25th July 2026 to 31st August 2026

Q. If I am selected for any of the further rounds, how will I receive a call back?

A. The KBC Season 18 team will conduct the call-backs through SMS or WhatsApp or Email system for the participants shortlisted in Level 1 and Level 2. For further details on the Level wise shortlisting and Next Selection Steps please refer to the detailed Terms and Conditions document.

Q. What will it cost me to register?

A. All registrations from the WhatsApp or Sony LIV application will be free of cost, however data charges may apply. For further details please contact your service provider.

Q. What are the further selection processes after attempting questions on Sony LIV application?

A. Once you attempt multiple-choice questions on Sony LIV application, a randomizer will process the application and if you are shortlisted, you will be required to appear for the (i) Ground Audition on the dates, and venues mentioned (ii) Online Audition on the dates and time slot mentioned, in the SMS or WhatsApp or Email communication sent post your registration. You are required to report between prescribed time in order to appear for the Ground Auditions. You will need to carry the required documents for verification. Once you have registered at the venue and completed the document verification process, the audition process will be conducted as described under the Audition section further in this document.

Q. I have not received invitation for ground auditions and have reached the audition venue directly. Will I be allowed to participate?

A. No, you cannot register at audition venue. It is mandatory to complete the CFE, Level 1 & Level 2 registration process and provide the necessary consents and documentation to participate in audition process. Please note that

the entry at the ground auditions is only by invitation and only if the user has received specific communication in this regard from SPNI.

Audition

Q. Where and when will the auditions be conducted?

A. The Call for Entries (Round 1 and Round 3) ground auditions (GK Test + Personal interviews) will be held between 10 May 2026 to 30 September 2026 at selected audition venues. The audition venue, date and time for auditionees shortlisted will be communicated to the selected participants via SMS or WhatsApp or Email on the registered mobile number or email ID. Please note that the dates are tentative and might change subsequently. Company has the right to alter/change the venue of the auditions at its sole discretion.

The Call for Entries (Round 2) auditions (GK Test + Personal interviews) will be held from time to time as announced by company in online format. The audition, date and time for auditionees shortlisted will be communicated to selected participants via SMS or WhatsApp or Email on the registered mobile number or email ID.

Q. Can I choose my preferred date, time and venue for audition?

A. No, the venue, date and time for registration of Auditionees will be intimated and cannot be changed or modified to suit Auditionee's requirements. A city chosen by Sony Pictures Networks India Private Limited ("SPNI") will be offered to all shortlisted Registrants. If the shortlisted Registrant chooses to decline the same, he renounces further participation in Kaun Banega Crorepati – Season 18.

Q. How will I know the date, time and venue of my auditions?

A. The auditionees selected from CFE (Round 1 and Round 3) will be required to report at the venue on the designated date and time slot (7:00:00 AM to 09:00:00 AM or 01:00:00 PM to 03:00:00 PM) as per the communicated slot via an SMS or WhatsApp or Email by SPNI.

The Auditionees from CFE (Round 2) will be required to join the URL for separate portal on the designated date and time slot as per the as per the communicated slot via an SMS or WhatsApp or Email by SPNI.

Q. Can I appear for the audition more than once?

A. No, you cannot. Once you have appeared for the audition at a particular city/ venue, you cannot appear for another audition in any other city/ venue. For further clarity, you can appear for an audition only once across all audition schedules of the current season of the Show. This is applicable for everyone irrespective of whether he/ she has registered in CFE.

Q. What if I am unable to make it for the auditions?

A. Inability to attend the auditions on the specified date and time will close and/or terminate further participation in KBC.

Q. What will I be required to do at the Ground Auditions?

A. Each auditionee will be made to go through a time bound GK test in which you will be required to answer skill-based questions. All auditionees will have to complete the GK test in order to be eligible to be shortlisted to the second round of the auditions. Basis the scores of the GK test, the Auditionees who clear the cut-off score in the GK test (as decided by the SPNI's team) will be selected to appear for a Video Audition / Personal Interview which will be recorded. Please note that SPNI is not obliged to communicate the cut-off score to any of the Auditionees and the actual number of Auditionees to be shortlisted for the Video Audition shall be communicated by the Company at the Audition venue. If the selected Auditionees fail to complete both the Written Test and Video Audition, then the Auditionee shall be disqualified from further participation.

Q. What will I be required to do for the Online Auditions?

A. Each auditionee will be made to go through a time bound GK test in which you will be required to answer skill-based questions. All auditionees will have to complete the GK test in order to be eligible to be shortlisted further. The detailed instructions related to the GK Test and the Personal Interview will be sent to the shortlisted through SMS or WhatsApp or Email.

SPNI reserves the right to amend the audition process for selection of Auditionees at its sole discretion or conduct online personal interviews (PI) as they deem fit of the auditionees who could not attend the ground auditions for any reason.

Note: Travel, accommodation, and all other expenses in relation to the participation of the Auditionee, will be at the Auditionees' own costs and only the Auditionee will be permitted to enter the Audition venue upon submission of valid identity and address proof documents and photographs.

Q. How will I know the result of the audition round?

A. The Auditionees who are shortlisted on the basis of the audition round will be contacted directly by SPNI through its producers informing them of selection in the Fastest Finger First round of the show.

Q. Will I have to bear all expenses in order to be present for the audition round?

A. Yes, all expenses directly or indirectly connected with being present for the auditions (travel, conveyance, lodging, stay, meals, etc.) will be borne by the auditionee.

Q. What documents will I require for the auditions?

A. Each auditionee will have to carry with them the following documents to the audition venue:

1) For valid name proof (any one of the following):

1. PAN Card along with Birth certificate
2. Passport
3. Voter ID

4. Driver's License or
5. UID / Aadhar card

2) For Valid address proof (any one of the following):

1. Landline Phone / Electricity Bill
2. Passport
3. Voter ID
4. Driver's License
5. Ration card or
6. UID / Aadhar card

3) For verification of the registered mobile number:

1. UID / Aadhar card
2. Recent copy of the phone bill used to register for the Show

The Auditionee will need to carry the original document and 2 attested photocopies of each document. All the above-mentioned documents must be in Hindi or English only.

(Submission of the aforesaid documents/photos of Phone a Friend Candidates does not imply that the Auditionee has been selected for further participation.)

General

Q. What are the selection criteria?

A. The main criteria for selection is your general knowledge and grasp over current affairs, which is evaluated across various stages. In addition, there is a video audition and interview where your personality and screen presence are also evaluated.

Q. I have a query. Whom can I ask?

A. Please send your queries to kbcresponse@setindia.com and we will try to revert as soon as we can. Alternately, you can refer to our terms and conditions on www.sonyliv.com.

Q. Where can I read detailed terms and conditions governing Kaun Banega Crorepati?

A. The detailed terms and conditions governing the game show will be available on www.sonyliv.com.

Q. How many times can I participate?

A. Each registrant can be shortlisted only once for an audition in one schedule of registrations. However, there is no restriction on the number of times a viewer can participate through registration (WhatsApp / Sony LIV App etc.).

Q. Who wins the Prize Money?

A. The person who gets on the hot seat and gives the correct answers to the questions asked will win the prize money. The prize amount will be decided by the Company at its sole discretion and will be subject to tax as per government rules.

Q. Some people claim that they can help get entry to KBC. Is it possible?

A. The only way to enter KBC is through participation in the registration process as described in the Terms and Conditions governing participation in KBC Season 18 (Please refer to our terms and conditions on www.sonyliv.com). There is no other way of participating in KBC. This entire process is transparent and monitored by an independent audit firm. Any person claiming that he/she can help get you on the show for a consideration is defrauding you. Please contact your local police and report this person. There is no entry fee charged for participation in KBC. So, any person who claims that he/she is from Sony and that you have to pay an entry fee for the show is defrauding you. Please contact your local police and report this person.

Q. I got a call/ message on WhatsApp that I have won a lottery from KBC. Is it possible?

A. The only way to win any prize monies from KBC is to enter the show via the registration process as described in the Terms and Conditions governing participation in KBC Season 18. There is no other way of winning monies from KBC. Any person claiming that you have won any lotteries or that you need to deposit any monies to claim the said lotteries is defrauding you. Please contact your local police and report this person. There is no entry fee charged for participation in KBC. Also, KBC does not issue any lotteries. So, any person who claims that he/she is from Sony and that you have to pay an entry fee for the show or that you have won a lottery is defrauding you.

Q. Are there any other contests through which I can participate in the Show?

A.

- a. You may have the chance to participate in the Show through Sponsor Driven Activity organized by third-party sponsors of the Show in affiliation with the Company from time to time throughout the duration of the Show.
- b. The registration, participation, selection process, winner selection and gratification in such Sponsor-Driven Activity will be governed by the terms and conditions of the relevant third-party sponsors which shall be in line with the Show's Terms and Conditions. You undertake that he/she shall not raise any claims against the Company with respect to the Sponsor-Driven Activity and shall keep the Company indemnified against any claims with respect to such Sponsor-Driven Activity.
- c. Participation in the Sponsor-Driven Activities by sending entries as per the entry process for such Sponsor-Driven Activities shall be considered to be acceptance of the terms and conditions of the show.
- d. In case of a disparity between the Terms and Conditions of the Show and terms and conditions of Sponsor Driven Activity, the Company shall have the right to resolve such discrepancies as they deem necessary.
- e. In the event, Sponsor-Driven Activities provide for an opportunity for Sponsor-Driven Contestant(s) to participate in Show then it is clarified that Auditionees who have been shortlisted for the Audition round through CFE will not be shortlisted for the Audition round of any other alternate process of registration or such Sponsor-driven Activity(s).
- f. You expressly acknowledge and accept that gratification(s) and/or spot prize(s) offered or announced during the Show as part of the Sponsor Driven Activity, if any, are being offered and /or provided solely by third-party sponsors, and that Company shall have no liability in relation thereto. Sponsor-Driven Contestant(s) agree that any and all liabilities arising from issues and/or claims relating to non-delivery, non-receipts, defects, deficiencies or disputes concerning such gratification/spot prizes shall lie solely with the relevant sponsor without any recourse to the Company.
- g. For more information regarding Sponsor-Driven Activities, kindly refer to the T&C.

Q. I got an SMS or WhatsApp or Email after answering the question asked on TV, but no one contacted me after that. Have I been selected?

A. The SMS or WhatsApp or Email you received might have been because you were among the shortlisted registrants selected by the computer. However, this does not mean that you have been selected for the next round. We will be contacting the successful candidates who have made it to the next round.

[In case of any inconsistencies between the FAQs and Terms and Conditions of the show, Company shall have the right to make any changes deemed necessary either prospectively or retrospectively without any claims or disputes from contestant(s) or contributor(s) (As defined under the terms and conditions)]