



THE SCOTTISH BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

THE SBA BEEKEEPING TRAINER CERTIFICATE

PROSPECTUS AND AWARD REQUIREMENTS-Jan 2017

Introduction

Training of beginner beekeepers in Scotland usually occurs at local level in courses run by Local Beekeeping associations, most of who are affiliated to the SBA - Affiliated Beekeeping Associations (ABA's). Training courses are also run by non-affiliated organisations operating on a commercial basis.

This works quite well as local locations contain the experienced beekeepers and most importantly, the bees.

However the SBA has no direct control over the quality of these courses, even the ones being run by ABA's. Specifically there is no validation of the experience and capability of the course tutors. We do of course support the ABA courses and have published a 23 page set of notes, specifically aimed at covering the syllabus of the Basic Beekeeping Certificate, but can also be used as beginner course guide notes. The SBA has also run "train the trainers" workshops, having recognised that even experienced beekeepers can be short on teaching skills.

The SBA is however sometimes asked by potential beginners to comment on the quality of local courses and local course tutors. This is of course difficult to do without formally assessing the courses or tutors.

One method of providing some assurance to beginners about beginner course value is to award lead tutors a certificate in recognition of the knowledge and experience they have gained in passing through the SBA education and certification system and to this end the SBA has introduced the **SBA BEEKEEPING TRAINER CERTIFICATE**.

Required Competence Level

The SBA Beekeeping Trainer Certificate (BTC) is awarded to beekeepers that can satisfy one of the requirements **in each** of the following two categories:

1. Attainment of the SBA Intermediate Practical Certificate or

Attainment of the Intermediate Module Certificate or

Attainment of the SBA Apiarian Certificate

2. Attendance at an SBA Train the Trainers workshop as witnessed by an attendance certificate OR

Possession of a Scottish Education Dept. professional teachers training certificate.

Other professional trainer certificates will be considered on an individual basis but must contain basic teaching skills content, such as lesson planning and course construction and delivery

British Beekeeper Association (BBKA) equivalent qualifications will be recognised.

Award

The certificate is awarded by request via application, on the relevant application form, to those able to satisfy the above requirements.

Applications, accompanied by a fee of £15, payable to the SBA, should be made to the SBA Education Officer, accompanied by copies of relevant documentation.

Application forms are available on the SBA web-site.

The SBA Examination System

For further information on the SBA Education system and an illustrative outline chart, please refer to the Learn pages of the SBA web-site at

<https://www.scottishbeekeepers.org.uk/images/education/exams/The%20SBA%20Education%20SystemNov16.pdf>



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BEKEEPING TRAINER CERTIFICATE APPLICATION FORM (Please print)

Applicants Name

Tel. Home/Mob.....

Address

e-mail address

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Local Association & are you a member.....

Post Code

SBA Membership No. **Applicants must be a current SBA Member**

Please consult the Prospectus for Award of the SBA Beekeeping Trainer Certificate on the SBA web-site in the Learn pages.

1. Year in which your **Intermediate Module OR Intermediate Practical OR Apiarian** Certificate was awardedCopies not required

2. Year/Place in which you attended a **SBA Train the Trainers (Teaching Beekeeping) Workshop**Copies not required

OR

Professional Teaching Certificate or other Certificate being offered in lieu of attendance at SBA Train the Trainers workshop

.....Photocopy of Certificate must be enclosed with application & will not be returned.

Certificates other than Professional Teaching, will only be accepted if the course for which they were awarded contained sections dealing with Lesson Planning & Course

Construction and Delivery.

FEE ENCLOSED

Signature

Date

Please send this form, with the necessary fee, made payable to the SBA to the appropriate Education Committee member specified in the Education Update in the Scottish Beekeeper or as specified on News & Events, Workshops & Courses on the SBA website.