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Celebrating over 95 years of support for beekeeping
and beekeepers in and around the Medway Towns



Preparation for The BBKA Basic Assessment

The BBKA Basic Assessment is a measure of your achievement in basic beekeeping skills and knowledge of the craft. It can be a springboard to launch you into a better understanding of beekeeping and is required before taking any other of the BBKA exams and assessments.

During the COVID-19 restrictions, this qualification is not being offered by the BBKA, to safeguard both candidates and assessors. However, when the time is right and the Basic is again a possibility, MBKA will organise classroom and practical sessions for interested members

The Basic syllabus can be found on the BBKA website: www.bbka.org.uk/

To undertake the Assessment, you need to have managed at least one colony of bees for a minimum of 12 months. The Assessment consists of four parts and you need to achieve the 50% pass mark in all four parts. A credit will be awarded if the total mark is 75% or greater.

The 4 parts are:

1. Practical assessment of your ability to handle bees and beekeeping equipment
2. Oral questioning on your general knowledge of Beekeeping.
3. Oral questioning on Swarming and Swarm Control
4. Oral questioning on Diseases and Pests.

The assessment takes about an hour and will be held in a local apiary, there is no written part and the pass rate is very high.

If you are interested in this and would like to be alerted about future these preparation sessions or just want to find out more about the BBKA Basic please contact:

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