



RECOMMENDED BOOK LIST FOR THE BBKA EXAMINATIONS

General Husbandry certificate

This list is intended as a guide for candidates. It is not intended that candidates should read all the books on the list and there are other books available, not listed, which are suitable reading. Only parts of each book may be relevant to a particular module or assessment. Candidates should therefore pay careful attention to the contents of the syllabus concerned. General information on sources of books is given at the end of the list.

**These books are understood to be currently out of print, but tend to be readily available. You may find them in your local beekeeping association library or through the public library service. Also they may be available second hand from Chris Arden Books or Northern Bee Books (details below). The IBRA Book Shop can also supply many of these books, as well as the latest publications.*

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| Better Beginnings for Beekeepers | A. Waring | BIBBA |
| HMSO leaflets on honey, honey regulations & food safety | HMSO -FSA | |
| Medical Aspects of Beekeeping (2000) | Dr H Riches | NBB |
| Queen Bee Biology, Rearing and Breeding | Woodward | NBB |
| Some Important Operations in Bee Management (1978) | T.S.K. & M.P. Johansson | NBB |
| The Hive and the Honeybee (1992) | J. Graham (Ed.) | Dadant & Sons |
| *The Behaviour & Social Life of Honeybees (1953) | R Ribbands | IBRA |
| Beekeeping Study Notes for the BBKA Examinations – General Husbandry | J.D. & B.D. Yates | Northern Bee Books |
| NBU Best Practice Guidelines: Disease Recognition | http://www.nationalbeeunit.com/index.cfm?pageid=167 | Bee Base |
| NBU Best Practice Guidelines: Apiary & Hive Hygiene | http://www.nationalbeeunit.com/index.cfm?pageid=167 | Bee Base |
| NBU Advisory leaflet: Foulbrood Diseases of Honey bees | http://www.nationalbeeunit.com/index.cfm?pageid=167 | Bee Base |
| NBU Advisory leaflet: Common Pests, Diseases and Disorders of the Adult Honey Bee | http://www.nationalbeeunit.com/index.cfm?pageid=167 | Bee Base |
| NBU Advisory leaflet: Managing Varroa | http://www.nationalbeeunit.com/index.cfm?pageid=167 | BeeBase |
| BBKA News Special Issue: General Husbandry | https://www.bbka.org.uk/pages/shop/departments/bbka-resources | BBKA |
| BBKA News Special Edition: Integrated Pest Management | https://www.bbka.org.uk/pages/shop/departments/bbka-resources | BBKA |
| BBKA News Special Edition: Natural Varroa resistant Honey bees | https://www.bbka.org.uk/pages/shop/departments/bbka-resources | BBKA |
| BBKA Healthy Hive Guide | https://www.bbka.org.uk/pages/shop/departments/bbka-resources | BBKA |
| Feeding Bees - Wally Shaw | http://www.wbka.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Feeding-Bees-Wally-Shaw-09-2020.pdf | WBKA |
| There Are Queen Cells In My Hive-What Should I Do? – Wally Shaw | http://www.wbka.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/wbka-booklet-english-PDF.pdf | WBKA |
| An Apiary Guide To Swarm Control – Wally Shaw | http://www.wbka.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Swarm-Control-Wally-Shaw.pdf | WBKA |

ONLINE RESOURCES

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| National Honey Show lectures | https://www.youtube.com/user/nationalhoneyshow |
| The Norfolk Honey Company | https://www.youtube.com/user/TheNorfolkHoneyCo |
| Beekeeping short & Sweet Podcast | https://www.norfolk-honey.co.uk/podcast |
| The Apiarist blog (David Evans) | https://www.theapiarist.org |
| Understanding Bee Anatomy – Ian Stell | http://www.understandingbeeanatomy.com |
| Understanding Bee Anatomy – Youtube | https://www.youtube.com/user/BeeAnatomy?app=desktop |
| Northumbrian Bees | https://www.northumbrianbees.co.uk |
| NBU Advisory leaflets | http://www.nationalbeeunit.com/index.cfm?pageid=167 |
| Welsh Beekeeping Association (WBKA) | http://www.wbka.com/library/wbka-documents-library/ |

GENERAL LIBRARY

The following books are applicable to all the assessments and examinations and should be available in a personal or Association library:

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| All Ministry disease leaflets, Varroa, Foul brood, SHB, Tropilaelaps | www.nationalbeeunit.com | |
| Beekeeping Study Notes for the BBKA Examinations in 6 volumes | J.D. & B.D. Yates | NBB |
| Guide to Bees and Honey (5th. edition) (2010) | Ted Hooper | NBB |
| Haynes Bee Manual (2011) | A & C Waring | Haynes |
| Practical Beekeeping (1997) | Clive de Bruyn | Crowood Press |
| The BBKA Guide to Beekeeping | I Davis/R Cullum- Kenyon | Bloomsbury |
| The Biology of the Honey Bee (1987) | Mark Winston | Harvard |
| The Honey Bee Around and About | Celia Davies | Bee Craft |
| The Honey Bee Inside and Out. | Celia Davies | Bee Craft |
| *Encyclopaedia of Beekeeping (1985) | Morse & Hooper | Blandford |
| Bee Space to Bee Hive (2020) | Andrew Gibb & Ann Harman | BeeCraft |
| Bee Hive to Bee Keeper (2020) | Andrew Gibb & Ann Harman | BeeCraft |

BOOK SOURCES

British Beekeeping Association (BBKA) <https://www.bbka.org.uk>. Email: BBKA@britishbeekeepers.com.
Tel: 0300 020 0649

C. Arden Bookseller. <https://www.ardenbooks.co.uk> Email: ardenbooks@btinternet.com
Tel: 01497 820 471

Central Association of Beekeepers (CABK) <https://www.cabk.org.uk>. Email: secretary@cabk.org.uk

International Bee Research Association (IBRA) <https://ibra.org.uk>

Northern Bee Books (NBB) <https://www.northernbeebooks.co.uk> Tel: 01422 882751. Email jerry@northernbeebooks.co.uk.

E.H. Thorne (Beehives) Ltd. Website: <https://www.thorne.co.uk> Tel: 01673 858555
Email: sales@thorne.co.uk

Any good book shop, Websites, local Public Library or many Beekeeping Association Libraries.