

When your assessment is over

Your Assessor is not permitted to give you any indication of how you have fared.

Your Assessor will send a report on your assessment to the WBKA Basic Assessment Officer.

Once all the Assessments are complete the WBKA Basic Assessment Officer will email you your result.

On achieving your Basic Assessment your certificate will be sent to your Association Secretary for presentation later in the year.

For more information

Contact your local association training officer. Most associations will run training courses or study groups for the Basic Assessment.

There are many basic beekeeping books which make helpful reading. Perhaps your association has its own library from which you can borrow.

Make sure you have the right syllabus. This is available on the WBKA website <http://www.wbka.com/learning/resource/basic-assessment/>

You can also download the application form from here. This needs to be signed by your association secretary. This is then sent to the Basic Assessment Officer with payment. (details on form)

Closing date for applications is **1st May each year.**

Candidates can defer for one year fee non-refundable

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Raising Standards in
Honey bee husbandry

Your

Basic

Assessment

The Basic Assessment

- has four sections
- you will need to pass each section
- is an oral and practical assessment
- should take approximately 1 to 1.5 hours
- is assessed by one assessor appointed by WBKA
- takes place either in your association apiary or the assessors apiary
- will take place during June or July
- is divided into two parts
 - i) a practical session at the hive
 - ii) a question and answer session to cover topics from the syllabus not covered at the hive

During the Assessment

You will be expected to:

- show how to inspect your colony
- point out the different castes
- explain the shape of the brood nest
- point out brood at all stages
- show the difference between worker and drone brood
- point out or describe queen cups or queen cells
- describe the difference between worker and honey cappings
- recognise stored pollen
- recognise propolis
- show and describe healthy brood
- describe the appearance of unhealthy brood
- discuss notifiable pests and diseases
- describe a simple method of swarm control
- demonstrate how to collect a sample of bees
- correctly assemble a brood frame with foundation

For this Assessment

You will need to:

- have kept at least one colony for 12 months
- be provided with a queen right colony, having brood at all stages, with honey and pollen stores and covering at least 6 brood combs.
- have the component parts of a brood frame and a sheet of wired foundation, together with the necessary nails and tools for assembly
- have a working smoker with spare fuel and a clean hive tool
- have clean protective clothing that you normally wear
- A means of collecting a sample of bees (match box)