



BEEEDUCATED BEEKEEPING STANDARDS

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Practical Beekeeper Standard

**Competence you can demonstrate.
A credential you can stand behind.**

The foundation BeeEducated Beekeeping Standard: a practical, evidence-led pathway for beekeepers who want their competence assessed across real colonies, real seasons and real management decisions.

2027 FOUNDING CANDIDATE

£125

INITIAL REGISTRATION

● **16 defined competencies**
in one Beekeeping Standard

● **Authentic evidence**
from real beekeeping activity

● **Independent EPA**
for the Standard credential



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A Beekeeping Standard for real practical competence.

BeeEducated Beekeeping Standards are practical, evidence-led standards designed to recognise what a beekeeper can actually do. The Practical Beekeeper Standard is the foundation standard in that framework.



Observe → Interpret → Decide → Act → Record → Review

THE BEEKEEPING STANDARD CREDENTIAL

Recognition based on demonstrated competence.

Successful candidates receive the BeeEducated Practical Beekeeper credential. It confirms assessment against the Practical Beekeeper Standard, not simply course attendance.

Public verification can show the Beekeeping Standard achieved, credential status and competency scope.

Example Holder

BeeEducated Practical Beekeeper

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Demo QR

Credential ID **BE-EXAMPLE-001**

Grade **Distinction**

Status **Current**



BEEEDUCATED BEEKEEPING STANDARDS

Practical Beekeeper Standard at a glance

A clear summary of this Beekeeping Standard before you decide whether it is right for you.



STATUS

Development / 2027 founding intake

REGISTRATION OPENS

1 January 2027

EVIDENCE WINDOW

Normally 14-36 months

CANDIDATE NEEDS

Ongoing access to suitable honey bee colonies

TRAINING SUPPLIED

No - candidates may learn through their own route

MENTOR SUPPLIED

No - candidates may nominate a suitable mentor

CANDIDATE PLATFORM

BeeEducated Competency Passport

EVIDENCE MAY INCLUDE

Inspection records, authenticated photographs or short video, products and monitoring results, activity-based knowledge write-ups, spoken explanation, mentor authentication, assessor questioning and professional discussion.



PRACTICAL BEEKEEPER STANDARD | FOUNDING CANDIDATE ROUTE

Simple pricing, with EPA timing made clear.

The initial registration fee provides induction, candidate status, access to the Competency Passport and the evidence framework. Training and mentoring are not included.

ROUTE 1

EPA in months 14-18

Registration

£125

EPA fee

£125

TOTAL

£250

ROUTE 2

EPA after month 18

Registration

£125

EPA fee

£195

TOTAL

£320

YOUR JOURNEY TO CERTIFICATION

1

Register

2

Build evidence

3

Review readiness

4

Undertake EPA

5

Achieve credential



EVIDENCE FOR THE PRACTICAL BEEKEEPER STANDARD

Real activity. Real evidence. Real progress.

Candidates build evidence through genuine beekeeping activity carried out over time. The aim is not the biggest portfolio; it is the right evidence, showing competent and consistent practice.



DO

Carry out a genuine beekeeping activity.

RECORD

Capture what happened while it is current.

EXPLAIN

Explain what you observed, understood and decided.

AUTHENTICATE

Use independent confirmation where required.

MAP

Link evidence to the relevant KSBs and competencies.

REVIEW

Identify what is covered and what should happen next.

KNOWLEDGE EVIDENCE

Knowledge can be evidenced through a short write-up, photographs with explanation, or a short video - but it should be based on an actual activity the candidate has carried out or is carrying out, not a detached classroom-style assignment.

VARCS: Valid • Authentic • Reliable • Current • Sufficient



EVIDENCE AGAINST THE BEEKEEPING STANDARD

Purposeful colony inspection leading to a management decision

One genuine activity can contribute evidence to several competencies when it naturally demonstrates the required knowledge, skill and judgement.



1 Observe

Inspect systematically and identify significant findings.



2 Interpret

Consider brood, queen status, stores, space, health and colony history.



3 Decide / act

Choose a proportionate action, including non-intervention where



4 Record / review

Make a useful record, set follow-up and later review the outcome.

THIS ACTIVITY MAY CONTRIBUTE EVIDENCE TOWARDS

C1 Inspection and decisions

C4 Nutrition and stores

C9 Adult bee and brood health

C12 Hive, comb and equipment

C15 Reflective practice

C16 Traceable records



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Practical Beekeeper Standard: all 16 competency areas

The Practical Beekeeper Standard brings together practical knowledge, skilled performance and professional behaviours across the beekeeper role.



C1

Colony inspection, records and management decisions



C2

Biosecurity



C3

Seasonal colony management and overwintering



C4

Nutrition, feeding and stores management



C5

Swarm prevention, control and colony reproduction



C6

Queen status, queen failure and colony recovery



C7

Selective breeding, queen rearing and queen introduction



C8

Varroa and parasitic mite management



C9

Adult bee and brood health



C10

Establishing, increasing, uniting and moving colonies



C11

Honey production, harvesting and selling



C12

Hive, comb and equipment management



C13

Apiary management and safe working



C14

Exotic pests, invasive species and statutory responsibilities



C15

Reflective, responsible and evidence-led beekeeping practice



C16

Regulatory, traceability and best-practice record keeping

The detailed Standard document explains each competency, its Knowledge and Skills, required range and evidence expectations.

BEEEDUCATED BEEKEEPING STANDARDS | DEMONSTRATION ONLY

A credential designed to be checked.

This example shows the type of public information that can be displayed when a BeeEducated Beekeeping Standards credential is verified.



Alex Morgan

BeeEducated Practical Beekeeper

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Standard	BeeEducated Practical Beekeeper Standard v1.0
Grade	Distinction
Status	Current



VERIFY THIS CREDENTIAL
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Competency areas achieved

16 OF 16 ACHIEVED

✓ C1

Colony inspection, records and management decisions

✓ C2

Biosecurity

✓ C3

Seasonal colony management and overwintering

✓ C4

Nutrition, feeding and stores management

✓ C5

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✓ C16

Regulatory, traceability and best-practice record keeping

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Turn your beekeeping experience into recognised competence.

Register your interest for the 2027 founding intake and take your place in the BeeEducated Beekeeping Standards framework through the Practical Beekeeper Standard.

FOUNDING CANDIDATE REGISTRATION

£125

Induction + candidate status + Passport access

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

www.beeeducated.co.uk

- **Real practice**
Evidence from genuine beekeeping
- **Practical Beekeeper Standard**
16 defined competency areas
- **Independent recognition**
Final End Point Assessment