



RECOMMENDED BOOK LIST FOR THE BBKA EXAMINATIONS

Basic Certificate

This list is intended as a guide for candidates. It is not intended that candidates should read all the books on the list and there are other books available, not listed, which are suitable reading. Only parts of each book may be relevant to a particular module or assessment. Candidates should therefore pay careful attention to the contents of the syllabus concerned. General information on sources of books is given at the end of the list.

**These books are understood to be currently out of print, but tend to be readily available. You may find them in your local beekeeping association library or through the public library service. Also they may be available second hand from Chris Arden Books or Northern Bee Books (details below). The IBRA Book Shop can also supply many of these books, as well as the latest publications.*

Better Beginnings for Beekeepers	A. Waring	BIBBA
Get Started in Beekeeping	A & C Waring	Hodder Education
Medical Aspects of Beekeeping (2000)	Dr H Riches	NBB
BBKA News Special Issue Series – In the Apiary		BBKA
BBKA News Special Issue Series – Colony Management		BBKA
BBKA News Special Issue Series – Feeding Honeybees		BBKA
BBKA News Special Issue Series – Integrated Pest Management		BBKA
BBKA News Special Issue Series - Swarming		BBKA
Beekeeping Study Notes for the BBKA Examinations – Basic Certificate	J.D. & B.D. Yates	NBB
NBU Best Practice Guideline: The Essentials of Beekeeping		NBU
NBU Best Practice Guideline: Handling and Examining a colony of bees		NBU
NBU Best Practice Guideline: Apiary & Hive Hygiene		NBU
NBU Best Practice Guideline: Spring Checks		NBU
NBU Best Practice Guideline: Feeding Bees		NBU
NBU Advisory Leaflet: Starting Right with bees		NBU
NBU Advisory Leaflet: Managing Varroa		NBU
NBU Advisory Leaflet: Common Pests, Diseases and Disorders of the Adult Honey Bee		NBU
NBU Advisory Leaflet: Foulbrood Disease of Honey Bees		NBU
Feeding Bees – Wally Shaw		WBKA
There Are Queen Cells In My Hive-What Should I Do? – Wally Shaw		WBKA
An Apiary Guide To Swarm Control – Wally Shaw		WBKA

ONLINE RESOURCES

National Honey Show lectures	https://www.youtube.com/user/nationalhoneyshow
The Norfolk Honey Company	https://www.youtube.com/user/TheNorfolkHoneyCo
Beekeeping short & Sweet Podcast	https://www.norfolk-honey.co.uk/podcast
The Apiarist blog (David Evans)	https://www.theapiarist.org
Understanding Bee Anatomy – Ian Stell	http://www.understandingbee'anatomy.com
Understanding Bee Anatomy – Youtube	https://www.youtube.com/user/BeeAnatomy?app=desktop
Northumbrian Bees	https://www.northumbrianbees.co.uk
NBU Advisory leaflets	http://www.nationalbeeunit.com/index.cfm?pageid=167

GENERAL LIBRARY

The following books are applicable to all the assessments and examinations and should be available in a personal or Association library:

All Ministry disease leaflets, Varroa, Foul brood, SHB, Tropilaelaps	www.nationalbeeunit.com	
Guide to Bees and Honey (5th. edition) (2010)	Ted Hooper	NBB
Haynes Bee Manual (2011)	A & C Waring	Haynes
Practical Beekeeping (1997)	Clive de Bruyn	Crowood Press
The BBKA Guide to Beekeeping	I Davis/R Cullum- Kenyon	Bloomsbury
The Biology of the Honey Bee (1987)	M. Winston	Harvard
The Honey Bee Around and About	C Davis	Bee Craft
The Honey Bee Inside and Out.	C Davis	Bee Craft
*Encyclopaedia of Beekeeping (1985)	Morse & Hooper	Blandford
Bee Space to Bee Hive	Andrew Gibb & Ann Harman	BeeCraft
Bee Hive to Bee Keeper	Andrew Gibb & Ann Harman	BeeCraft

BOOK SOURCES

British Beekeeping Association (BBKA) <https://www.bbka.org.uk>. Email: BBKA@britishbeekeepers.com.
Tel: 0300 020 0649

C. Arden Bookseller. <https://www.ardenbooks.co.uk> Email: ardenbooks@btinternet.com
Tel: 01497 820 471

Central Association of Beekeepers (CABK) <https://www.cabk.org.uk>. Email: secretary@cabk.org.uk

International Bee Research Association (IBRA) <https://ibra.org.uk>

Northern Bee Books (NBB) <https://www.northernbeebooks.co.uk> Tel: 01422 882751. Email jerry@northernbeebooks.co.uk

E.H. Thorne (Beehives) Ltd. Website: <https://www.thorne.co.uk> Tel: 01673 858555
Email: sales@thorne.co.uk

Any good book shop, Websites, local Public Library or many Beekeeping Association Libraries.