

KEAM 2026: The Road Ahead

Comprehensive Guide for Engineering Aspirants

1. Submission of Plus Two Marks

The CEE Kerala will open a window for the submission of Class 12 marks shortly after the KEAM scores are released. This is **mandatory** for engineering rank calculation.

Action Items:

- Login to the Candidate Portal at cee.kerala.gov.in.
- Enter marks for Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry (or Computer Science/Biology if Chemistry was not taken).
- Ensure marks are verified against the original mark list to avoid disqualification.

2. KEAM Rank List Preparation

For Engineering, the rank list is prepared using a **50:50 weightage** formula:

$$\text{Composite Score} = (\text{Entrance Score Normalized}) + (\text{Board Marks Normalized})$$

Both components are scaled to a maximum of 300 each, making the total index score 600. Standardization is applied to Plus Two marks to ensure parity between various boards like CBSE, ICSE, and Kerala HSE.

3. Expected Marks vs Rank (2026 Trends)

Note: These are estimates based on historical data. Ranks vary yearly based on paper difficulty.

KEAM Entrance Score (out of 600)	Estimated Rank	Admission Outlook
550+	1 - 1,500	Top Govt. Colleges (CET, GEC Thrissur)
480 - 549	1,501 - 6,000	GEC Barton Hill, MEC, TKM

KEAM Entrance Score (out of 600)	Estimated Rank	Admission Outlook
400 - 479	6,001 - 15,000	Top Aided & Private (MACE, Rajagiri)
300 - 399	15,001 - 35,000	Good Private Self-Financing Colleges
Below 300	40,000+	Private / Lower Demand Branches

4. Expected Colleges & Last Ranks

College Name	Target Rank (Gen)	Popular Branches
College of Engineering, Trivandrum (CET)	< 1,000	CS, EC, ME
Govt. Engineering College, Thrissur	< 2,500	CS, ME, CE
Model Engineering College (MEC), Kochi	< 3,500	CS, EC, EB
TKM College of Engineering, Kollam	< 4,500	ME, CS, CE
Rajagiri School of Engg (RSET)	< 8,000	CS, IT, EC



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5. KEAM Counselling Process (CAP)

The Centralised Allotment Process (CAP) is a single-window system for allotment to all Engineering colleges in Kerala.

- ✓ **Phase 1: Option Registration:** Candidates list their choice of colleges and courses in order of preference. You can add unlimited options.
- ✓ **Phase 2: Trial Allotment:** Provides an idea of the likely allotment based on current options.
- ✓ **Phase 3: Allotments:** Multiple rounds of allotments. If you get a seat, you must pay the fee to the CEE to confirm participation.
- ✓ **Phase 4: Higher Option Confirmation:** If you want to wait for a better college in the next round, you must "confirm" your higher options.

Warning: If you are allotted your first option, you must take it. If you don't pay the fee for an allotted seat, you will lose that seat and all higher options for subsequent rounds.

Important Resources:

<https://www.shiksha.com/engineering/articles/keam-rank-list-blogId-20741>

<https://www.shiksha.com/engineering/keam-exam-counselling>

<https://www.shiksha.com/engineering/articles/keam-plus-two-marks-entry-link-blogId-199752>

