



**UK Society for  
Behaviour Analysis**

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## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is a UKBA(cert)?**

A UKBA(cert) is a post graduate-level professional who has met the certification requirements of the UK-Society for Behaviour Analysis (UK-SBA) to practice behaviour analysis in the UK. All UKBA(cert)s will possess a Master's degree, have completed post-graduate studies on an approved course sequence, and undertaken rigorous supervised training. All UKBA(cert)s agree to follow the UK-SBA Code of Ethical and Professional Conduct, to submit to the complaint's procedure, and to complete ongoing continuing education. The UK-SBA will work to uphold high ethical and practice standards and provide protection for consumers of behaviour analysis and those holding certification.

A UKBA(cert) who works in Health and Social Care (which includes education) will be on the PSA register. It is possible to be a UKBA(cert) and not be on the PSA register if you practice outside of Health and Social Care.

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An aUKBA(cert) is an associate behaviour analyst. All aUKBA(cert)s are graduate-level professionals who have met the certification requirements of the UK-Society for Behaviour Analysis (UK-SBA) to practice behaviour analysis in the UK. All aUKBA (cert)s will possess a Bachelor's degree, have completed graduate-level studies on an approved course sequence (Levels 5 and 6), and undertaken rigorous supervised training. An aUKBA (cert) agrees to follow the UK-SBA Code of Ethical and Professional Conduct, to

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### **I already have a BCBA/BCBA-D qualification. Will there be additional requirements for me to become a UKBA(cert)?**

All Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA/BCBA-D) who are based in the UK and are members of the UK-SBA will be grandfathered to UKBA(cert) status until December 2025. After 1 January 2026, candidates who possess a BCBA/BCBA-D qualification must be supervised by a current UKBA(cert) to demonstrate practice competencies and pass the UKBA(cert) exam. We will be announcing more details of the requirements for a BCBA who wishes to apply to become a UKBA(cert) after 2026.

### **I already have a BCaBA qualification. Will there be additional requirements for me to become an aUKBA(cert)?**

All Board Certified associate Behavior Analysts (BCaBA) who are based in the UK and are members of the UK-SBA will be grandfathered to aUKBA(cert) status until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. After 1 January 2026, candidates who possess a BCaBA qualification must be supervised by a current UKBA(cert) to demonstrate practice competencies and pass the aUKBA(cert) exam.

### **I have a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) qualification. Can I become certified by the UK-SBA?**

The UK-SBA is working to develop a vocational certificate and we hope to announce the details soon. For now, members with a vocational level qualification (such as the RBT) should register as practicing members.

### **When will the UKBA(cert) begin to offer an exam?**

Beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026, the UK-SBA will take over the role of newly certifying behaviour analysts. We will begin to accept applications for candidates to sit the UKBA(cert) exam in mid-November 2025 for an exam in early 2026.

## **I am currently studying under the BACB standards. Will I be eligible to apply to become a UKBA(cert)?**

The UK-SBA encourages all candidates who are currently studying the BACB 5<sup>th</sup> task list requirements to carry on with their BACB supervision standards. Until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025, a candidate can become a UKBA(cert) if they are qualified as a BCBA/BCBA-D. There will be a transitional arrangement available until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2027 for candidates who began to study using Pathway 1 or 2 of the [BACB Eligibility Requirements](#) before or during the 2022 academic year. Candidates who are currently studying and receiving supervision under the 5<sup>th</sup> task list requirements may apply to sit the BACB exam and pass up until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. Between January 2026-December 2027 these candidates should apply to sit the UKBA(cert) exam with the 5<sup>th</sup> task list requirements.

## **I plan to begin my studies in behaviour analysis in 2023. Which path should I take?**

All candidates in the UK who begin postgraduate study in behaviour analysis during or after 1 September 2023 should plan to sit the UKBA(cert) exam. While it is possible for candidates to begin studies in autumn 2023 and pass the BCBA exam before December 2025, the timing is very tight, and it will not be possible to bridge between the BACB and UKBA(cert) supervision standards.

We encourage all candidates who begin their supervised practice after autumn 2023 to use the UKBA(cert) standards for supervision. Candidates who begin their studies after 2023 must apply for certification using UKBA(cert) supervision standards.

## **I have started my supervision under the BACB standards. Can I transfer part-way to the UKBA(cert) competence and supervision standards?**

It will not be possible to bridge from the BACB to the UKBA(cert) standards.

## **I do not reside in the UK. Can I hold a UKBA(cert)?**

A UKBA(cert) must reside in the United Kingdom. The UK-SBA does not have authority to regulate the profession or uphold the UK-SBA Code of Ethical and Professional Conduct outside of the UK.

**I completed my BACB coursework under the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> BACB Verified Course Sequence (VCS) but am not currently a BCBA. Am I eligible to become a UKBA(cert)?**

There will be a route to UKBA(cert) available between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2028 for candidates who completed the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> task list VCS. Candidates must complete the full UK-SBA Competence Standards and pass the qualifying exam.

**I hold an alternative behaviour analytic qualification to those offered by the BACB. May I be considered for UKBA(cert) status?**

Please email [admin@uk-sba.org](mailto:admin@uk-sba.org) to discuss your qualifications.