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20 One-Liners to Remember

Quick-fire facts for last-minute revision.

- 1 KYC stands for Know Your Customer and AML stands for Anti-Money Laundering.**
Together these form the front-line compliance checks used by Indian banks.
- 2 The IIBF KYC/AML certificate exam is conducted by the Indian Institute of Banking and Finance.**
It certifies a banker's working knowledge of KYC and AML standards under RBI and global norms.
- 3 The IIBF KYC/AML exam is delivered online in an objective multiple-choice (MCQ) format.**
Candidates answer MCQs rather than descriptive questions in this certification exam.
- 4 The IIBF KYC/AML exam has no negative marking.**
Since wrong answers are not penalised, candidates are advised to attempt every question.
- 5 Minimum eligibility for the IIBF KYC/AML exam is passing 12th standard in any discipline.**
The exam is open to a wide range of professionals, not just bank employees.

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6 The IIBF KYC/AML exam is open to both members and non-members of the institute.

Students, auditors and finance professionals can also enrol without being IIBF members.

7 The KYC/AML syllabus is split into a KYC module and an AML module.

The KYC module covers customer identification while the AML module covers anti-laundersing law and machinery.

8 The three classic stages of money laundering are placement, layering and integration.

These stages describe how illicit funds are introduced, disguised and reintroduced into the financial system.

9 FIU-IND stands for the Financial Intelligence Unit of India.

It is one of the key authorities referenced in the AML module of the KYC/AML syllabus.

10 FATF stands for the Financial Action Task Force.

FATF is an international body referenced alongside FIU-IND in the AML syllabus.

11 PMLA refers to preventive legislation covered in the AML module of the KYC/AML syllabus.

The syllabus covers PMLA objectives alongside RBI guidelines on anti-money laundering.

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12 The KYC module covers Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs) residing outside India.

PEP-related rules are a distinct topic within the KYC syllabus for the exam.

13 The KYC/AML syllabus covers Officially Valid Documents (OVDs) for different customer types.

Document-based questions test knowledge of which OVDs are valid for various account types.

14 The KYC/AML exam tests transaction reporting concepts such as CTR and STR.

Candidates must know which threshold transactions trigger a Cash Transaction Report or Suspicious Transaction Report.

15 The Basel Committee's guidance is referenced within the AML module of the KYC/AML syllabus.

International standard-setting bodies like the Basel Committee inform anti-money-laundering practices covered in the exam.

16 KYC/AML exam questions are often scenario-based rather than plain definitions.

Candidates are typically given a short scenario and asked what action a banker should take.

17 A structured 30-day plan is a commonly suggested preparation timeline for the KYC/AML exam.

The plan moves from KYC concepts, to AML law, to previous-year questions, to full mock tests.

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18 The KYC/AML certification is described as relevant beyond banks, including NBFCs and fintechs.

Compliance knowledge from this certificate transfers to banking-ancillary firms and payment companies too.

19 Previous-year question practice is recommended as key preparation for the KYC/AML exam.

Concepts alone are not enough; practising real questions reveals the exam's typical framing.

20 Exact KYC/AML exam parameters like marks, duration and passing score should be reconfirmed on the latest official IIBF notification.

Exam parameters can be revised between cycles, so candidates should verify current details before applying.

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