

Surrey Exam Secretary report to 2024 AGM

This report mainly covers the period November 2023 to October 2024.

Once again Croydon division fielded 5 candidates for the junior assessment and all 5 candidates passed.

This year there were candidates for the Basic Assessment from 7 of the eight of Surrey divisions. In total 33 candidates took and passed the basic assessment, which is 5 fewer candidates than in 2023. 11 of those candidates achieved a distinction and 18 achieved a credit. A credit is awarded when a candidate achieves a pass mark of 75% or more and a distinction is awarded when a candidate achieves a pass mark of 90% or more.

14 candidates took and passed the Honey Bee Health practical assessment, which is almost three times the number who passed this assessment in 2023.

1 candidate passed the General Husbandry Assessment.

When combining results for the November 2023 and March 2024 written modules, candidates achieved a total of 20 module passes, which is 7 fewer than last year. Over half the candidates who took a module in March 2024 were awarded a distinction, which means they achieved a mark of 80% or above.

When candidates have passed modules 1, 2 and 3 and 1 other, they are awarded an Intermediate theory certificate. As a result of successes in 2023/2024, 4 candidates were awarded the Intermediate theory.

A change occurred very recently, which should be of interest to anyone thinking about taking the BBKA written module exams, and this is that from 19th November 2024, past module question papers are available for download free of charge through BBKA Online Learning platform.

As always, my thanks go to Epsom division for use of their facilities in November and March for the written modules and for providing the responsible person for the November modules. None of the practical assessments would be possible without assessors giving up their time to assess candidates and so I would also like to thank the assessors not only from Surrey, but beyond, for the time and trouble they take in assessing candidates in all the practical exams.

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