

BBKA Examinations Board - Assessment and Examination Dates and Fees 2026 (v13.02.2026) (06-EB-2026)

Assessments	Applications Period (2026)	Date of Assessment	Entry Conditions*	Fee	Notes	Results issued
Junior	1 Jan to 30 Apr	Last assessment date 31st August.	Must be under 18 years old	£0	Held at school or branch apiary	Up to 6 weeks post assessment
Basic	1 Jan to 30 Apr	Last assessment date 31st August.	Recommended to have kept bees for one year **	£35	Held at branch apiaries	Up to 6 weeks post assessment
Honey Bee Health	1 Jan to 30 Apr	Last assessment date 31st August.	Must have passed the Basic Assessment.	£25	Held at branch apiaries . Cannot be taken after passing the General H. Assessment.	Up to 6 weeks post assessment
General Husbandry	1 Jan to 28 Feb	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.	Up to 6 weeks post assessment
Advanced Husbandry	1 Jan to 28 Feb	9-12 July 2026	Must have failed the AH Assessment in 2024 or 2025	£185	Held at BBKA apiary, Stoneleigh.	Up to 6 weeks post assessment
Bee Breeding	1 Jan to 28 Feb	Assessment by mutual agreement of candidate and assessors.	Must have passed the Basic Assessment.	£100	Held at apiary of candidate.	Up to 6 weeks post assessment
Microscopy	1 Jan to 30 June	26-27 September 2026	Must have passed the Basic Assessment.	£90	Held at BBKA HQ, Stoneleigh.	Up to 6 weeks post assessment
Show Judge	1 Jan to 31 Dec	For more information or to apply please contact sec.exams@bbka.org.uk.	Must hold the Basic Certificate and Module 1 and 2 OR the General Husbandry Certificate.	£45	Final Assessment held at National Honey Show	Up to 6 weeks post assessment

Written Examinations	Applications Period (2026)	Date of Examination	Entry Conditions	Fee	Notes	Results Issued
March 2026	1 Jan to 8 Feb	21st March - Supplementary modules excluded	Recommended to have kept bees for one year. Candidates may take a maximum of two modules per exam cycle.	£50 per Module	* Module 3 at £10 to encourage uptake of the exam.	14th May 2026
November 2026	1 July to 30 Sept	14th November - All modules offered				14th January 2027

* Assessments and Examinations are open to Registered, Partner, Junior, Honorary and Direct Members

** Different rules apply for Direct Members. Please contact members@bbka.org.uk for more information.