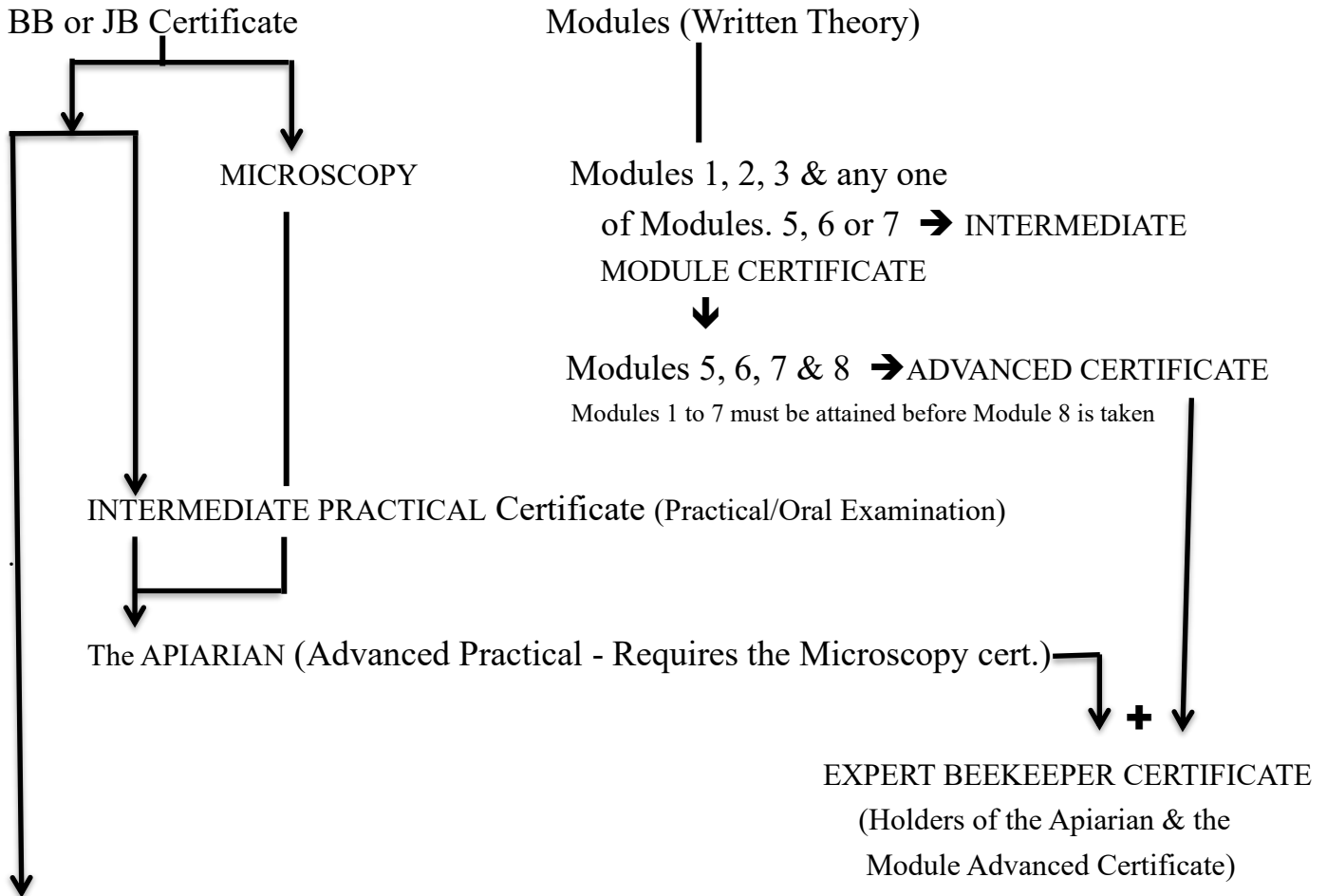




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Entry Point – The normal and advisory entry method is to attend a Beginners Class, look after a colony of bees for at least one season and then to study for and take the Basic Beekeeping (BB) Certificate or Junior Beekeeper (JB) Certificate (Practical/Oral “over the hive” assessment). There are 3 pass grades: Pass (60%), Credit (70%), Distinction (80%). Candidates can apply for the Module exams without having obtained a BB or JB certificate to allow candidates unable to take either of these exams, to nevertheless, participate in Beekeeping education. However, where possible, it is advised that candidates take the JB or BB prior to starting the modules.



HONEY JUDGE CERTIFICATE -Honey Judge Practical Examination (Requires Module 2 prior to sitting).

The SBA Beekeeping Trainer Certificate can be obtained by those achieving the BB plus either of the Intermediate certificates and having either a professional teacher's certificate or having attended a SBA Train the Trainers workshop. For Trainer Prospectus & Syllabuses see the SBA website – Education pages

There are 2 supplementary modules which do not count towards obtaining the Intermediate or Advanced Module Certificates. These are Plants and Pollinators -Module 4 and History of Beekeeping – Module 9