

Kaun Banega Crorepati Season 17 (2025)
Frequently Asked Questions

Registration

Q. What is CFE 1 and CFE 2?

A. CFE 1 and CFE 2 are two different registration processes through which a registrant can stand a chance to participate in KBC-17. Registrants participating in CFE 1 can register via WhatsApp or SonyLIV as per the schedule defined below. Registrants participating in CFE 2 can register via only WhatsApp and directly appear for the ground audition subject to completion of the registration process and documentation requirement. In the event that a Registrant has not been shortlisted under CFE 1, he/she will be eligible to take part in CFE 2 as per the terms and conditions available on www.sonyliv.com.

Q Who can register for CFE 1 and CFE 2?

A Anyone who is an Indian citizen, residing in India, of 18 years or above as on April 14, 2025, and the citizen should be of sound health and mind can register for KBC-17. No person can participate on behalf of another person.

Any Contestant who has made it more than once to the Audition round of the Show across all the Schedules of the Show or even once to the Hot Seat of any of the previous seasons of KBC Hindi will not be eligible to participate in the current season of the Show.

CFE 1:

Q When will the lines be open for registration?

A Registration lines (WhatsApp & SonyLIV App) are open from 21:00:00 hrs. on April 14, 2025, 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		Lines close	
		Date	Time	Date	Time
1	General	14-Apr-25	9:00 PM	15-Apr-25	8:59:59 PM
2	General	15-Apr-25	9:00 PM	16-Apr-25	8:59:59 PM
3	General	16-Apr-25	9:00 PM	17-Apr-25	8:59:59 PM
4	General	17-Apr-25	9:00 PM	18-Apr-25	8:59:59 PM
5	General	18-Apr-25	9:00 PM	19-Apr-25	8:59:59 PM
6	General	19-Apr-25	9:00 PM	20-Apr-25	8:59:59 PM
7	General	20-Apr-25	9:00 PM	21-Apr-25	8:59:59 PM
8	General	21-Apr-25	9:00 PM	22-Apr-25	8:59:59 PM
9	General	22-Apr-25	9:00 PM	23-Apr-25	8:59:59 PM
10	General	23-Apr-25	9:00 PM	24-Apr-25	8:59:59 PM
11	General	24-Apr-25	9:00 PM	25-Apr-25	8:59:59 PM
12	General	25-Apr-25	9:00 PM	26-Apr-25	8:59:59 PM
13	General	26-Apr-25	9:00 PM	27-Apr-25	8:59:59 PM
14	General	27-Apr-25	9:00 PM	28-Apr-25	8:59:59 PM
15	General	28-Apr-25	9:00 PM	29-Apr-25	8:59:59 PM
16	General	29-Apr-25	9:00 PM	30-Apr-25	8:59:59 PM
17	General	30-Apr-25	9:00 PM	01-May-25	8:59:59 PM
18	General	01-May-25	9:00 PM	02-May-25	8:59:59 PM
19	General	02-May-25	9:00 PM	03-May-25	8:59:59 PM
20	General	03-May-25	9:00 PM	04-May-25	8:59:59 PM
21	General	04-May-25	9:00 PM	05-May-25	8:59:59 PM
22	General	05-May-25	9:00 PM	06-May-25	8:59:59 PM
23	General	06-May-25	9:00 PM	07-May-25	8:59:59 PM
24	General	07-May-25	9:00 PM	08-May-25	8:59:59 PM
25	General	08-May-25	9:00 PM	09-May-25	8:59:59 PM
26	General	09-May-25	9:00 PM	10-May-25	8:59:59 PM
27	General	10-May-25	9:00 PM	11-May-25	8:59:59 PM
28	General	11-May-25	9:00 PM	12-May-25	8:59:59 PM
29	General	12-May-25	9:00 PM	13-May-25	8:59:59 PM

What are the different modes of registration?

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A 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.

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

Q What will it cost me to register via the SonyLIV app or WhatsApp?

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

Q. How to answer using the Sony Liv application?

A. Please follow the below mentioned steps for participating via the Sony Liv app:

Download the SonyLIV application from the application store. Please note, the application download is free of cost, however data charges may apply. For further details on data charges, please contact your service provider.

1. Enter your mobile number. Please note that we will be able to get in touch with you only if the mobile number you have shared is registered with the service provider in India.
2. Select your age from the options provided. Please note that only those Registrants will be considered for participation in the Show who have completed 18 years of age as on April 14, 2025.
3. Choose your gender.
4. Select your education.
5. Select your occupation.
6. Please select your area of residence as per the options provided (you should have documented proof for your address)
7. Please select your answer option (A/B/C/D) for the general knowledge-based question to complete the registration process.
8. Once you have submitted the answers to all the questions, you will get see a confirmation screen confirming the registration.

Q. How to answer using the WhatsApp application?

A. Please follow the below mentioned steps for participating via WhatsApp:

1. Scan the QR code that is displayed on the Channel periodically when the CFE lines are open or use the number +91 8591975331.
2. Scan the QR code that is displayed on the Channel periodically or
3. The scanned QR code/ link will direct the Registrant to the Sony LIV assist WhatsApp chatbot.
4. Type in KBC or KBC 17 and send.
5. Read and accept the Terms and Conditions.
6. Choose your age in completed years as on April 14, 2025.
7. Choose your gender.
8. Choose your area of residence as per the options provided (you should have documented proof for your address)
9. Choose your education.
10. Choose your occupation.
11. Choose your answer option (A/B/C/ D) for the general knowledge-based question to complete the registration process.

Note – In case of multiple inputs for any of the above questions, only the first valid input will be considered for further processing

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 the 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 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 call from us in around ten (10) working days from the date of close of registration lines for that question.

Q How will I know the result of the registration? If the answer provided by you was both valid and correct and
A you were shortlisted by the randomizer based on the pre-defined reservation criteria, we will get in touch
with you on your registered number. Please answer the phone yourself.

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

A. CMEPL will conduct the call backs through an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system to the shortlisted participants in 2 levels i.e. Level 2 and Level 3. For further details on the Level wise shortlisting and callout process please refer to the detailed Terms and Conditions document.

CFE 2:

Q. How do I register?

A. You can register for CFE 2 by using WhatsApp from May 13, 2025 to May 31, 2025 The Company will display promotional messages with the QR code and number through its official handle on various social media platforms (Instagram, Facebook, Youtube, SonyLIV etc.). You can also register at the venue on the day of the ground audition by scanning the QR code available at the venue and follow the below process.

Registrants can access the QR code/ number and participate by following the flow defined below:

- a) Scan the QR code or use the number +91 8591975331.
- b) The scanned QR code/ link will direct the Registrant to the Sony LIV assist WhatsApp chatbot.
- c) Type in KBC or KBC 17 and send.
- d) Read and accept the Terms and Conditions.
- e) Agree to the collection and processing of your personal information for the purpose of participating in the Show.
- f) Agree to the collection and processing of your personal information for receiving notifications, reminders and to be contacted in relation to the Show.
- g) Type your age in completed years as on April 14, 2025.
- h) Choose your gender.
- i) Choose your area of residence as per the options provided (you should have documented proof for your address)
- j) Choose your education.
- k) Choose your occupation.
- 1) Receive the details for the ground audition (date, venue and time) and document requirements. Registrants may attend the Ground Audition at any one venue of their choice, subject to availability, on the designated date, at their own convenience. On the day of the Ground Audition they will register on WhatsApp as per the process defined above, submit the required documents and immediately proceed with the audition process on the same day and at the same venue subject to submission of the required documents.
- 2) In order to be eligible for Level 4 i.e. Ground Audition round, it is mandatory for all Registrants to complete the registration on WhatsApp and submit the required documents. Registrants whose complete registration data and documents is not received by the Company for any reason whatsoever as on the date of the Ground Audition will not be permitted to appear for Level 4 (Ground Audition).
- 3) Registrants from CFE 1 who are not shortlisted for the Ground Audition can also participate subject to such Registrant will have to complete the registration again on WhatsApp in order to receive the Ground Audition date, time slot and venue options.

Q. What will it cost me to register?

A. All registrations from the WhatsApp 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 registering on WhatsApp?

A. Once you complete your registration on WhatsApp, you will be required to appear for the Ground Audition at any one of the dates, and venues mentioned in the Ground Audition related information sent by CMEPL post your registration. You are required to report between 8:00:00AM till 3:00:00PM in order to appear for the Ground Auditions. Please note that CMEPL at their sole discretion reserves the right to close the Ground Audition process upon reaching 1,500 Auditionees. 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 registered on WhatsApp and have reached the audition venue directly. Will I be allowed to participate?

A. Yes, you can register on the venue itself by scanning the QR code available at audition venue. However, it is mandatory to complete the registration process on WhatsApp and provide the necessary consents and documentation to participate further in audition process.

Q. I registered for CFE 1. Can I register for CFE 2 also?

A. Yes, if you registered for CFE 1 but did not get selected for the ground audition, you can register again in CFE 2 and stand a chance to participate in the auditions. Please note, it is mandatory to complete the registration process again on WhatsApp for CFE 2 in order to receive the audition related information.

WAVES 2025 Special Entry Window:

Q. What is WAVES 2025 Special Entry?

A. The special registration window from May 01, 2025, and May 04, 2025, through which Registrants can stand a chance to directly participate in the Auditions or be a part of the live audience during the Shoot Period of the Show. In order to be eligible for participation, Registrant must (i) be physically present at the designated event venue (ii) read and accept the terms and conditions of Waves 2025 Special Entry for the Show (iii) fulfill the qualification and eligibility criteria as specified by the Company.

Q. How can I register for WAVES 2025 Special Entry?

- l) Registrants can participate in the Show by registering at the Show's kiosk booth set up at the World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit "WAVES" 2025 event in Mumbai between May 01, 2025, and May 04, 2025.
- m) In order to participate, follow the below process:
 - n) Enter your mobile number. Please note that we will be able to get in touch with you only if the mobile number you have shared is registered with the service provider in India. Enter the OTP received in order to complete the mobile number verification process. Company will not be responsible for any callouts missed by the Registrants made by the Company for further selection process.
 - o) Enter your full name and email id.
 - p) Read and accept the Terms and Conditions. It is mandatory to accept the Terms and Conditions for the Show and Waves Special Entry 2025 in order to move ahead with the registration. Non-compliance with such terms and conditions will result in immediate disqualification.
 - q) Select your age from the options provided. Please note that only those Registrants will be considered for participation in the Show who have completed 18 years of age as on April 14, 2025.
 - r) Choose your gender.
 - s) Select your education.

- t) Select your occupation.
- u) Please select your area of residence as per the options provided (you should have documented proof for your address)
- v) After completing the registration, the Registrants will need to start answering General Knowledge (GK) based questions and earn points as per the points tree shown below –

Q. No	Points
17	7,00,00,000
16	1,00,00,000
15	75,00,000
14	50,00,000
13	25,00,000
12	12,50,000
11	6,40,000
10	3,20,000
9	1,60,000
8	80,000
7	40,000
6	20,000
5	10,000
4	5,000
3	3,000
2	2,000
1	1,000

- w) Registrants can use the 50:50 and Flip the Question option only once anytime during the game for help.
- x) Registrants who earn a minimum of 3,20,000 points and a maximum of 75,00,000 points will be invited to attend the shoot as an audience of the Show on the dates as decided and communicated by

the Company. It is clarified that the Company shall not accommodate any requests for change in date(s).

- y) Registrants who earn either 1,00,00,000 or 7,00,00,000 points will be called to participate as Auditionees in the Auditions on the date and venue as decided by the Company. For further clarity, there is no incentive for earning points from (i) Q No. 1 to Q No. 9. Please refer the points table above for reference.

Once a Registrant has been selected as an Auditionee, he/ she will be called-back through an IVR call on the number used for registration as per the details available with the Company as per the terms and conditions of KBC-17

Note: CMEPL reserves the right to add/ change/ modify the selection criteria and the prize mentioned in WAVES 2025 Special Entry at its sole discretion. No claims/ disputes will be entertained by CMEPL regarding the same. For more details, please refer the T&Cs

India Challenger Week (ICW)

Q. What is India Challenger Week?

1. A. The Contestants selected to participate in the FFF round of the ICW will be selected basis the result of the Auditionees from the Ground Audition. The FFF round of the Show will be conducted from Week 1 to Week 8 i.e. Episode 1 to Episode 40. However, the ICW schedule can be modified at the sole discretion of the Company.
2. The top two winning Contestants from the “Fastest Finger First” round who correctly answer the FFF question in the shortest time shall qualify for “JALDI 5” round.
3. In “JALDI 5” round, top 2 winning Contestants from the FFF round will be asked Questions by the host of the Show and the Contestant who answers the first 5 Questions correctly shall be selected as the Hot Seat Contestant for the Episode.
4. The Participant(s) who have been selected to play Fastest Finger First round in a particular ICW shall be eligible to play for that week’s episodes. However, in case of any special episodes or in case of cancellation of a particular episode for that week, the Participant(s) will not be eligible to play for such days as decided by the Company at their sole discretion.
5. During India Challenger Week every Wednesday, Contestants will get the chance to participate in the Fastest Finger First round as Mid-Week Challengers.
6. The Mid-Week Challengers will be selected based on (i) their participation result in the Ground Audition held between May 24, 2025, and June 01, 2025, and (ii) the number of FFF round seats available for that specific week during India Challenger Week.

Ground Audition

Q. Where and when will the auditions be conducted?

- A. The ground auditions (GK Test + Personal interviews) will be held between May 24, 2025 and June 30, 2025 and around 3,254 eligible auditionees who were shortlisted for ground audition earlier will be called to attend the audition from May 16, 2025 to September 01, 2025, at selected audition venues. The audition venue, date and time for auditionees shortlisted in CFE 1 will be communicated to the selected participants via a call back on the registered mobile number.

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.

- 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 Culver Max Entertainment Private Limited ("CMEPL") 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 17.

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

A. CFE 1:

The auditionees selected from CFE 1 will be required to report at the venue on the designated date and time slot (6:00:00 AM to 08:00:00 AM or 11:00:00 AM to 01:00:00 PM) as per the communicated slot via an IVR callout and SMS by CMEPL.

CFE 2:

- 4) Registrants who have already registered on Whatsapp may attend the Ground Audition at any one venue of their choice, subject to availability, on the designated date, at their own convenience. Registrants who will register on WhatsApp on the day of the Ground Audition as per the process defined above, submit the required documents and immediately proceed with the Ground Audition process on the same day and at the same venue subject to submission of the required documents.
- 5) The Auditionees are required to report between 8:00:00 AM and 3:00:00 PM in order to appear for the Audition. However, CMEPL may decide to change these timings at its sole discretion. Hence the Auditionees are advised to report to the venue at 08:00:00 AM itself.

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 Show. This is applicable for everyone irrespective of whether he/ she has registered in CFE 1 or CFE 2.

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 auditions?

A. 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 CMEPL's team) will be selected to appear for a Video Audition / Personal Interview which will be recorded. Please note that CMEPL 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.

CMEPL reserves the right to amend the audition process for select 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 get a call from CMEPL 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 Video 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 also a video audition and interview at the final stage 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).

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 17 (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 17. 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. I got a call after answering the question asked on TV, but no one has called me after that. Have I been selected?

A. The call 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.

