

School Industry Entrepreneurship Circles National Program

PEOPLE'S BIZTEEN CHALLENGE – 2025

An Island-wide School Competition to Identify the Best Entrepreneurial Concept
Guidelines

General Instructions for Filling the Application Form

The People's BizTeen Challenge – 2025 is organized jointly by the Industrial Development Board of Ceylon and People's Bank, in parallel with the National School Industry Entrepreneurship Circle Program implemented by the Ministry of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development and the Industrial Development Board.

Awards and certificates will be presented to the best entrepreneurial concepts.

Note: Please read the following instructions carefully before filling out the application form.

1. Eligibility Criteria for Applicants

- (a) School students aged between 11 and 18 years are eligible to apply.
- (b) Applicants must currently be studying at a government or private school.
- (c) Applications must be submitted individually.

2. How to Apply

- (a) Step 1 – Application forms can be obtained through your school, from the respective Circle-in-Charge Teacher, from the People's Bank website (<https://www.peoplesbank.lk>), or from Industrial Development Board district offices and its official website (<https://idb.gov.lk>).
- (b) Step 2 – Clearly fill in all sections of the application form using legible handwriting.
- (c) Step 3 – Submit the completed hard copy of the application form to your school's Circle-in-Charge Teacher, the nearest IDB district office. Alternatively, you can mail it directly via registered post to:

**Director,
Entrepreneurship Development Division,
Industrial Development Board of Ceylon,
No. 615, Galle Road, Katubedda,
Moratuwa.**

3. Application Opening and Closing Dates

- Applications will be open from 23rd July 2025 and will close on 31st August 2025.

4. Instructions for Completing the Application

- (a) Provide your responses only within the space provided.
- (b) For Question 1.1, write in English capital letters leaving a space between words.
- (c) For Question 2.2, choose the industry sector relevant to your proposed concept from the options provided.

No.	Sector Name
01.	Food & Beverages
02.	Design, Packaging and Paper Related Industries
03.	Spice related Industries
04.	Coconut, Kithul & Palmyrah Based Products and Fiber related Industries
05.	Tea, Value added Tea and related Industries
06.	Footwear, Leather, Leather products and Allied Industries
07.	Rubber, Plastics and Allied Industries
08.	Metal, Die, Mold, Machinery Tools and Allied Industries
09.	Timber, Wood-based Industries and Furniture Industries
10.	Vehicles, Automotive Assembly and Automotive related Industries
11.	Electrical and Electronics and Allied Industries
12.	Western, Indigenous Ayurvedic and other Pharmaceutical and Allied Industries
13.	Construction, Granite, Tile, Pottery, Ceramics and Decor related Industries
14.	Maritime & Shipping related Industries
15.	Printing, Publishing Materials and Allied Industries
16.	Cosmetics and Allied Industries
17.	Gem and Jewelry related Industries
18.	Minerals and Mining Allied industries
19.	Textiles, Apparel and Allied Industries
20.	Chemical, Energy and Allied industries
21.	ICT & Advance Technology Services
22.	Craft Industry
23.	Agro-Based Industry
24.	Services Industry
25.	Other Industries

(d) For/ Question 4.1, tick the box that corresponds to the stage of your business concept. (✓)

(e) Video/voice guidance for filling out the application is available on the People's Bank and IDB websites. For further assistance, contact your Circle-in-Charge Teacher or your nearest IDB District Office

(f) Before submitting, the applicant must sign the declaration section and obtain the recommendation of the school principal.

5. Evaluation Criteria

(a) Creativity and originality of the idea

(b) Feasibility and understanding of the business concept

(c) Potential for social impact and economic contribution.

(d) Efforts have been taken to present a complete and realistic business plan

6. Evaluation Process and Awards

(a) The evaluation process will be conducted in two phases. During the initial phase, applications will be reviewed and assessed based on predefined criteria. Candidates with the highest scores will advance to the final phase, which will involve a PowerPoint presentation as part of the evaluation.

(b) Selected applicants must deliver a 10-minute PowerPoint presentation based on their business concept.

(c) Evaluation will be conducted by a National Panel consisting of officers from the IDB and experienced professionals from the Industry sector

(d) District-level winners will receive valuable certificates, while national-level winners will be awarded at the National Awards Ceremony along with cash prizes as follows:

- **1st Place – Rs. 250,000**
- **2nd Place – Rs. 150,000**
- **3rd Place – Rs. 100,000**
- **10 Merit Awards – Rs. 25,000 each**

7. Important Notes

(a) Only original concepts should be submitted. Plagiarized or copied ideas from the internet may lead to disqualification.

(b) Organizers reserve the right to verify all submitted information.

(c) Decisions of the evaluation panel are final.

8. For More Information and Submission

Please contact the Industrial Development Board District Offices for further assistance or to submit your application.

District	Address	Tell/ Fax /E-mail
Ampara	Assistant Director Ampara District Office, Industrial Development Board, Kachcheri Road, Ampara	063-2222405 amparaiddb@gmail.com
Anuradhapura	Deputy Director Anuradhapura District Office, Industrial Development Board, No.185/10, Anagarika Darmapala Mawatha, Anuradhapura	025-2222335, 025-2225659 idbanuradhapura@gmail.com
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