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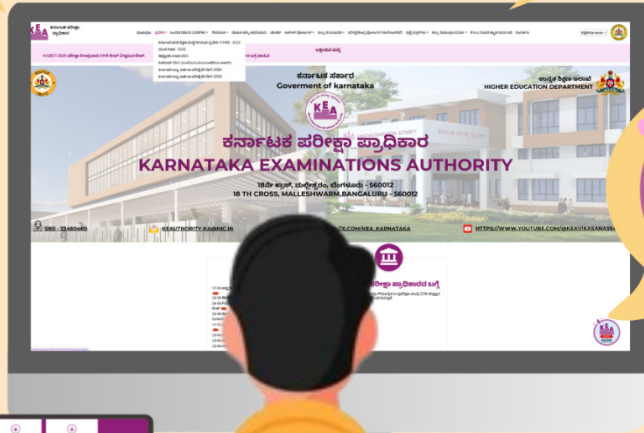


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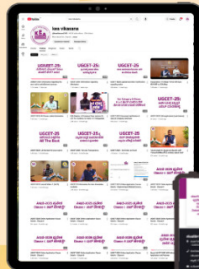
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1. INTRODUCTION:

- 1.1** Admission to Engineering, Technology, Architecture, Bachelor of Yoga and Naturopathy (BNYS), B.Sc. (Nursing), Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry (B.V.Sc. & A.H.), Farm Science courses i.e., [i.e., B.Sc. (Hons) Agriculture, B.Sc. (Hons) Sericulture, B.Sc. (Hons) Horticulture, B.Sc. (Hons) Forestry, B.Tech (Bio-Technology), B.Sc.(Hons) Community Science, B.Tech (Agricultural Engineering), B.Tech (Food Technology), B.Tech (D. Tech), B.F.Sc (Fisheries), B.Sc. (Hons) Agri. Business Management] B. Pharma, Pharma-D and 2nd year B-Pharma (Lateral Entry) course, in Government / University / Private Aided / Private Un-Aided Professional Educational Institutions in the State of Karnataka for the academic year 2026-27 will be made in accordance with the Karnataka Selection of Candidates for Admission to Government Seats in Professional Educational Institutions Rules, 2006 (in short CET-2006 Admission Rules) as amended from time to time and therefore the details and instructions contained in this Information Bulletin are subject to the said Rules and Government orders. In case of any discrepancy, the Rules shall prevail.
- 1.2** No requests for Mutual Transfer of seats will be entertained by KEA at any point of time.
- 1.3** A candidate may have option to select Medical / Engineering etc; seat in other boards like AICTE, MCC, COMED-K and KEA etc. In case such candidate wishes to confirm the seat selected from other boards then such candidate who has also been allotted a seat through KEA has to surrender the seat allotted by KEA before commencement of 3rd round of seat allotment, failing which it may amount to blocking of seat and Government may initiate both civil and criminal action against such candidates.
- 1.4** If a candidate decides to surrender the seat, he / she have to surrender the seat only to KEA in person. Merely not reporting to the selected / allotted college should not be presumed by the candidate that he / she has surrendered the seat to KEA.
- 1.5** Please read “**A NOTE ON SEAT CANCELLATION, REFUND AND FORFEITURE OF FEE**” given in this bulletin with regard to cancellation and forfeiture clause.
- 1.6** Academic Eligibility / admissions to Colleges/ Seat Allotments made to and by the colleges shall be subject to rules /conditions specified from time to time / approval by **NMC, DCI, AICTE, COA, NCISM, NCH, PCI**, Government, Concerned University, Apex Bodies, etc.
- 1.7** KEA will reserve the right to verify the authenticity of the documents / certificates produced by the candidates or to withdraw the eligibility granted or to withdraw any such admission made at any point of time which is not fulfilling the eligibility criteria / regulations fixed by the Competent Authority from time to time.

1.8 A candidate who had obtained a seat in any discipline through KEA (CET Cell) in any of the previous years and not surrendered the seat before the last date fixed for entry of options for final round of seat allotment for the respective disciplines will not be eligible for allotment of a seat to the same discipline during 2026.

1.9 APPEAL:

Any person aggrieved by the order or decision of the Executive Director under CET-2006 Rules may within 15 days from the date of such order or decision, appeal to the Principal Secretary to Government, Education Department (Higher Education), Government of Karnataka, who after calling for records from the Executive Director and after examining the same, shall pass orders as he / she deems fit, which shall be final.

1.10 LEGAL JURISDICTION

Any dispute arising out of the test, the subsequent seat selection process, admission, fees, or cancellation shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka. The issuance of an admission order by the KEA enables the candidate to join the concerned college, subject to academic eligibility and other requirements being approved by the concerned University in accordance with the applicable Regulations.

1.11 SEAT CANCELLATION, FORFEITURE and FIVE TIMES PENALTY

As per rule 12 of sub-rule (5) of CET-2006 rules, if a candidate who has been allotted a seat in any discipline in an Engineering College or Institution, surrenders the seat after completion of 3rd round (final round) / Casual Vacancy Round, the Executive Director shall forfeit the entire fee paid and the candidate shall be liable to pay a penalty of FIVE times of the annual course fee.

1.12 SUPERNUMERARY QUOTA (SNQ):

5% of the seats in each college and in each course will be reserved as Supernumerary Quota (SNQ) in all Engineering Colleges. This quota is over and above the seat matrix issued by the Government. The tuition fee prescribed by the Government in that particular college will be waived off. The candidate has to pay University / other fees only. This Supernumerary quota is not available in for Architecture Course. All poor and meritorious candidates including General Merit are eligible for allotment of seats under Supernumerary quota (Tuition Fee Waiver Scheme) whose annual income of the family from all the sources is less than Rs.8.00 Lakhs. All the eligible candidates whose income is less than Rs.8.00 Lakhs, should obtain income certificate from the concerned Tahasildar and enter the RD number of the income certificate to become eligible for Supernumerary Quota (SNQ).

2. DISCLAIMER:

- 2.1** The responsibility of KEA is limited to the conduct of centralized counseling, which includes online registration, verification of documents, online counseling procedure, seat allotment and issue of Confirmation Slip.
- 2.2** Any clarifications regarding eligibility shall be subject to the provisions of the Karnataka Selection of Candidates for Government Seats in Professional Educational Institutions Rules 2006 (CET 2006 Admission Rules) and the provisions of the rules as revised from time to time as well as the instructions and guidelines provided in the e-Information Bulletin, the rules and the Government Orders. These admission rules and Government Orders shall be final (Said Admission Rules and Government orders prevail).
- 2.3** KEA does not edit / modify / alter any information entered by the candidates at the time of online submission of application form under any circumstances. Candidature is purely provisional and subject to fulfillment of eligibility criteria as mentioned in the Information Bulletin.
- 2.4** All the admissions / allotments made to and by the colleges shall be subject to approval by the Government / concerned University / Apex Bodies.
- 2.5** If the information furnished by the candidates in the application form or any other document/s submitted by the candidates / parents is found to be false / incorrect / tampered / forged such candidate's seat will be cancelled at any point of time during his / her course of study and criminal proceedings as per rules will be initiated by KEA as provided under rule 13 of CET-2006 Admission Rules against the candidate.
- 2.6** Candidature is purely provisional and subject to fulfillment of eligibility criteria as mentioned in the Information Bulletin / Rules, further the provisional admission made is subject to approval of AICTE / COA / PCI / NMC / DCI / CCIM/ Government / Competent Authority / Universities etc.
- 2.7** The SC / ST/Category-I / 2A, 2B, 3A and 3B and other eligibility criteria is applicable to Karnataka candidates who are eligible to claim eligibility for Government seats under clauses (a), (b), (f), (h), (j), (k) (l) and (o) and the same is not applicable to eligibility clauses (c), (d), (e), (g), (i), (m), (n) and (y) to claim Government Seats and Government quota seats as per proviso of rule 9 (2) of CET-2006 Admission Rules.

3. STEPS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ONLINE SEAT ALLOTMENT:

- 3.1** Seat allotment for all courses like Medical, Dental, AYUSH, Engineering, Architecture, Agricultural Science, Veterinary, Pharmacy, B.Sc. Nursing, D-Pharma, Para Medical courses etc. will be done online.
- 3.2** The candidate should first download the verification slip from the KEA Website. All the details of the candidate will be printed in the verification slip. (Name, Income, and other reservation details)
- 3.3** Please note that the reservation claims printed in this verification slip will be duly considered for process of seat allotment. Seats will be allotted on the basis of this reservation; hence it is mandatory to check the reservation details/claims.

- 3.4** In case of any discrepancy in the verification slip, please contact KEA to check the documents and application by booking a slot. (Before the first round of seat allotment starts)
- 3.5** In case of any discrepancy found and if a candidate fails to bring it to the notice of KEA, the candidate shall be solely responsible for any consequences arising there from.
- 3.6** The courses offered by each college, course wise the number of seats available, and the distribution of reserved seats, as issued by the Government to KEA- these consolidated information, known as the *seat matrix*, will be published on the KEA Website.
- 3.7** Likewise; the Government will issue an order by prescribing the fees for all the courses. The candidate should compulsorily take note of the fees before choosing the colleges/courses.
- 3.8** The schedule will be published on the KEA Website before starting the seat allotment for various rounds.

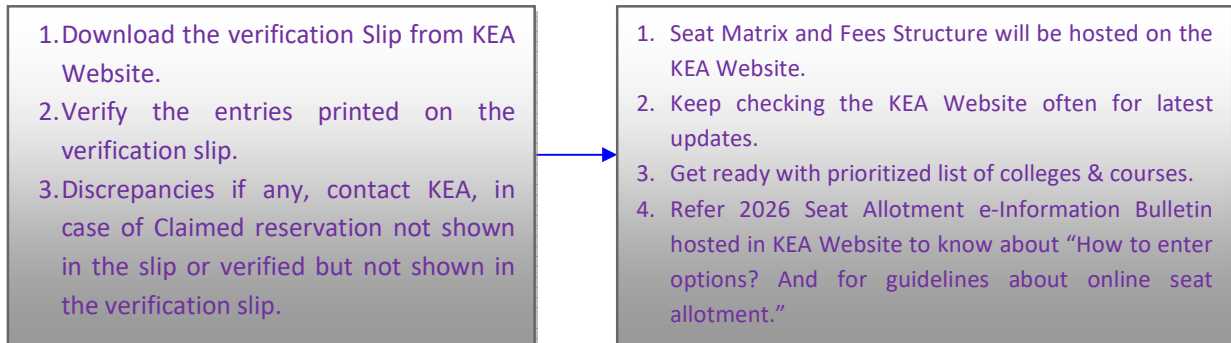
PROCESS	DETAILS
Verification Slip	Candidates should select the specified link on the KEA Website and furnish the necessary details and download the verification slip.
Option entry	Candidates can enter their options on the KEA option entry portal in the order of priority. A minimum of seven-eight (7-8) days will be given to enter the options.
Mock Results & further	The result of mock seat allotment will be announced 3 days after the last date fixed for entering the options.
	After the announcement of the mock seat allotment result, a period of 3 days will be given to add/delete/change/modify the options.
Real Results	The actual real result of seat allotment will be announced 3 days after the completion of the above process.

4. FLOW CHART – ONLINE SEAT ALLOTMENT STAGES

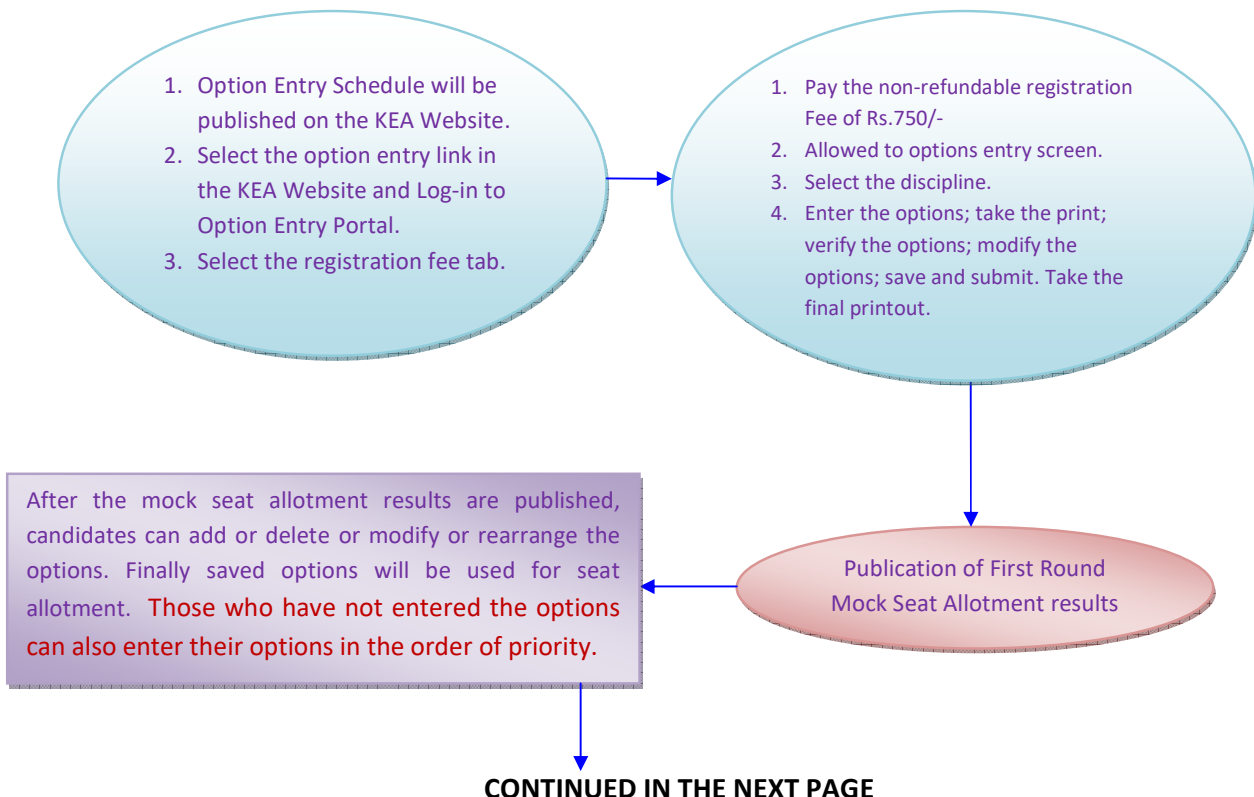
A. FIRST ROUND SEAT ALLOTMENT

B. SECOND ROUND SEAT ALLOTMENT

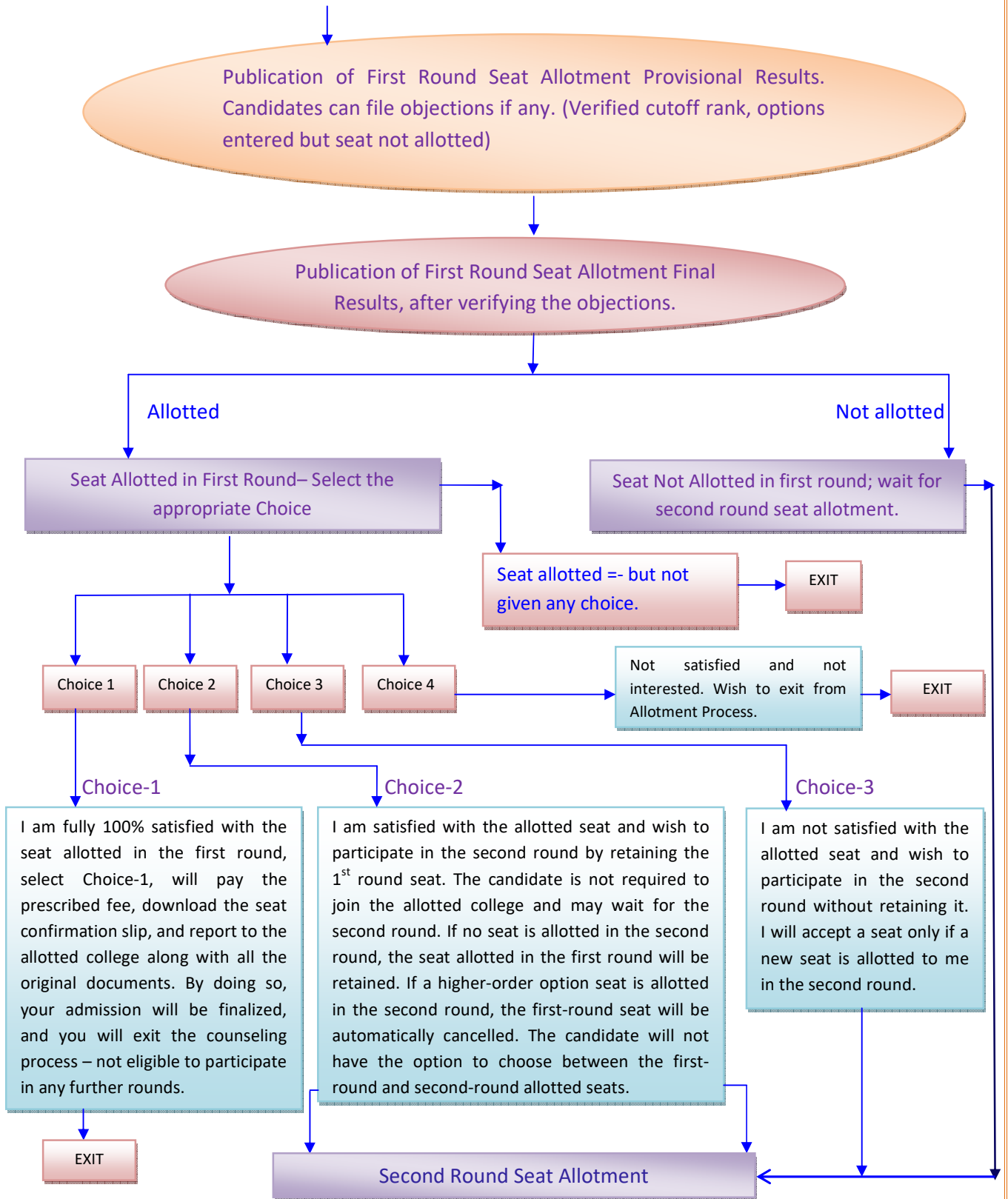
C. 3RD / CASUAL ROUND SEAT ALLOTMENT



FIRST ROUND SEAT ALLOTMENT



FIRST ROUND SEAT ALLOTMENT CONTINUED



SECOND ROUND SEAT ALLOTMENT

1. Second Round Option Entry Schedule will be published on the KEA Website.
2. Select the option entry link in the KEA Website and Log-in to Option Entry Portal.
3. Options entered in the first round will be displayed. (as per 1st round CHOICE opted)
4. Candidates can re-order / delete / modify / alter the options. (Adding of options in case of new colleges / new courses included)
5. Save and submit the options.
6. Take the print out of the finally submitted options.

Process of Second Round Seat Allotment
Finally saved options will be considered for seat allotment.

Publication of Second Round Seat Allotment Provisional Results.
Candidates can file objections if any. (Verified the cutoff rank, options entered but seat not allotted)

Publication of Second Round Seat Allotment Final Results

Seat Allotted, select the appropriate Choice

If seat is not allotted, wait for the next round.

Choice 1

Choice 4

Seat Allotted in Second Round – 100% satisfied with the allotted seat – select Choice-1, pay the fees, download the confirmation slip and **should compulsorily report** to college. If interested can participate in the 3rd round for up gradation.

Not satisfied and not interested. Wish to exit from Allotment Process.

EXIT

Later, if a candidate decides to participate in the 3rd round, he /she may do so after the publication of available seat matrix of 3rd round subject to conditions / procedures.

Third Round Seat Allotment

THIRD / CASUAL ROUND SEAT ALLOTMENT

1. Third Round Option Entry Schedule will be published on the KEA Website.
2. Select the option entry link in the KEA Website and Log-in to Option Entry Portal.
3. Save and submit the options.
4. Take the print out of the finally submitted options.

Process of Third Round Seat Allotment
Finally saved options will be used for seat allotment.

Publication of Third Round Seat Allotment Provisional Results.
Candidates can file objections if any. (Verified the cutoff rank, options entered but seat not allotted)

Third Round Seat Allotment Final Results

After publication of 3rd Round seat allotment results, there will not be any choice to select, candidates have to compulsorily pay the fees, download the confirmation slip, and report to the allotted college. If any candidate fails to report to the college after allotment of seats in the 3rd Round / Casual Vacancy, legal action will be initiated against such candidate in accordance with law.

5. ENTRY OF OPTIONS:

Entry of options by the candidates will begin only after the receipt of seat matrix from the Government. The details of the College wise, Course wise and Category wise seats available for allotment will be published on the KEA Website which can be downloaded and printed.

KEA will receive the seat matrix from the Government before the commencement of allotment of seats. The seat matrix in respect of Engineering, Technology and Architecture courses, Farm Sciences, Veterinary, B-Pharm, Pharm-D, BPT, BPO, B.Sc. AHS, D-Pharma etc and Medical, Dental, Indian System of Medicine & Homoeopathy, as notified by the Government will be published on the KEA Website along with Fee Structure for each discipline before the commencement of allotment of seats to the respective disciplines. Study the same.

5.1 STAGES FOR ENTRY OF OPTIONS BY CANDIDATES.-

- In the KEA Website <https://cetonline.karnataka.gov.in/kea/> candidates have to select “ADMISSION”, then in the UGCET-2026 tab select the **UGCET-2026-OPTION ENTRY**, then it will show the actual screen to enter the options.
- Then candidate has to scan the QR code printed in the Verification Slip, and then enter the application number and **OPTION ENTRY** CET No.
- Enter the OTP received to the registered mobile number, then select VERIFY OTP. Then enter into option entry Login through face recognition.

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LOGIN Home Candidate Optionentry

Declaration

Payment Payment details Course details College List Instructions Work sheet

ADMISSION TO UGCET & OTHER PROFESSIONAL COURSES-2026

Option Entry Login

Scan QR Code printed in the verification slip or

ADMISSION TO UGCET & OTHER PROFESSIONAL COURSES-2026

Option Entry Login

Login with Application Number and Option entry CET number.

ADMISSION TO UGCET & OTHER PROFESSIONAL COURSES-2026

Option Entry Login

Then enter the OTP received. Verify OTP

ADMISSION TO UGCET & OTHER PROFESSIONAL COURSES-2026

Option Entry Login

Capture live photo for Face recognition and login to enter Option Entry portal.

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- Then, all category candidates have to pay **Rs.750/-** by using the payment gateway.
- After confirmation of **Rs.750/-** payment “Candidates Option Entry” link gets enabled and candidates will be allowed to enter the options.

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ADMISSION TO UGCET & OTHER PROFESSIONAL COURSES-2026

Alert

The above alert message will flash on the screen to make the payment of Rs. 750/- (Non- refundable)

ADMISSION TO UGCET & OTHER PROFESSIONAL COURSES-2026

ADMISSION

Select “Pay-Online” Link for payment, New Tab will be opened for making the payment.

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5.2 WHEN CAN THE CANDIDATE ENTER THE OPTIONS?

Option entry schedule will be published in the KEA Website and press release will also be issued in this regard. Candidates should keep checking the KEA Website and enter the options before the date and time fixed to enter the options. KEA will not take the responsibility of any ignorance expressed by the candidate that he / she has missed the schedules or did not aware of the information published in the website. Further, candidates are also advised to enter the options within the stipulated time but not to wait till the last date fixed to enter the options to avoid the last minute rush.

5.3 PREPARATORY WORK AT HOME:

NOTE: Candidates are advised not to start entering the options directly on the online option form on the internet without preparatory work at home on **preference** of options, as it leads to commission of mistakes / wrong entries / wrong order of preferences.

5.4 COLLEGE PORTAL:

The candidates are advised to gather information from this portal about the colleges, the courses offered, infrastructure available, teaching faculty, laboratory facilities, hostel facilities and any other information which would help him / her in narrowing his options. The distance from his / her house, the mode of transport, the hostel facilities and the environment etc are also prime factors in deciding priority of options.

5.5 Discuss with parents / guardians / mentors etc before actually entering in the system.

Allotment of seats depends entirely on the priority of options given by the candidates as per the merit / rank. Hence it is of utmost importance to familiarize oneself with the operation of the computer, the locking of seats so that the correct options in the order of preference are entered. Practice of entering of options has to be undertaken, as even an expert in computers would require a minimum of one hour for entry of about 500 options. Familiarity with the computer, prior knowledge of the college / course is essential to fill up options. Even a small mistake in entering the options may deprive a valuable seat in the desired college / course even though he / she is eligible for that seat as per his / her rank. Therefore, KEA suggests that the student should familiarize themselves in entering the options in the online option entry form. **A home work of about an hour everyday is necessary for the students to familiarize themselves with the allotment.** The following steps may be taken by the candidates before entering their options in the online option entry form.

5.6 Students are advised to practice at home regarding their preferred college, course of interest, etc. Before entering their preferences into the computer, they should write down their most preferred preferences, one after the other, on a white sheet of paper and give them priority numbers.

5.6.1 The candidate should note the name of the college, the course offered in a separate sheet of paper.

5.6.2 The cut off rank for that particular college and course may be seen so that the candidate will get an idea about where he / she stand vis-à-vis his ranking.

5.6.3 Preparatory work should be commenced only after asserting their merit / rank order.

5.6.4 The priority of options among the colleges selected should be noted down.

5.6.5 A mock allotment on real time data given by the candidates will also be done before the actual commencement of the First Round, so that the candidate can know the college and course allotted as per his options.

5.6.6 The candidate can also change his options after seeing the mock allotment. This will help him to find out his standing as per his merit and as per options. The mock test is only to help the candidates familiarize and show them the course and college allotted to them and it should be in no way presumed that the same seat and college will be allotted to them in the actual allotment of seats. Because, the candidates have the option of changing the priority of the options entered by them after the mock allotment.

5.6.7 The verification slip issued to the candidates indicates the category which he / she belongs, rank number for each discipline to which he / she eligible, special category if any etc. It will help in choosing the college or course or place of the college.

5.7 CUT OFF RANK:

The cutoff ranks for 2025 and for earlier years for all discipline college wise, course wise and category wise is hosted on the KEA website <http://kea.kar.nic.in>. The cut off rank shows the name of the college, course, category and the last rank in the particular college for a particular course during 2026. **The cutoff rank is only for the information of the students and no inference shall be drawn on the availability of seats college wise and course wise for the year 2026. KEA does not take any responsibility whatsoever in this regard.** The cutoff ranks give a fair idea about the last rank under each category admitted to a particular college / course during the previous year. Do not exercise your options based on cut-off ranks. The options should be exercised purely based on the candidate interest for

college/course because cut-off ranks will not be same every year. And the candidate should make sure that he/she has not missed out any college/course he/she wishes to take admission and the same is ordered according to the priority.

6. METHODS TO ENTER THE OPTIONS.

- 6.1 Option entry panel will display all the discipline tabs to which the candidate is eligible. In case if the candidate is eligible for Engineering and Farm Science and Veterinary courses, all the three tabs will be displayed. Candidate has to select the particular discipline tab and then he / she has to start entering the priority numbers.
- 6.2 Candidates will find the list of colleges and courses in case if he / she select engineering and Farm Sciences. Likewise list of colleges for other disciplines will also be available based on the eligibility of the candidate.
- 6.3 If a candidate is eligible for both Medical and Engineering discipline and his first desire is the Medical Stream then in such case he has to give as much options as possible for Medical. The order of preference for Medical should be more than other disciplines. The computer in such case will find the best options as per the rank and allot a seat to the candidate. Likewise if a candidate is interested only in Engineering he may skip the option of giving **CHOICE** for Medical and concentrate only on Engineering courses. Even in Engineering stream if the candidate is particular about a particular course then he has to give more options for that particular course in his options.
- 6.4 **There is no limit for entry of options.** A Candidate can enter any number of options as he / she wishes to exercise on his / her own priority. Candidates are advised to enter more number of options to avoid the disappointment of not securing a seat. A candidate has to enter the option in the priority as he / she desires. Candidates are advised to do thorough home assignment regarding the **CHOICES** which they want to exercise, the college which they prefer, the course which they are interested to join etc.
- 6.5 Your interest in the discipline, college infrastructure, course, distance from your place, availability of hostel etc may be some of the issues to guide your **CHOICES** of options and advice of your parents. As it will save your time and minimize your chance of making mistake in option entry on the online option entry form. After entry of options candidate has to select the button submit and logout.

6.6 Options recorded in the server on the last day and time of the notified schedule in each round will be frozen and only the frozen options will be considered for allotment of seats. The candidates are advised to take a print out of the option entered by them in each round after the last date and time for entry of options is over.

6.7 Information to enter the options for Farm Science and Veterinary courses to the candidates who have got both regular and practical rank.

Candidates, who have got regular rank and practical rank, should indicate priority number both for regular seat and also for practical seat. Regular college list and practical college list is displayed separately with a different college codes.

6.8 In case if the candidate wishes to give options for “College of Agricultural Science, Bangalore”, he / she has to enter the priority number separately in the option entry portal. First, he / she has to select regular college, indicate the priority number and then select the practical college and indicate the priority number.

7. NOTE ON SEAT ALLOTMENT

7.1 The entire process of allotment is controlled by sophisticated software and high end computers which examine minutely the options given by the candidates for allotment of the best possible seat to the candidate as per the rank and options given. Therefore, it is very important that the candidate should be very clear about the **CHOICE** of the course, discipline which he is interested in.

7.2 For example if a candidate is interested only in Medical seats then he can give all the options in all the colleges for allotment of Medical seats only. If there about 60 Medical colleges and the candidates can give 60 options. The computer will decide the best seat available for allotment as per the rank and order of options of the candidate.

7.3 Similarly a candidate may be interested only in Engineering and there are about 230 Engineering Colleges and a candidate is interested only in Electronic branch, then he can give his preference for Electronic course only in all the colleges. The computer will pick the options in the order of priority of options entered by the candidate. In other words the candidate is free to give as many options in as many courses in as many colleges as he deems fit. Entry of more number of options is better for the candidate to secure a seat of his **CHOICE**.

7.4 The allotment will not proceed to the next rank candidate till the list of your options is completely searched for availability of a seat. The candidate may change the options as many times as he / she desires before the last date and time notified for entry of options.

8. GUIDELINES FOR PRIORITIZING AND ENTERING OPTIONS:

- 8.1 Candidates should enter their options in the order of their preference, assigning the highest priority to their most preferred choice. The options should be carefully reviewed before submission, as the allotment process will consider preferences sequentially based on the priority assigned. It is recommended that candidates arrange their choices thoughtfully to ensure the order accurately reflects their preferences.
- 8.2 Enter your options/preferences in the exact order of your priority, with Option 1 representing your most preferred choice.
- 8.3 Carefully review all available options before assigning priorities.
- 8.4 Do not assign the same priority rank to more than one option unless specifically permitted.
- 8.5 Once submitted, the system will consider the highest-priority eligible option first and then proceed to lower-priority options if necessary.
- 8.6 Ensure that your priorities genuinely reflect your preferences, as allotment/selection decisions may be based on the order entered.

Verify all entries before final submission, as changes may not be allowed after the deadline.

(Your Priority Number (or your ranking for your seat allotment))

- 8.7 Candidates have to enter priority which is given in Numbers. Your priority number starts from 1 and ends with total number of colleges / courses against each discipline / specific course stream. The priority number is unique number for each course of all Streams. There will not be any separate priority number for each discipline i.e., Veterinary, Medical, Dental, Engineering, Architecture, ISM&H, Farm Science, B-Pharm, Pharm-D. For instance, if you are giving priority number 1(one) for Medical then that number should not be repeated to any other course of the other discipline such as Architecture, Engineering & ISM&H. While selecting course in another stream the priority number should be given as 2 (two), 3 (Three), 4 (Four) as per your ranking preference.
- 8.8 Candidate should be very careful while entering the priority numbers in the option entry portal

8.9 The candidate may enter the course / college of his **CHOICE** from among the seats available which is displayed at the time of entry of options i.e., college wise, category wise and course wise, discipline wise. **The candidate will be allowed to enter all the options in the discipline to which he/she is eligible.**

8.10 Candidate shall enter the options for all the discipline at once. If the candidate is eligible for multiple disciplines i.e., both for Medical / Dental and Engineering or for Medical / Dental / Farm Science courses / B.Pharm, options can be exercised for all the discipline in the same entry form.

8.11 The candidate has to first select the Discipline in the option entry form. Upon selection of a discipline, the entry form display the list of colleges in case of Medical, Dental, Farm Science courses, B.-Pharm, Pharm-D and for Architecture courses. In case of Engineering discipline the entry form display the list of colleges with their engineering courses. The candidate has to enter the priority number in front of the displayed college / course to which they are eligible and interested.

- i. That means, first option may be Medical, second option may also be Medical, third option may be Engineering, fourth one may be again Medical, fifth option can be Architecture, the sixth may be Farm Science etc and so on.
- ii. Please visit KEA Website for details about college information i.e., College Code and Course Codes. Entering the priority numbers means you are interested to join that particular college and courses.

9. IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS ON “ONE TIME OPTION ENTRY”

9.1 The priority of options entered by the candidate for the first round will remain same for the second round seat allotment. **Candidates will not be allowed to enter new options again.** The priority of options entered by the candidate will be shown on the option entry module based on the **CHOICE** indication of candidate.

9.2 Candidate may reorder or delete or alter the order of options. If candidate is willing / interested to take admission in a particular college / courses, make sure that such options are exist in the option entry list in the order of preference. Candidates are advised to enter / retain all such options without looking at the seat matrix as the consequential seats which arise during the seat allotment will also be considered in the respective round allotment itself.

10. GUIDELINES FOR ONLINE SEAT ALLOTMENT:

10.1 KEA and NIC have jointly developed a user-friendly platform to simplify and facilitate the process of selecting a professional college and course as much as possible through online seat allotment process. This will help you to understand the entire process of seat allotment, prioritize your preferences, secure the allotted seat and finally get admission in the college of your choice and get proper guidance. Therefore, you are advised to read and understand the instructions and guidelines carefully.

10.2 All the students are advised to read the following instructions carefully and understand the entire process clearly before entering your preferences.

10.3 It is necessary for the students to make the right choices. This will enable them to complete the online seat allotment process successfully. KEA will publish important and relevant information from time to time for the smooth conduct of online counselling.

10.4 The seat allotment information for all rounds, as updated from time to time, will be published on KEA Website and through press releases.

10.5 Every student and his/her parents/guardians are advised to read and reflect carefully on the roles and responsibilities they have to perform. The Karnataka Examinations Authority will not be responsible for any problems that may arise due to the student and his/her parents/guardians not reading this information booklet carefully and not performing their roles and responsibilities as prescribed therein and not following the press releases, Website notifications/timetable from time to time.

10.6 A student may indicate his / her preference for more than one discipline for which he / she is eligible, i.e., Medicine/Dental and Engineering or Engineering and Architecture or Engineering, Ayurveda, Unani, Naturopathy and Yoga, Homeopathy, B.Sc. Nursing, Agricultural Science, B-Pharma and Pharma-D.

10.7 A student may indicate his / her preference for all the disciplines, if eligible.

10.8 While indicating options for Engineering courses, it is not necessary to indicate priority numbers separately for Supernumerary Quota seats.

11. NOTE ON MOCK ALLOTMENT:

- 11.1** *After the entry of options are completed,* based on the options entered by the candidates in the order of merit and by following the Roster System MOCK SEAT ALLOTMENT will be carried out as per the procedures explained in this Brochure. This Mock Seat Allotment is only an INDICATIVE seat status which candidate may or may not get in the real allotment. It will help the candidate to revise, update, add or delete already the entered options.
- 11.2** Candidates are required to verify their allotted seat status on the KEA Website <http://kea.kar.nic.in>, if they desire they are free to change, reorder, delete and add to their **CHOICES** of courses / colleges as per their preference. All the candidates must enter their final options before **the last date prescribed**. Candidates will not be able to change their options after the last date and time fixed to do so. Even though the candidate may not like to modify the options after the Mock Allotment, he / she may not get the same seat during the Real Allotment as other candidates may change their earlier entered options.
- 11.3** Candidates will also be able to view the details of seat allotted as per their options priority. Candidates can also view the College-wise, Course-wise, Category-wise cut off rank of Mock Allotment. Candidates, who have not been allotted any seat in the Mock allotment, should verify the options entered by them and are advised to enter more options in which they are interested.
- 11.4** This is only an indicative exercise; candidates need not report to the college, but should wait for the real allotment result. However, ALL CANDIDATES CAN CONTINUE TO ACCESS THEIR LOGIN ACCOUNTS TO UPDATE/ ADD/DELETE/ GIVE FRESH OPTIONS TILL THE LAST DATE AND TIME FOR OPTION ENTRY FOR REAL ALLOTMENT.

12. WHY DO WE CONDUCT MOCK SEAT ALLOTMENT?

- 12.1** Based on the Mock Seat Allotment a candidate can get an indicative allotment of college / course / stream as per his / her priority of options. This gives a clear idea to the candidate to change or retain the entered options. Candidates can get to know that the other candidate with lower merit is allotted a seat which he / she was eligible but for his / her not entering that option. Therefore, candidates will be given one more chance to change the priority of options or deletion or addition or re-ordering of the options.

12.2 Since candidates may change their options priority numbers or add or delete new ones after checking the mock result, the seats allotted in the mock seat allotment may or may not be available in the real seat allotment.

12.3 Those eligible candidates who have not entered the options for mock seat allotment, can also enter their priority of options by registering and paying the non-refundable fee of Rs.750/-.

12.4 Candidate should preserve the print out of the finally submitted options.

NOTE: As per the Government Order No. ಸಿಆಸುಇ 02 ಸೇಹಿಮ 2026 ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಿನಾಂಕ 27-04-2026, Internal reservation would be applicable to Scheduled Caste category candidates who have entered the RD Number containing internal reservation.

13. METHOD OF ONLINE SEAT ALLOTMENT IN 2 + 1 ROUND SYSTEM:

The seat matrix issued by the Government for each discipline will be adopted for allotment of seats. College wise, course wise and category wise seat matrix issued by Government will be hosted on the KEA website for the information of the candidates and parents before the beginning of the first round and from time to time.

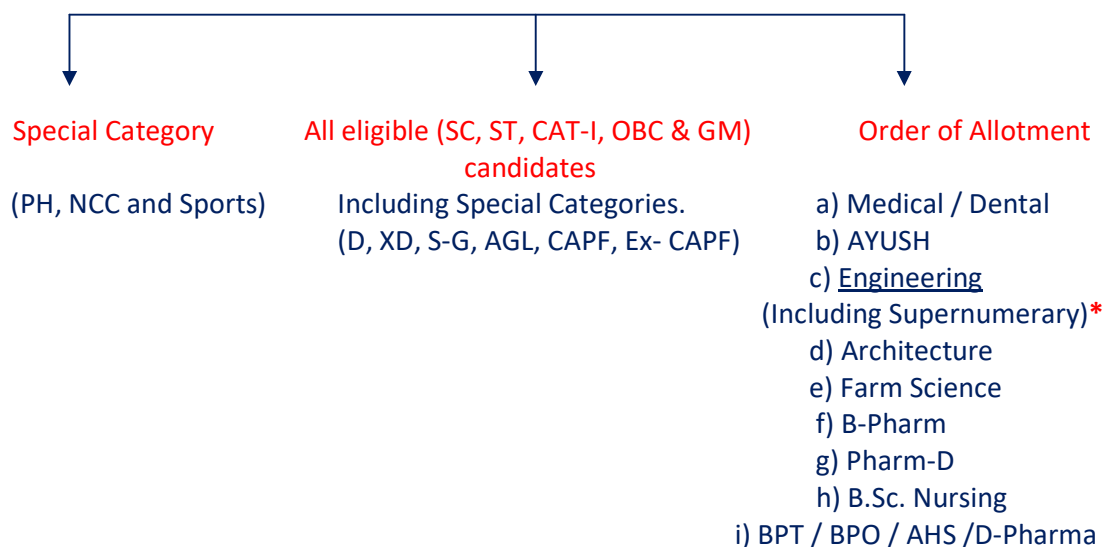
(i) After the last date and time fixed for entering the options is over and as per the seat matrix issued by the Government, action will be taken to allot the seats in the order of merit based on the priority of the options entered by the candidates and by following the reservation policy of the Government.

(ii) The computer begins allotment with the Special Category seat for Physically Disabled, NCC and Sports Category.

a. The computer starts the allotment with the Physically Disabled persons as per their rank and options. As per the Act, 5% of the seats in all Government, Aided and Unaided private colleges in Medical / Dental / AYUSH / Engineering / Architecture / Farm Science / Veterinary / B-Pharm / Pharm-D / B.Sc. Nursing / BPT / BPO / B.Sc. AHS / D-Pharma etc courses and as per the seat matrix issued by the concerned departments allotment of such reserved seats to eligible Physically Disabled candidates.

- b. After allotment to Physically Disabled candidates, seat allotment to NCC candidates holding preference 1 to 8 will be allotted under NCC quota as per their preference and if the preference is the same the interse merit among the candidates will be considered. Likewise candidates in Sports category will be allotted in Sports quota and where the preferences are equal the interse merit will be considered. For Engineering seats all candidates will be considered first against Supernumerary Quota (SNQ) seats if they are eligible.
- c. General Merit category candidates will be considered only in the General Merit quota. The rank list will be invariably followed for allotment of seats. All Reserved category candidates will be first considered for allotment in General Merit as per their merit and rank and as per the options given by them. After the General Merit seats are exhausted the candidate belonging to the respective categories will be allotted the seats in their respective category as per their rank and as per the options given by them.
- d. Reserved Kannada Medium and Rural Category candidates will be first allotted in General Merit Category, then in the Rural and Kannada Medium of General Merit category and respective general of the reserved category and finally in the Kannada Medium and Rural of the respective category subject to availability of seats.
- e. Kalyana Karnataka reservation (371 (j)) will also be considered for allotment of seats as per the reservation criteria.
- f. While allotting to Special Category candidates namely, Defence, Ex-Defence, Scouts & Guides, CAPF, Ex-CAPF, first allotment will be made under General Merit category as per their ranks, if the seat is not available in GM, then it will be allotted in the respective reserved category if seats are available and then finally the seats will be allotted under Special Category if seats are available in the order of merit.
- g. * While allotting to Reserved Categories and Special Category candidates in Engineering, first allotment will be considered under Supernumerary Quota if eligible, then under General Merit category, if the seat is not available in GM, then it will be allotted in the respective reserved category if seats are available and then finally the seats will be allotted under Special Category if seats are available in the order of merit.
- h. If the candidate has been allotted an engineering seat other than Supernumerary Quota, then if the same seat is available under Supernumerary Quota in any of the subsequent rounds, then such candidate will be allotted under Supernumerary quota.

FLOW CHART FOR FIRST ROUND



1st Phase of allotment of seats:

1 st Phase	:	i) Allotment of seats to all the disciplines as per the seat matrix issued by the Government. (a) Physically Disabled candidates (b) NCC candidates (c) Sports Candidates ii) Allotment of seats to Medical / Dental iii) Allotment of seats to ISM & H iv) Allotment of seats to Engineering v) Allotment of seats to Architecture vi) Allotment of seats to Farm Science vii) Allotment of seats to B-Pharm, Pharm-D and 2 nd year B-Pharm viii) Allotment of seats B.Sc. Nursing ix) Allotment of seats BPT / BPO / AHS /D-Pharma
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Based on the merit and priority of options the first phase of allotment begins. The computer will first allot the seats in the above mentioned order and continues in the same order. While allotting the seats in the 1st Phase at any stage, the seat allotted if any, will automatically get cancelled upon allotment of a seat in the subsequent discipline and such cancelled seat will be considered for allotment of a seat in the next iteration.

Therefore, multiple iterations may take place in the 1st Phase. The computer will stop the allotment only if the last seat is allotted or when it reaches the last rank in each discipline. That means the candidates will always be climbing upwards both in options and in roster. The order of allotment as shown above will be repeated in the 1st phase until there is no change in the allotment of any candidate.

2nd Phase of allotment.

After allotment of seats in the first phase, action will be taken to allot the seats for the 2nd phase allotment of seats. After completion of the 1st Phase of allotment of seats, the seats that remain unfilled under all the Rural and Kannada medium quota of the reserved categories will be converted to General of the respective reserved categories (SCR & SCK to SCG, STR & STK to STG, 1R & 1K to 1G, 2AR & 2AK to 2AG, 2BR & 2BK to 2BG, 3AR & 3AK to 3AG, 3BR & 3BK to 3BG) before the commencement of 2nd Phase and offered ONLY to the reserved category candidates including GMR & GMK category candidates. Consequential vacancies which arise during this allotment of seats will remain in the same category and will be offered to the same reserved category candidates.

In this phase only reserved category candidates will be considered for allotment and GM candidates will not be considered. Further, GM and SNQ seats will also be not considered for allotment of seats.

IMPORTANT:

This procedure for conversion of seats will be adopted before the commencement of 2nd Phase of allotment. Further, if the reserved category candidates are allotted with a **General Merit** / respective reserved category seat during the 2nd phase of allotment, then a reserved category seat becomes vacant. Such seats are treated as '**CONSEQUENTIAL VACANCIES**'. These consequential reserved category vacancies that arise during the 2nd phase of allotment will remain under the same categories and will be offered only to the candidates belonging to the same reserved categories.

NOTE: All GM consequential vacancies which arise in this phase will be considered for allotment in the 3rd Phase of allotment.

In this phase also, the order of seat allotment remains same which is as follows:

- 2nd Phase : i) Allotment of seats to all the disciplines as per the seat Matrix issued by the Government.
- (a) Physically Disabled candidates
 - (b) NCC candidates
 - (c) Sports Candidates
- ii) Allotment of seats to Medical / Dental
- iii) Allotment of seats to ISM & H
- iv) Allotment of seats to Engineering
- v) Allotment of seats to Architecture
- vi) Allotment of seats to Farm Science
- vii) Allotment of seats to B-Pharm, Pharm-D and 2nd year B-Pharm
- iii) Allotment of seats B.Sc. Nursing
- ix) Allotment of seats BPT / BPO / AHS /D-Pharma

Based on the merit and priority of options the second phase of allotment begins. The computer will first allot the seats in the above mentioned order and continues in the same order. While allotting the seats in the 2nd Phase at any stage, the seat allotted if any, will be released automatically upon allotment of a seat in the subsequent discipline and such released seat will be considered for allotment of a seat in the next iteration.

Therefore, many iteration may take place in the 2nd Phase also. The computer will stop the allotment only if the last seat is allotted or when it reaches the last rank in each discipline. That means the candidate will always be climbing upwards both in options and roster. The order of allotment as shown above will get repeated in the 2nd Phase until there is no change in the allotment of any candidate.

NOTE: As per the Government Order No. ಸಿಆಸುಇ 02 ಸೇಹಿಮ 2026 ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಿನಾಂಕ 27-04-2026, Internal reservation would be applicable to Scheduled Caste category candidates who have entered the RD Number containing internal reservation.

3rd Phase of Allotment of seats:

After the allotment of seats in the second phase of allotment, the seats that remain unfilled under various reserved General categories such as SCG, STG, 1G, 2AG, 2BG, 3AG, 3BG, GMR and GMK, along with unfilled special category seats, if any, will be converted to the General Merit category and offered to GM candidates along with all other reserved category candidates in the 3rd Phase of allotment. However, the consequential Rural and Kannada medium reserved category seats that arise during the 3rd Phase of allotment and if remains un-allotted then the same seat will be converted to the General of the respective reserved categories only if there are no seats in the respective general category and will be made available for allotment only to the respective reserved category candidates during 3rd Phase of allotment.

In this round also, the order of seat allotment remains same which is as follows:

- 3rd Phase : i) Allotment of seats to all the disciplines as per the seat Matrix issued by the Government.
- (a) Physically Disabled candidates
 - (b) NCC candidates
 - (c) Sports Candidates
- ii) Allotment of seats to Medical / Dental
- iii) Allotment of seats to ISM & H
- iv) Allotment of seats to Engineering
- v) Allotment of seats to Architecture
- vi) Allotment of seats to Farm Science
- vii) Allotment of seats to B-Pharm, Pharm-D and 2nd year B-Pharm

All the candidates will be considered for allotment of seats in this iteration. Before commencement of 3rd phase the computer will display the number of seats that got allotted in each discipline, total number of candidates allotted and the number of seats remained unfilled and number of candidates unallotted.

While allotting the seats in the 3rd Phase at any stage, the seat allotted if any, will be automatically released upon allotment of a seat in subsequent stage and such released seat will be considered for allotment of a seat in the next iteration.

Based on the merit and priority of options the third phase of allotment begins. The computer will first allot the seats in the above mentioned order and continues in the same order. While allotting the seats in the 3rd Phase at any stage, the seat allotted if any, will be released automatically upon allotment of a seat in the subsequent discipline and such released seat will be considered for allotment of a seat in the next iteration.

Therefore, many iterations may take place in the 3rd Phase also. The computer will stop the allotment only if the last seat is allotted or when it reaches the last rank in each discipline. That means the candidate will always be climbing upwards both in options and roster. The order of allotment as shown above will get repeated in the 3rd Phase until there is no change in the allotment of any candidate

Specialty of 3rd Phase of allotment is, after completion of last stage of allotment of seats, the seats remained unallotted if any, in any reserved category will be converted to GM automatically and will be offered to all the eligible candidates from 1st to last rank based on the priority of options entered. That means repetition of phase 3 allotment process will take place. Phase 3 allotment stops only when there is no seat in reserved category and no change in the allotment.

Summary:

This illustrates that at each stage, the options are getting shrunk before moving to the next stage, if seats are allotted. If seats are not allotted, the options list remains unchanged.

The seats which are returned back to seat matrix in the process of allotment stages will be allotted to the next candidate as per rank and options. This way there will be a number of iterations till the candidate gets the best seat of his **CHOICE** governed by rank. This means, the system halts allotment when no seats are available for a candidate as per his options.

All the steps taken together as detailed above will form one round and the stages mentioned above, are known as iteration stage / phase. The iteration stage in each round will go on as long as the **CHOICE** of the candidate is not fulfilled or the availability seat is not exhausted. In this way each candidate may get either a Medical seat or an Engineering seat or ISMH seat as per his/her rank and priority in the respective disciplines. However it is possible that if all seats

are exhausted then a candidate might not be allotted a seat at all. Therefore it is very important to candidates to give their options very carefully and after considerable thought and after discussing with their parents and elders. If by chance the options given by the candidate is not well thought he may lose a seat in a good college as he may not have given option for that particular college or would have given lower options. For example a candidate is interested in college A, but by mistake or by oversight he has given a lower preference for that college and has given higher preference for some other college. The computer then will allot a seat as per his rank and as per his higher priorities. In this way he may tend to lose a seat in the college of his **CHOICE** merely because he has not given a correct priority of options.

The iteration stage starts with Medical/Dental seats, and goes on till the Medical seats is exhausted or **CHOICE** of candidate is exhausted. Similarly in the 2nd iteration stage the **CHOICE** of the candidates in ISMH discipline is considered and in the 3rd iteration stage the **CHOICE** of candidates in Engineering is considered and finally the 4th iteration stage the **CHOICE** of the candidate for Architecture discipline is considered. If the candidate has given his first **CHOICE** as Engineering and 2nd **CHOICE** as Medical then in the 1st stage of iteration the Medical seat at option no.2 will be considered and a Medical seat will be allotted to him as per his priority and rank if seats are available. So in the 1st iteration the candidate will get a Medical seat and immediately in the Engineering iteration stage the candidate will be allotted the Engineering seat as per his rank and priority by cancelling the Medical seat as the first priority is engineering. The Medical seat so cancelled will be added to seat matrix of the same college and category and allotted to the next candidate as per his/her rank and priority. Therefore the candidate ultimately gets the seats of his **CHOICE**/priority. In the final analysis the candidate gets the best of the best seats of his **CHOICE**.

After the entire iteration of all the discipline in all the three phase is complete the final list will be announced on the website and this is known as the First Round. Therefore, many iteration may take place in one round as per the **CHOICE** of the candidate and as per the availability of seats. The candidate can track down the movement of seats in the different iteration stages to satisfy himself that the best of the **CHOICES** is allotted to him. Virtual tracking of the process of allotment by the computer can be viewed by the candidate after allotment. This ensures transparency in the entire allotment stage and KEA is known for its motto **Trust through Total Transparency**.

Admission to Government seats shall be made in accordance with the Karnataka Selection of Candidates for Admission to Government Seats in Professional Educational Institutions Rules, 2006 (in short CET-2006 Admission Rules) as amended from time to time and therefore the details and instructions contained in this Information Bulletin are subject to the said Rules and Government orders. In case of any discrepancy, the Rules shall prevail.

As per the seat matrix issued by the Government, the seat allotment to the these courses will be done ONLINE in the order of merit / rank and based on the options entered by the candidates through KEA Web-portal.

Detailed information about entering preferences/options and mock seat allotment has been explained in the previous pages for the information of the candidates. As a continuation of that, detailed information about 2 + 1 rounds stages is given below;

That is,

1. FIRST ROUND SEAT ALLOTMENT

2. SECOND ROUND SEAT ALLOTMENT

3. THIRD ROUND / CASUAL VACANCY ROUND SEAT ALLOTMENT

Required information like rules, instructions, guidelines, procedures, schedule etc. for each round of seat allotment for various professional courses will be published on the KEA Website from time to time. Candidates should read the instructions carefully and follow them accordingly.

14. FIRST ROUND SEAT ALLOTMENT:

The first round of seat allotment will be made as per the priority of options saved by the candidates, merit and roster system of the candidate. First round results will be published on the KEA Website for the information of the candidates.

The candidate here has 4 **CHOICES**. Read the following four Choices in detail in next pages.

Choice-1	100% happy with the allotted college and course, and prepared to take admission by paying fees. Further, not willing to participate in further rounds of UGCET / UGNEET.
Choice-2	Satisfied with the first round seat, but willing to participate in the second round for seat up gradation / improvement (from higher order options). NOTE: Login to option entry portal in the second round is compulsory.
Choice-3	Not interested with the allotted seat, hence rejecting the seat allotted but willing to participate in the next round. Login to option entry portal in the second round is compulsory.
Choice-4	Taken admission elsewhere, hence wish to exit / quit from the KEA seat allotment process.

- 14.1 After verifying the first round seat allotment actual results on the KEA Website, the candidate can take the decisions as detailed below:
- 14.2 After the first round seat allotment, four different CHOICES will be given to the candidates who have been allotted seats. Candidate should select any one CHOICE out of the four CHOICES that suits them.
- 14.3 But before selecting any CHOICE, candidates please read and understand the implication of each CHOICE and then select the appropriate CHOICE. If a candidate fails to exercise any of the following FOUR CHOICES within the stipulated date and time, then the seat allotted to such candidate stands cancelled automatically without any further notice in this regard and he/she will not be allowed to participate in further rounds.
- 14.4 To exercise the Choices or to download the Challan or to download the Seat Confirmation Slip or to make payment in the bank or to download the admission order from the college portal, candidate need not visit KEA, these activities have to be executed from selecting the appropriate link in the KEA Website.
- 14.5 The explanation of the CHOICES for the candidates allotted seats in the first round and the steps taken after selecting the CHOICES are given in the following pages.
- 14.6 After the first round of seat allotment, candidates can participate in the next round by selecting the appropriate CHOICE.
- 14.7 If the candidates opt for CHOICE-1 for the seat allotted in the first round, such candidates will not be considered for the second round of UGCET courses or UGNEET courses.

Instructions to the candidates who have NOT been allotted a seat

- 14.8 Candidates who have been OPTIONS in the first round but have not been allotted any seat will not have any CHOICE to choose, they can participate in the next round.
- 14.9 But after the start of the second round of seat allotment, they have to compulsorily log in to the login portal and selected the consent form.
- 14.10 If a candidate has not logged in to the online portal at least once, such candidate will be considered as not interested in participating in the second round, the first round OPTIONS will not be considered and also will not be considered for seat allotment.

14.11 OPTIONS ENTERED DURING FIRST ROUND:

The options entered earlier will continue to be valid for all subsequent rounds of online seat allotment up to the 2nd round. Candidates will not be allowed add options again. However, options can be deleted or changed or the order can be changed.

CHOICES for FIRST ROUND

CHOICE-1: I am 100% satisfied with the seat allotted in the first round and will join the college, I do not need any change. I also do not want to participate in the next rounds (for courses like UGNEET- Medical or Dental or Homoeopathy or UGCET-Engineering / Architecture / Farm Science / Veterinary / Pharmacy / B.Sc Nursing, Naturopathy and Yoga, BPT, BPO, Allied Health Science, D-Pharma etc.), hence I should not be considered for seat allotment in any of the next rounds. I confirm that I will pay the fee for the seat allotted in the first round, download the Confirmation Slip and then get the OTP through the college portal login by Online Face Recognition, verify the eligibility, download the admit card and get admission within the stipulated date.

Action: If the candidates are going to take the above steps, they can select CHOICE-1 from the specified link on the KEA Website and take the next step.

Any Choice-1 selected candidate fails to pay the fees or paid the fees but failed to download the Confirmation Slip or fails to report to the College, he / she has no claim further on such allotment, revert back to the seat matrix, and he / she will not be considered for allotment of seats in the subsequent round, fee paid if any will be forfeited.

Implication: Not eligible to participate in the subsequent rounds.

Important: Candidates are advised to choose this option only if they are certain, as they will not be allowed to re-enter the Option Entry Process for UGCET-2026/UGNEET-2026.

The candidates who exercise **CHOICE-1** Should follow the guidelines detailed below:

- a. If satisfied, exercise **CHOICE-1** on the KEA Web-portal.
- b. Download / print the Challan from the KEA website.
- c. In the Challan, the details of the candidate will be pre-printed, such as Name, CET Number, College / Course Allotted details, Fee to be paid, Bank Account Number. Candidate has to confirm the printed details and affix the signature on the Challan.
- d. Pay the prescribed fee.
- e. Download the Confirmation Slip, report to college with all the necessary original documents (with two sets of photocopies) to take admission.
- f. After verifying all the original documents, the college will get the details of the candidate in their official login (College Portal), verify the photo (Online Face Recognition) and then send an OTP to the candidate's mobile number via WhatsApp.
- g. After OTP verification, the college will download the provisional admission letter from their portal. (Candidates will not be allowed to download the admission letter)
- h. After these steps, the candidate's admission process is complete and he/she will not be eligible to participate in any further rounds.

Steps to be followed by CHOICE-1 Candidates – Rules

First step – Fee payment

Second step – Downloading the Confirmation Slip.

Third step – Reporting to the college in person for admission (with all original documents and mobile)

Fourth step – Verification of the photo (Face Recognition) – Then verification of the OTP sent to the candidate's mobile number via WhatsApp

Fifth step – After OTP verification, the college authority will be able to download the admission order from their login portal.

Admission will be considered final only after all the above steps are followed.

CHOICE-2: I want the seat allotted in the first round but I will participate in the second round to get a better seat. If any seat is allotted in the higher order options on the basis of merit in the second round, I will take the seat allotted in the second round. In case no seat is allotted on the basis of merit in the second round, I confirm that the seat already allotted in the first round will remain.

Action: If the candidate decide / take action in the above manner, they can participate in the second round by selecting CHOICE-2 in the specified link on the KEA Website.

Explanation: Choice-2 candidates are participating in the second round by holding the first round allotted seat for higher order options. In the second round, if higher option seat are allotted then earlier allotted seat gets cancelled automatically OR if higher option seat are not allotted then earlier allotted seat shall remain in candidates favour. **There is no CHOICE between the earlier allotted and newly allotted seats.**

Important: Consequential vacancies that arise after their turn cannot be claimed. Fresh options entry will be permitted only when the new college / courses are included in the seat matrix after the allotment of first round. **Eligible to participate in the subsequent round keeping the seat allotted on hold. However, if a seat in the higher options gets allotted the candidate loses his old seat.** The candidates who exercise **CHOICE-2** should follow the guidelines detailed below:

- The candidates who exercise **CHOICE-2** need not pay the fees for the allotted seat in the first round.
- Candidates who choose **CHOICE-2** will retain the seat allotted to them in the first round and will be considered for seat up-gradation in the second round. If a seat from any of their higher-order options is allotted in the second round, the seat allotted in the first round will be automatically cancelled and replaced by the new allotment. If no higher-preference option is allotted, the candidate will continue to hold the seat allotted in the first round.
- Higher order options means, if a candidate has entered 180 options, and the seat is allotted for his / her priority number 123 in the first round, then the priority number 1 to 122 are the higher order options. The lowered options i.e., from 124 to 180 get deleted automatically.

- If any of the Higher Order Options are not allotted, then the seat allotted to them in the first round will remain with the candidate.
- Candidates can alter / delete / reorder / modify the higher order options in the second round option entry portal.

CHOICE-3: I am not satisfied with allotted seat but wish to participate in the next round with all the already entered options except the allotted options by surrendering the allotted seat and also re-ordering of already entered options.

Implication: Eligible to participate in the subsequent round by rejecting the allotted seat.

After the commencement of process of second round option entry, the candidates should login and agree to the terms and conditions. Only after logging to the option entry portal, candidate is allowed to alter / modify / reorder / delete the already entered options as per his / her choice. All the options entered by the candidates in the first round will be shown (except the allotted option in the first round), the candidates can modify only the options they want in any order. There is no need to keep the options that are not required, they can be removed. The options that you remove will remain on your left-hand side screen and such options will not be considered. That is, you can change any options or modify the priority measures or remove any options if you do not want them.

NOTE: Consequential vacancies that arise after their turn cannot be claimed. **Chances of getting lower order options is subject to availability of seats as the other candidates next to your rank might have entered those options and seat would have been allotted to them based on merit.**

The candidates who exercise **CHOICE-3** should follow the guidelines detailed below:

- The candidates who exercise **CHOICE-3** need not pay the fees for the allotted seat in the first round. The candidates who exercise **CHOICE-3** are NOT satisfied with the allotted seat.
- The candidates who exercise **CHOICE-3** are participating in the second round by rejecting the seat allotted to them in the first round.
- Only after logging to the option entry portal, candidate is allowed to alter / modify / reorder / delete the already entered options as per his / her choice.

CHOICE-4: I am not satisfied with the seat allotted to me by KEA, and I have secured admission through another institution/process. Therefore, I wish to withdraw from the KEA counselling process and request that I should not be considered for seat allotment in any further rounds.

Implication: Not eligible to participate UGCET-2026 or UGNEET-2026 subsequent round and no hold on the allotted seat and seat allotted earlier will get cancelled.

15. SECOND ROUND SEAT ALLOTMENT:

15.1 Three types of candidates would be eligible to participate in the second round of seat allotment. (a) **Those who have selected Choice-2 in the first round,** (b) **Those who have selected Choice-3 in the first round and** (c) **Those who have not been allotted any seat in the first round.**

15.2 The schedule for the second round of seat allotment will be published on the KEA Website. Candidates should then proceed as per the schedule.

15.3 Candidates who have selected Choice-2 in the first round shall participate keeping the seat allotted to them.

15.3.1 The options with priority entered by the candidate in the first round will be shown on the option entry module by obtaining the candidate credentials. Candidate may delete or alter order of higher options.

15.3.2 All the above higher order options will be considered for allotment of seats. For example, if a candidate has been allotted a seat in the First round for his / her 115th option, all the above higher order options means, option number 1 to 114 will only be considered for allotment.

15.3.3 All the lower order option from 116 to the last entered options will not be considered for allotment.

15.3.4 Candidate can modify / alter / delete the priority of options from 1 to 114. If any of the options from 1 to 114 is available in the order of merit then computer will allot the seats to that candidate and automatically the earlier allotted seat will get cancelled and added to the seat matrix and it will be offered to the next candidate below and to subsequent candidates.

15.3.5 If a candidate fails to get any of the options from 1 to 114 then the seat allotted to him / her in earlier round for 115th option will remain with him / her.

15.3.6 Always, the computer moves towards upward direction so that the candidate will get the best of the best options entered by him / her. (Options 1 to Option 114)

15.3.7 Candidates should not claim any ignorance on allotment of seats and they should not reject the allotted seats since the seat is allotted to candidates based on the options entered by them and order of merit.

15.3.8 For any reason candidates will not be allowed to continue in their earlier allotted colleges. As already informed the earlier allotted seat will not be in their favour and therefore such candidates should invariably report to the allotted colleges.

15.3.9 Candidates are advised to modify / delete / re-order the options they want to select whether the seats shown in the seat matrix or not, only for the reason that consequential vacancies may arise during allotment process and the candidates will have a chance of getting a better seat if they have entered the options.

NOTE: Consequential vacancies that arise after their turn cannot be claimed.

15.3.10 The candidate will be allowed to add new options for any colleges and course that came into the seat matrix after the first round. Candidates who are participating in this round imply they are looking for a better seat than the allotted seat in the earlier round. If the candidate does not get any seat in this round then the seat allotted to him / her in the earlier round if any stands confirmed.

15.3.11 If the candidate gets a seat in the colleges entered by him / her in this round, the seat opted by him / her in this round will be confirmed and the seat held by him / her in the earlier round gets cancelled automatically.

15.3.12 Please note that if any seat gets allotted in this round as per merit and options entered by the candidate, there is no chance of getting back the earlier allotted seat.

Additional Important Instructions for First Round CHOICE 2 Candidates

(a) The **CHOICE 2** candidates are participating by holding a seat allotted in the First Round, if any seat is allotted to them in this round then their First Round seat gets added to the seat matrix immediately and is offered to the next eligible candidates in the order of options and priority of options.

(b) While modifying the order of options or deleting the options (adding the new options in case of new college / course added to the seat matrix) candidates are advised to give only such options that are better than his / her allotted seat. If the modified / added option gets allotted they lose their old seat. If none of the seats are available then the candidate's earlier seat is retained.

(c) For **CHOICE 2** candidates the seat allotted in the First Round will be considered as last option. The **CHOICE 2** candidates should be very careful while submitting the options. One should understand that the seat allotted in the First Round will become the last option, it means all the higher options saved by the candidates will be treated as options for seat allotment.

(d) All the higher order options will be displayed for entry of options, if any candidate is intending to retain the same seat which is allotted in the First Round, then he / she has to delete all such options which is displayed on the option entry portal, then the seat allotted in the First Round will be retained in this round also.

Candidates are advised to preserve the print out of the finally submitted options.

15.4 The seats which remain unfilled after first round seat allotment will be published on the KEA Website.

15.5 As the seats which may get cancelled /forfeited/newly added will also be published from time to time, candidates are advised to keep checking the KEA Website for updates on the availability of seats.

15.6 Further, the seats will be considered for allotment as a result of any CONSEQUENTIAL VACANCY that may arise during the seat allotment. Therefore, candidates are advised to retain all the options they are interested in choosing irrespective of the seats shown in the seat matrix.

15.7 (b) the candidates who have selected CHOICE-3 will be participating without holding any seat with them.

15.7.1 After the process of commencement of options entry in the 3rd round starts, after mandatory login and consent in the option entry portal, CHOICE-3 candidates will be shown all the preferences/options entered by the candidates in the first round (except for the options rejected / cancelled by the candidate as allotted in the first round).

15.7.2 Candidates can change the options or modify the priority numbers or remove any options if they are not required. The options that you remove will remain on your left side screen and such options will not be considered. That is, you can change any options or modify the priority numbers or remove any options if they are not required.

15.7.3 As the seats which may get cancelled /forfeited/newly added will also be published from time to time, candidates are advised to keep checking the KEA Website for updates on the availability of seats.

15.7.4 Further, the seats will be considered for allotment as a result of any CONSEQUENTIAL VACANCY that may arise during the seat allotment. Therefore, candidates are advised to retain all the options they are interested in choosing irrespective of the seats shown in the seat matrix.

Additional Instructions to candidates who have exercised CHOICE-3 in first round.

- **CHOICE-3** candidates are participating in this round without holding any seat allotted to them in the first round, if any seat is allotted to them in this round then such seat will be confirmed in their favour or if no seat is allotted to them then they will not be having any seat in their favour.
- All the already entered options except the allotted option will be displayed on the option entry screen.
- All the options means, presume that the candidate has entered 180 options, and the seat is allotted if I am not satisfied with the seat allotted to me by KEA, and I have secured admission through another institution/process. Therefore, I wish to withdraw from the KEA counselling process and request that I not be considered for seat allotment in any further rounds or his / her priority number 123 in the first round, then the priority number 1 to 180 except 123 will be displayed on the option entry screen.
- Candidates can alter, modify, delete or re-order the already entered options.
- While modifying the order of options or deleting the options (adding the new options in case of new college / course added to the seat matrix) candidates are advised to give only such options that are better than his / her allotted seat and for those options candidates are willing to join the college / course in case the seat is allotted.

15.8 (c) Those who have not been allotted any seat in the first round.

Candidates who have not got any seat in the first round should compulsorily log in to the login portal and select the agree /consent form on or before the last date prescribed for entry of options and prioritize the options, save and submit.

15.8.1 If a candidate has not logged in to the online portal at least once, such candidate will be considered as **not** interested in participating in the second round, the first round **OPTIONS** will not be considered and also will not be considered for seat allotment.

15.8.2 As the seats which may get cancelled /forfeited/newly added will also be published from time to time, candidates are advised to keep checking the KEA Website for updates on the availability of seats.

15.8.3 Further, the seats will be considered for allotment as a result of any **CONSEQUENTIAL VACANCY** that may arise during the seat allotment. Therefore, candidates are advised to retain all the options they are interested in choosing irrespective of the seats shown in the seat matrix.

Important Instructions to Candidates – Regarding Second Round

The following types of seats are made available for Second Round Seat Allotment.

1. Unfilled seats of First Round.
2. Choice-3 and Choice-4 seats.
3. Not joined seats
4. Newly added seats if any.
5. Consequential Vacancies.

The following types of candidates are not eligible to participate in the 3rd Round/ Casual Vacancy Round.

- a. Candidates who have failed to exercise any **CHOICE** even after allotment of seats in the First Round.
- b. Candidates who have exercised **CHOICE** 1 after seat allotment in First Round but failed to pay / download the Confirmation Slip.
- c. Not entered any options either in first round.

AFTER VERIFYING THE RESULTS OF THE SECOND ROUND OF SEAT ALLOTMENT ON THE WEBSITE, CANDIDATES CAN TAKE DECISIONS AS EXPLAINED BELOW.

- a. After the announcement of the results of the second round of seat allotment, candidates will have only **Choice-1** or **Choice-4** to select.
- b. Candidates who select **Choice-1** should get admission to the allotted seat. If they are interested in seat up gradation, they can participate in the third round of seat allotment by logging in.
- c. If a candidate does not take **Choice-1**, but wants to participate in the third round, he can cancel the seat allotted in the second round by paying penalty and log in to the third round and pay the registration fee again.
- d. During the third round of seat allotment only the colleges in which the candidate wants to join should be entered, because the seat allotment is done on the basis of merit and considering the options entered by the candidates, the allotted seat cannot be denied. Therefore, candidates should carefully submit their options in the order of priority.

CHOICES for SECOND ROUND

CHOICE-1: I am 100% satisfied with the seat allotted in the second round and will join the college, I do not need any change. I also do not want to participate in the next rounds (for courses like UGNEET- Medical or Dental or Homoeopathy or UGCET-Engineering / Architecture / Farm Science / Veterinary / Pharmacy / B.Sc Nursing, Naturopathy and Yoga, BPT, BPO, Allied Health Science, D-Pharma etc.), hence I should not be considered for seat allotment in any of the next rounds. I confirm that I will pay the fee for the seat allotted in the first round, download the Confirmation Slip and then get the OTP through the college portal login by Online Face Recognition, verify the eligibility, download the admit card and get admission within the stipulated date.

Action: If the candidates are going to take the above steps, they can select CHOICE-1 from the specified link on the KEA Website and take the next step.

Any Choice-1 selected candidate fails to pay the fees or paid the fees but failed to download the Confirmation Slip or fails to report to the College, he / she has no claim further on such allotment, revert back to the seat matrix, and he / she will not be considered for allotment of seats in the subsequent round, fee paid if any will be forfeited.

The candidates who exercise **CHOICE-1** Should follow the guidelines detailed below:

- a. If satisfied, exercise **CHOICE-1** on the KEA Web-portal.
- b. Download / print the Challan from the KEA website.
- c. In the Challan, the details of the candidate will be pre-printed, such as Name, CET Number, College / Course Allotted details, Fee to be paid, Bank Account Number. Candidate has to confirm the printed details and affix the signature on the Challan.
- d. Pay the prescribed fee.
- e. Download the Confirmation Slip, report to college with all the necessary original documents (with two sets of photocopies) to take admission.
- f. After verifying all the original documents, the college will get the details of the candidate in their official login (College Portal), verify the photo (Online Face Recognition) and then send an OTP to the candidate's mobile number via WhatsApp.
- g. After OTP verification, the college will download the provisional admission letter from their portal. (Candidates will not be allowed to download the admission letter)
- h. After these steps, the candidate's admission process is complete and he/she will not be eligible to participate in any further rounds.

STEPS TO BE FOLLOWED BY CHOICE-1 CANDIDATES – RULES

First step – Fee payment

Second step – Downloading the Confirmation Slip.

Third step – Reporting to the college in person for admission (with all original documents and mobile)

Fourth step – Verification of the photo (Face Recognition) – Then verification of the OTP sent to the candidate's mobile number via WhatsApp

Fifth step – After OTP verification, the college authority will be able to download the admission order from their login portal.

Admission will be considered final only after all the above steps are followed.

CHOICE-4: I am not satisfied with the seat allotted to me by KEA, and I have secured admission through another institution / process. Therefore, I wish to withdraw from the KEA counselling process and request that I should not be considered for seat allotment in any further rounds.

Implication: Not eligible to participate UGCET-2026 or UGNEET-2026 subsequent round and no hold on the allotted seat and seat allotted earlier will get cancelled.

Instructions to the candidates who have NOT been allotted a seat

- Candidates who have entered the **OPTIONS** in the second round but have not been allotted any seat will not have any **CHOICE** to choose, they can participate in the next round.
- But after the start of the third round of seat allotment, they have to compulsorily log in to the login portal and selected the consent form.
- If a candidate has not logged in to the online portal at least once, such candidate will be considered as **not** interested in participating in the third round, the second round **OPTIONS** will not be considered and also will not be considered for seat allotment.

16. THIRD ROUND / CASUAL VACANCY ROUND SEAT ALLOTMENT:

After completion of 2nd Round seat allotment, all the unfilled / surrendered / forfeited / cancelled / newly added seats, if any, will be offered as CASUAL VACANCIES.

Allotment of seats in this Round will be that of the same with regard to order of allotment followed in the previous Round.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES: Candidates who are participating in this round mean they are looking for up-gradation of a seat than the allotted seat in the earlier round. If the candidate does not get any seat in this round then the seat allotted to him / her in the earlier round if any stands confirmed.

- i. Candidates are advised to carefully retain all the options they wish to select, even if the seats are not currently shown in the seat matrix. This is because consequential vacancies may arise during the allotment process, and candidates may have an opportunity to secure a better seat if they have already included those options.
- ii. Candidates shall not claim ignorance regarding the allotment of seats or reject the seats allotted to them, as seat allotment is made strictly based on the options exercised by the candidates and their order of merit.
- iii. For any reason candidates will not be allowed to continue in their earlier allotted colleges. As already informed the earlier allotted seat will not be in their favour and therefore such candidates should invariably report to the allotted colleges.
- iv. If the candidate gets a seat in the colleges entered by him / her in this round, the seat opted by him / her in this round will be confirmed and the seat held by him / her in the earlier round will get cancelled automatically.
- v. Please note that if any seat gets allotted in this round as per merit and options entered by the candidate, **there is no chance of getting back the earlier allotted seat.**

PROCEDURE TO BE COMPLETED AFTER THE 3RD-ROUND SEAT ALLOTMENT:

1. There will not be any **CHOICE** to exercise to the candidates.
2. Candidates who have allotted seat in any discipline are required to pay the prescribed fees (if not paid) and should compulsorily report to the colleges on or before the last date mentioned in the admission order and should update the details through their log-In-Id to KEA or they lose their allotted seats.
3. If any candidate fails to report to the college after allotment of seats in the 3rd Round / Casual Vacancy, legal action will be initiated against such candidate in accordance with law.

STEPS TO BE FOLLOWED BY 3RD ROUND SEAT ALLOTTED CANDIDATES

First step – Fee payment (if not paid)

Second step – Downloading the Confirmation Slip.

Third step – Reporting to the college in person for admission (with all original documents and mobile)

Fourth step – Verification of the photo (Face Recognition) – Then verification of the OTP sent to the candidate's mobile number via WhatsApp

Fifth step – After OTP verification, the college authority will be able to download the admission order from their login portal.

Admission will be considered final only after all the above steps are followed.

17. SPECIAL NOTE:

- ❖ No requests will be accepted for cancellation of seats allotted in previous rounds after the last date fixed for entering the options for the third round of seat allotment. If a candidate fails to get admission in the college after being allotted a seat in the 3rd round or if he/she wishes to cancel it or does not report to the college, the candidate will have to pay a penalty as per the rules – he/she will not be eligible to participate in the counselling of other institutions.
- ❖ Candidates are informed several times in each round that they should know the fee structures and then enter their options. However, the candidates should not request KEA to cancel the seats by quoting the reasons that they do not know the details of the fees or they do not want the seat.
- ❖ Therefore, it is advised that candidates should pay attention to the fees and then enter only such options in which they are interested in joining the college-course in priority order. If a candidate does not want the college/course allotted to him/her or leaves the college after joining, it will be considered as a serious lapse in the maintenance of social responsibility. Please note that other candidates are waiting in the queue for seat allotment.

18. A NOTE ON SEAT CANCELLATION, REFUND AND FORFEITURE OF FEE:

As per Rule 12 of Karnataka Selection of Candidates for Admission to Government Seats in Professional Educational Institutions Rules, 2006;

- (1) If a candidate who has been allotted a seat in any discipline in the First Round or in the Second Round and who has reported to the college, wishes to surrenders / cancel the seat before the last date notified for entry of options for the 3rd Round / Casual Vacancy Round, the Executive Director, shall deduct Rs.5,000/- as processing fee and refund the remaining fee paid.
- (2) If a candidate who has been allotted a seat in any discipline (except Engineering) in the First Round or in the Second Round and who has reported to the college or not, surrenders the seat after the completion of 3rd Round / Casual Vacancy Round the Executive Director, shall forfeit the entire fee paid.
- (3) The candidate who surrenders the seat (except Engineering) allotted in the 3rd Round / Casual Vacancy Round, the Executive Director shall forfeit the entire fee paid.

- (4) As per rule 12 (2) of CET-2006 rules, payment of penalty is mandatory and no exemption on penalty payment to any category candidate.
- If a Candidate who has been allotted a seat in any discipline in an Engineering College or Institution under sub-rule (4) of rule 10 surrenders the seat after completion of respective Casual Vacancy Round, fees prescribed by the Government and penalty of five times of the fee has to be paid by all category candidates to KEA.
- (5) if a candidate does not surrender the allotted a seat in any discipline in an Engineering College or Institution under sub-rule (4) of rule 10 or fail to join the allotted college even after the completion of the Casual Vacancy Round, the Executive Director, Karnataka Examinations Authority shall forfeit the entire fee amount paid by the candidates and the candidate shall be liable to pay a penalty of five times of the fee.
- (6) If a candidate reports to the college and later on leaves the college he / she have to necessarily surrender the seat back to KEA only. It is the endeavor of KEA to see that subsidized Government Quota seats are accessible and available to all meritorious students. Hence failing to surrender the seat back to KEA will be viewed as a breach of contract and severe lack of social responsibility.
- (7) No surrender or cancellation of seat shall be accepted, unless the candidate surrenders the original admission order issued by the KEA, original Bank Challan and original Verification Slip.
- (8) If a candidate does not surrender / cancel / fails to join the allotted college (except engineering) even after the completion of the 3rd Round / Casual Vacancy Round the Executive Director, Karnataka Examinations Authority shall forfeit the entire fee amount paid by the candidates.

BEWARE OF TOUTS, BROKERS OR MIDDLEMEN

Some individuals may approach candidates or parents claiming that they have contacts in KEA who can “assure” seats in Engineering, Architecture, Farm Science, Veterinary, Medical, Dental, or other professional courses through unfair means. **Candidates and parents are strongly advised not to trust such claims.** All counseling and online seat allotments for every course are carried out strictly according to the **official calendar of events**, under **State Government rules**, based solely on **UGCET / UGNEET merit** and the **options entered by the candidate**. If you have any information about persons involved in such fraudulent activities, please report it immediately to KEA via email.



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