

End of Season Roundup 2018

Dear All,

Here we are at the start of another new year and as usual here is a round up of last years' activities. I seem to be getting later with this EOSR but it's useful to wait until after the January Exam Board meeting so I can tell you who the new Board members are.

Many thanks for all your hard work and Happy New Beekeeping Year.

Regards Val

General Items

Applications: a lot of payments are made by credit card and then sometimes we don't receive the application form. This is necessary for the details; particularly of which module. Entries are made with the Application Form not the payment. So please remind them if you get chance.

Note the **closing date** for Bee Health is now 28th February to bring it into line with the other higher practical assessments.

Application form: this has new wording on the signature section to comply with GDPR and I have removed the dotted line at the bottom to encourage candidates to complete the receipt section.

Board focus for 2019

Review of the Microscopy Syllabus for 2020

Module updates for 2020

Please let me know by email if you have any suggestions for these areas

Syllabus changes

There have been some changes to entry criteria and assessment procedures but **no changes to the actual assessment criteria** for 2019.

To try and avoid confusion over the latest version of syllabus we have adopted a policy of updating the 'Applicable from' date every year regardless of any changes. So all the current syllabi now have **Applicable from January 2019** on the first page. These will be updated again in October. Any changes to criteria will be in bold.

Changes:

The most significant change is the decision to remove the entry requirement for the Basic Certificate from the Module Exams. This is applicable from January 2019. This has come about because we have an increasing number of members who wish to sit modules but do not have access to bees or assessment opportunities. This includes those with allergies or infirmities, members overseas and members in prison. There is still a recommendation that candidates should have at least two years bee keeping experience. **Examiners report** that current Module results, particularly for module 1, indicate that lack of practical experience is more of an issue than having the Basic Assessment.

Bee Health

Clarification that the candidate must pass all sections of the assessment **The candidate is expected to pass all sections of the assessment; management & hygiene, brood disease inspection, two further practical tasks and the discussion.**

Also: **This Assessment cannot be taken in the same year as the Basic Assessment, General Husbandry Certificate or Advanced Husbandry Certificate.**

General Husbandry:

A continuing weakness is the queen rearing aspect of the assessment so clarification has been added:

The candidate needs to be mindful to arrange the date when queen rearing is in progress.

Examination Dates 2019

ALL MODULE Examinations

March– 23rd March 2019

(Applications in by 10th February 2019)

ALL MODULE Examinations

November– 9th November 2019

(Applications in by 30th September 2019)

Future module dates

2020 March 21st November 14th

2021 March 20th November 13th

Advanced Certificate in Beekeeping Husbandry
1st/2nd June and 14/15 June 2019 depending on numbers (Applications in by 28th February 2019)

General Certificate in Beekeeping Husbandry date by arrangement through the Examinations Board Secretary (Applications in by 28th February 2019)

Microscopy Certificate

23rd/24th November 2019 other dates as required

(Applications in by 31st August 2019)

BEE HEALTH CERTIFICATE

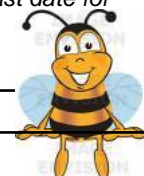
By arrangement with the Local Examinations Secretary (Applications in by 28th February 2019 last date for Assessment 31st July)

BEE BREEDING CERTIFICATE

Date by arrangement through the Examinations Board Secretary (Applications in by 28th February 2019)

Basic and Junior Certificate date by arrangement with the County Examinations Secretary

(Applications 1 month before assessment last date for Basic Assessment 31st August)



Fees in 2019 - one change

EXAMINATION/ASSESSMENT	FEE
JUNIOR	£5
BASIC	£20
MODULES	£30 each
BEE HEALTH	£35
BEE BREEDING	£80
GENERAL HUSBANDRY CERTIFICATE	£60
ADVANCED HUSBANDRY CERTIFICATE	£100
SHOW JUDGE	£40
MICROSCOPY	£50
CORRESPONDENCE COURSES	£60 each

The 9 elected Exam Board members are

Marin Anastasov (Chair)
Fiona Eelbeck
Shirley Bond
Mike Cullen
Stuart Roberts
Julie Coleman
Celia Perry
Lynne Ingram
Chris Evans

The Moderators are:

Head Moderator: John Hendrie
Assistant Mods: Margaret Murdin and Sean Stephenson

Website:

We're gradually getting there. Two things we've got up and running now are:

Basic results for the year – these are in Members News
Module 1 sample answer – at last another mark scheme to go with the Module 2 sample which has been available for a few years.

If you haven't found them yet, all the syllabi, information sheets and Procedure Manual are in the Members Area under Examinations and Assessments

Unofficial Dates – no change here

Now don't hold me to these, but if all goes to plan these are some more dates you might find useful:

Invigilator payments: voucher with exam packs

March Module results to candidates: 3rd week in May
November Module results: 2nd week in January

March Module results in BBKA News: July
November results in BBKA News: March

Practical results: Basic and Junior up to 2 weeks, all others may take up to 6 weeks.

Module Certificates to Area Secretaries: End of January and 3rd week in June.

Basic Assessor List Updated: 3rd week in May

Practical Certificates to Area Secretaries: 1st week October

Assessor expenses paid: End of October

This is what we will aim for in 2019.

This interesting list shows the top 5 Areas for members with the Basic Assessment

Area	% of members
TWICKENHAM & THAMES VALLEY	46%
MEDWAY	45%
SURREY	40%
LONDON	39%
SHROPSHIRE NORTH	39%

The % of current members with the Basic Certificate is 22%

SUMMARY OF EXAMINATION RESULTS**Module Results November 2017**

Module	Number of candidates	Pass	Credit	Distinction	Fail	Pass rate
1	65	28	10	1	26	60%
2	41	10	8	22	1	98%
3	19	8	4		7	63%
5	19	7	3	2	7	63%
6	31	16	6	2	7	77%
7	17	4	9	4		100%
8	8	3	3	1	1	88%
Total	200	76	43	32	49	76%

Module Results March 2018

Module	Number of candidates	Pass	Credit	Distinction	Fail	Pass Rate
1	82	26	15	8	33	60%
2	52	8	24	9	11	79%
3	56	23	16	7	10	82%
5	21	4	6	3	8	62%
6	27	17	5		5	81%
7	27	7	13	6	1	96%
8	20	7	6		7	65%
Total	285	92	85	33	75	74%

Other Certificates Awarded 2018(2017)

Intermediate Theory Certs 40(53)
 Advanced Theory Certs 21(25)
 Master Beekeepers 19(14)

Practical Assessment Results 2018(2017)

2018(2017)	Applied	Assessed	Pass	Credit	Pass rate
Junior Certificate	31(17)	22(14)	22(14)		100%(100%)
Basic Certificate	718(612)	648(578)	212(180)	424(372)	98%(97%)
Bee Health	52	42	40		95%
General Husbandry	45(42)	30(33)	17(21)		57%(64%)
Advanced Husbandry	26(35)	25(32)	17(18)		68%(56%)
Microscopy (to date)	14(13)	13 (12)	12 (11)		92%(92%)
Show Judge (to date)	2(5)	2 (5)	2 (4)		100%(80%)

There were no Bee Breeding applicants this year

Q: What is a baby bee?

A: A little humbug!

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