



**UK Society for
Behaviour Analysis**

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Frequently Asked Questions

The UKBA(cert)

What is the UKBA(cert)?

The UKBA(cert) is a postgraduate-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 UK-SBA Complaints 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.

The 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.

I already have a BCBA/BCBA-D qualification. Will there be additional requirements for me 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. We will be announcing more details of the requirements for a BCBA who wishes to apply to become a UKBA(cert) after 2026.

Is there a UKBA(cert) exam?

No, there is no UKBA(cert) exam.

To pursue a UKBA(cert) you must hold a relevant qualification, have completed the relevant verified course sequence and completed UKBA(cert) Supervision and Competence Standards. All available routes to the UKBA(cert) are described fully in the document [Routes to Become a UKBA\(cert\) inc. those opening from January 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 5th task list requirements to carry on with their BACB supervision standards. Until 31st 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 31st 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.

Please refer to [Routes to Become a UKBA\(cert\) inc. those opening from January 2026](#) for full details on the options to pursue the UKBA(cert).

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 pursue the UKBA(cert). 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.

Full information on routes to the UKBA(cert) are provided here: [Routes to Become a UKBA\(cert\) inc. those opening from January 2026](#)

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 and practice in the United Kingdom. The UK-SBA does not have authority to oversee the profession or uphold the UK-SBA Code of Ethical and Professional Conduct outside of the UK as the UK-SBA is governed by UK law.

I completed my BACB coursework under the 2nd, 3rd or 4th 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 1st January 2026 and 31st December 2028 for candidates who completed the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th task list VCS. Candidates must complete the full UK-SBA Competence Standards. Please refer to our document [Routes to Become a UKBA\(cert\) inc. those opening from January 2026](#).

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 to discuss your qualifications.

I work in the field of Behaviour Analysis but I am not a BCBA and I do not hold an academic qualification in Behaviour Analysis. Will I be eligible to apply to become a UKBA(cert)?

To pursue a UKBA(cert) you must hold a relevant qualification, have completed the relevant verified course sequence and completed UKBA(cert) Supervision and Competence Standards. All available routes to the UKBA(cert) are described fully in the document [Routes to Become a UKBA\(cert\) inc. those opening from January 2026](#).

If you are working in the field of Behaviour Analysis but do not meet the eligibility described in our “Routes” document then you should register as a Practicing Registrant member.

The aUKBA(cert)

What is the aUKBA(cert)?

The 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. Right now, the only route to the aUKBA(cert) is to hold current certification with the BACB as a BCaBA or to hold a CABAS 1. 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 submit to the UK-SBA Complaints 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.

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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 transferred to aUKBA(cert) status until 31st December 2025. After 1 January 2026, candidates who possess a BCaBA qualification must be supervised by a current UKBA(cert) to demonstrate practice competencies.

Full details for routes to the aUKBA(cert) will be published on the UK-SBA website in Autumn 2025.

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I work in the field of Behaviour Analysis but I am not a BCBA and I do not hold an academic qualification in Behaviour Analysis. Will I be eligible to apply to become an aUKBA(cert)?

If you are working in the field of Behaviour Analysis but do not hold any qualification or certification in Behaviour Analysis, then you should register as a Practicing Registrant member.

Right now, Board Certified associate Behavior Analysts (BCaBA) who are based in the UK and are members of the UK-SBA will be transferred to aUKBA(cert) status. This is the only current route to the aUKBA(cert).

New routes to the aUKBA(cert) will be opening later this year and full details will be published on the UK-SBA website in Autumn 2025. These routes will require relevant academic qualification and completion of specified competencies and supervision.

Vocational Certification

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 Registrant members.

Full details for the vocational certificate will be published on the UK-SBA website towards the end of 2025.