

BBKA EXAM BOARD - EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT DATES AND FEES 2026 01/10/2025

	Applications Open	Applications Close	Date of Assessment/Exam	Pre-requisites	Fee	Notes
Junior Assessment	1st January 2026	30th April 2026	Last assessment date 31st August.	Must be under 18 years old	£0	Held in small groups.
General Husbandry Assessment	1st January 2026	28th February 2026	Assessment by mutual agreement of candidate and assessors.	Recommended to have kept bees for five years and to have passed the Honey Bee Health Assessment.	£100	Held at apiary of candidate.
Advanced Husbandry Assessment	1st January 2026	28th February 2026	9-12 July 2026 depending on numbers.	Must have passed the General Husbandry Certificate prior to or during 2024.	£300*	Held at BBKA apiary, Stoneleigh. *£150 refund of fees if assessment is passed in 2026.
Bee Breeding Assessment	1st January 2026	28th February 2026	Assessment by mutual agreement of candidate and assessors.	Must have passed the Basic Assessment.	£100	Held at apiary of candidate.
Microscopy Assessment	1st January 2026	30th June 2026	26-27 September 2026 depending on numbers.	Must have passed the Basic Assessment.	£90	Held at BBKA HQ, Stoneleigh.
Show Judge Assessment	1st January 2026	31st December 2026	Interim judging assessments by mutual agreement of candidate and assessor. Final assessed judging at National Honey Show in October after all parts of portfolio completed.	Must hold the Basic Certificate and Module 1 and 2 OR the General Husbandry Certificate. Must have completed a number of stewarding experiences and hold 30+ valid prize cards.	£45	For more information or to apply please contact sec.exams@bbka.org.uk.
Written Examinations - March 2026	1st January 2026	8th February 2026	21st March - Supplementary modules excluded	Recommended to have kept bees for one year.	£50 per Module	* Module 3 will be charged at £10 as a trial to encourage uptake of this exam.
Written Examinations - November 2026	1st July 2026	30th September 2026	14th November - All modules offered			