

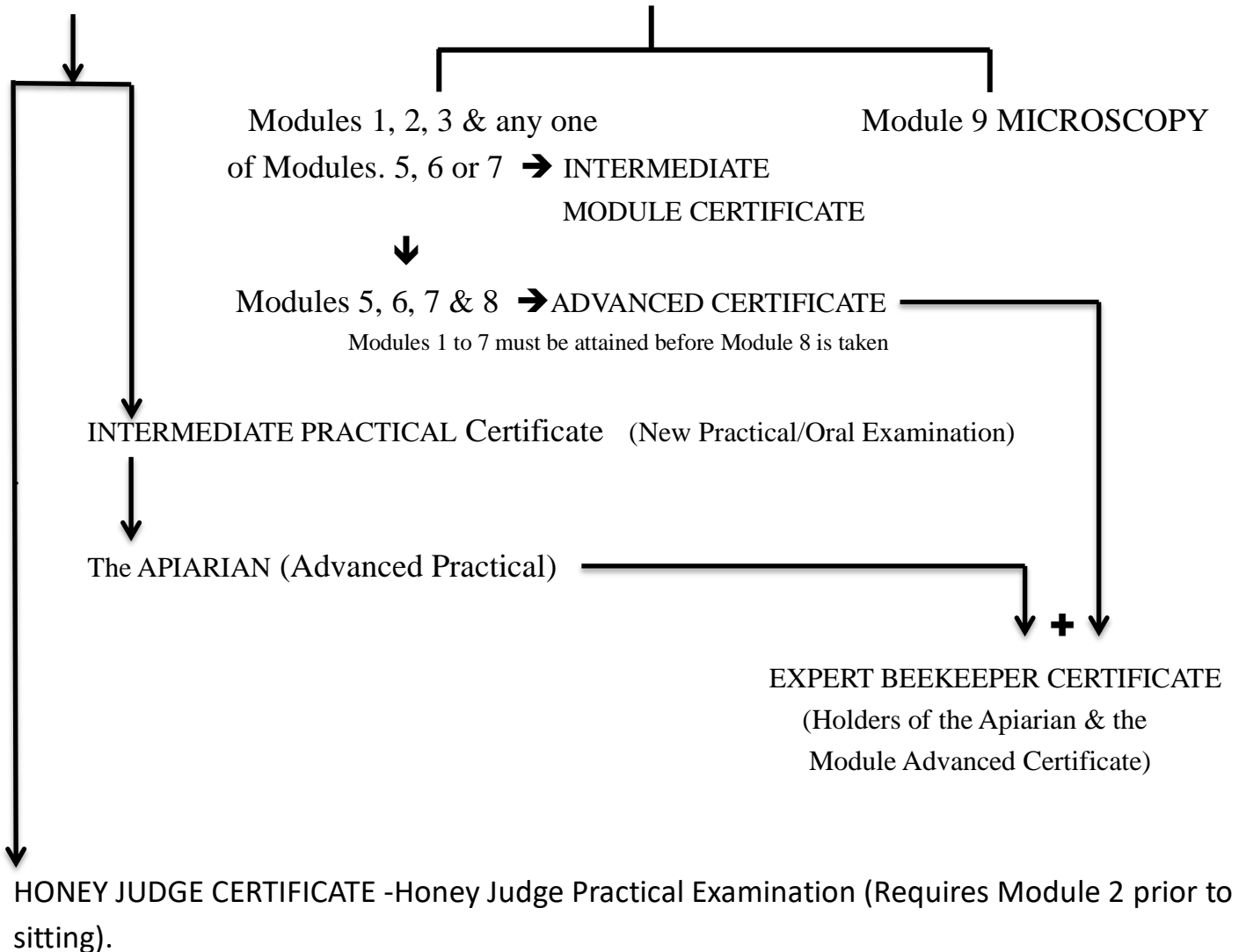


THE SCOTTISH BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION
THE INTERMEDIATE MODULE, ADVANCED MODULE AND EXPERT BEEKEEPER CERTIFICATES
PROSPECTUS

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%). However as from 2020 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.

BB or JB Certificate

Modules (Written Theory & Microscopy)



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 web-site – Learn pages

AIMS

1. To improve the standard of beekeeping in Scotland.
2. To give those interested in honeybees and beekeeping the opportunity to further their knowledge of honeybees and beekeeping by obtaining the various Module certificates leading up to obtaining the SCOTTISH INTERMEDIATE MODULE and ADVANCED MODULE CERTIFICATES, and to give those who have obtained the SCOTTISH BASIC BEEKEEPING or the JUNIOR BEEKEEPER CERTIFICATE the opportunity to further their knowledge of the craft by studying for and obtaining the SBA INTERMEDIATE PRACTICAL, the SBA APIARIAN and the SBA EXPERT BEEKEEPER CERTIFICATES.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY for MODULE EXAMINATIONS

1. The candidate is advised to firstly attend a beekeeping beginners, class and then to study for and obtain the SBA Basic Beekeeping or SBA Junior Beekeeper certificate or an equivalent. However, some candidates may not be able to study for these craft exams due to physical restraints such as allergies or geographical restraints. For these reasons candidates may enter the module examination system directly. Candidates must be a member of the SBA.
2. The appropriate application and fees form (see website links for fees and application form), shall have been received by the Education Convener or designated administrator prior to the deadline published in “The Scottish Beekeeper”

AWARD OF CERTIFICATES

1. A certificate shall be awarded for each module passed.
2. Awards for all modules will be:

Pass	60%
Credit	70%
Distinction	80%
3. The SCOTTISH INTERMEDIATE MODULE CERTIFICATE will be awarded when Modules 1, 2, 3, and any one of 5, 6, or 7 have been passed.
4. The SCOTTISH ADVANCED MODULE CERTIFICATE will be awarded when Modules 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 have been passed.
5. The SCOTTISH EXPERT BEEMASTER CERTIFICATE will be awarded automatically to a candidate who has obtained the SCOTTISH ADVANCED MODULE CERTIFICATE and the SCOTTISH APIARIAN CERTIFICATE.
6. In order to qualify for the SCOTTISH ADVANCED MODULE CERTIFICATE, the necessary modules must be passed in a time of not more than eight years.
7. HONEY JUDGE - Candidates who have attained the SCOTTISH BEEKEEPING CERTIFICATE, and MODULE 2, will be eligible to apply for the SCOTTISH HONEY JUDGE PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

SYLLABUSES FOR THE MODULES

Please see the links in the SBA website for the Module syllabuses, fees and application form.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The modules in this prospectus have been written by members of the BBKA Examination Board

SBA and BBKA recognise that there is a need to harmonise their examination syllabuses and assessment standards.

With this in mind, BBKA and SBA has agreed that the SBA should use the same modular content, while preserving its autonomy in examination structure, marking and issue of awards.

The Scottish Expert Beemaster Certificate is recognised by the National Diploma in Beekeeping Examination Board as a qualification for entry to study for the NDB examination.

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