

THE BRITISH BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No. 212025

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES BBKA MODULAR EXAMINATIONS

The BBKA Modular system of examinations consists of eight modules. Each module is tested with a 90 minute written paper with three sections. Section A consists of 10 short compulsory questions, Section B contains 4 structured questions requiring longer answers and section C an essay type question (choice of one from two). The BBKA Intermediate Certificate is awarded when candidates achieve a pass in modules 1, 2, 3 & one other. The BBKA Advanced certificate is awarded when candidates achieve passes in modules 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 & 8. These courses have been designed to help those who have passed the BBKA Basic or Scottish BeeMaster examination (or intend taking it soon) and wish to study for the BBKA Intermediate and Advanced Certificates.

What does each course module involve?

You will be provided with a reading list of recommended books/ 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 5 papers containing short and structured questions. By answering 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 tips on technical points, layout and composition. It is expected that students will answer at least one paper per month. The tutors do not usually assess your work during the active summer beekeeping months but we do have a few tutors prepared to work throughout the whole year. To ensure adequate preparation of the student and to ensure the marking load for the tutors is evenly spread, late enrolments are not encouraged if there is less than 10 weeks to go before the day of the examination. If a student fails to submit work in the first three months after enrolling the course fee will be forfeited and the student will be considered as having withdrawn.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 it cost?

The fee for each course module is **£40**. 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 spent reading to improve your knowledge and the time spent answering the questions. Most students should allocate about 2 or 3 hours a week. The syllabus can be obtained from Mrs Val Francis, Secretary to the BBKA Examination Board, 39 Beever Lane, Gawber, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S75 2RP price £1.00 payable to BBKA and enclose a stamped, addressed envelope or alternatively you can download it from the BBKA Website.

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CORRESPONDENCE COURSE ENROLMENT FORM

Please enrol me for the following courses. (tick your choice)

Module 1	Honeybee Management	()
Module 2	Honeybee Products and Forage	()
Module 3	Honeybee Diseases, Pests and Poisoning	()
Module 4 *	Intermediate Honeybee Biology	()
Module 5	Honeybee Biology	()
Module 6	Honeybee Behaviour	()
Module 7	Selection and Breeding of Honeybees	()
Module 8	Honeybee Management and History	()

* not needed for Advanced Certificate

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

Address (block letters).....

..... Post code.....

Telephone No..... I am a member of theBeekeepers' Association

Year of passing Basic./ Bee Master examination.....I have been keeping bees foryears

single module course fee £40 These fees do not include examination entry fees.

I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to **BBKA** as fee(s) for the above course(s)

Signature

date.....

Send to Chris Utting, Codden, Golf Links Road, Westward Ho!, Bideford, Devon EX39 1HH

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