

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

|   | <b>Applications Open</b> | <b>Applications Close</b> | <b>Date of Assessment/Exam</b>  | <b>Pre-requisites</b>   | <b>Fee</b>     | <b>Notes</b>  |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|----------------|---|
| <b>Junior Assessment</b>                    | 1st January 2026         | 30th April 2026           | Last assessment date 31st August.   | Must be under 18 years old  | £0             | Held in small groups.   |
| <b>Basic Assessment</b>                     | 1st January 2026         | 30th April 2026           | Last assessment date 31st August.   | Recommended to have kept bees for one year *  | £35            | *Different rules apply for Direct Members. Please contact members@bbka.org.uk for more information. |
| <b>Honey Bee Health Assessment</b>          | 1st January 2026         | 30th April 2026           | Last assessment date 31st August.   | Must have passed the Basic Assessment.  | £25            | Cannot be taken after passing the General Husbandry Assessment.                                     |
| <b>General Husbandry Assessment</b>         | 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.  |
| <b>Advanced Husbandry Assessment</b>        | 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.              |
| <b>Bee Breeding Assessment</b>              | 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.  |
| <b>Microscopy Assessment</b>                | 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.  |
| <b>Show Judge Assessment</b>                | 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 <b>and</b> Module 1 and 2 <b>OR</b> 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.                              |
| <b>Written Examinations - March 2026</b>    | 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.                      |
| <b>Written Examinations - November 2026</b> | 1st July 2026            | 30th September 2026       | 14th November - All modules offered   |   |                |   |