



# THE BRITISH BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No. 212025

## CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

### BBKA BASIC ASSESSMENT

This course has been designed to assist new or relatively inexperienced beekeepers in their preparation for the BBKA Basic Assessment and will take about six months to complete. Most beekeepers and tutors prefer to study during the non-active beekeeping months. You are welcome to start at any time but remember the assessment is only held during the active beekeeping season. If a student fails to submit work in the first three months the course fee will be forfeited and the student will be considered as having withdrawn. This is to encourage you to get down to work!

#### What does the course involve?

You will be provided with a reading list of recommended books and pamphlets and be expected to obtain or have access to these. Most associations have these in their libraries. You will be set a series of twelve papers containing short and structured questions typical of the oral questions used in the real assessment. By completing these, you will be led through the syllabus in measurable steps. Students will be allocated a highly experienced and qualified tutor who will assess their work and return it with constructive comment and helpful tips. It is almost like having a beekeeping pen friend.

#### What does it cost?

The fee for the course is £45. You may also need to buy a few books not in your local association library. You are expected to supply your own paper (A4) and pay the postage both ways. You will be provided with an A5 envelope to start you off. The main cost is the time involved and typically takes an hour or more a week over the non-beekeeping months.

#### Note

If you have kept bees for two or more years then you should be able to pass this examination without the need to undertake this course. However, it would be advisable to consult the syllabus and read a good beekeeping text e.g. 'Practical Beekeeping' by Clive de Bruyn, 'Bees at the Bottom of the Garden' by Alan Champion, 'Beekeeping – A Seasonal Guide' by Ron Brown or 'A Guide to Bees and Honey' by Ted Hooper. The syllabus can be downloaded from the BBKA website <http://www.bbka.org.uk> (Learn About Bees / Distance Learning / Correspondence Courses) or obtained from Mrs Val Francis, Secretary to the BBKA Examination Board, 39 Beever Lane, Gawber, Barnsley, South Yorkshire S75 2RP price £1 payable to BBKA and enclose a stamped, addressed envelope.





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## BASIC CORRESPONDENCE COURSE ENROLMENT FORM

Please enrol me for the Basic Correspondence Course.

Name (block letters).....  
(Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss)

Address (block letters).....  
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Post code.....

Telephone No.....

I am a member of the .....Beekeepers' Association

I have been keeping bees for .....years

Can you receive course details and work with your tutor by email?

If so your email address is

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Basic Course Fee £45 This fee does not include any examination entry fee.

I enclose a cheque for £45 made payable to BBKA as fee for the above course

Signature ..... date.....

Send to Chris Utting, Coddan, Golf Links Road, Westward Ho!, Bideford, Devon EX39 1HH  
Tel. 01237 474500

