



Routes to UKBA(cert) 2025-2032

Route A: January 2025-December 2032

Requirement	Evidence
Master's Degree in Behaviour Analysis or a Related Field ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Diploma or university transcript
Approved University Postgraduate Coursework. Approved course sequences are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">UKBA(cert) Curriculum (120 credits)ABAI Verified 5th Edition BACB course sequenceABAI Tier 1 Accredited Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">University transcript
Completed UKBA(cert) Supervision and Competence Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The UKBA(cert) final attestation formA copy of the competence log as described in the UKBA(cert) manualTwo case studies as described in the UKBA(cert) manual

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Route B: January 2026-December 2028

Route B is intended for candidates who began their post-graduate studies on the ABAI 5th VCS before 1 September 2023 using the [BACB Pathway 2: Behaviour Analytic Coursework](#) standards. Prior to 1 January 2026 the candidates should apply directly to the BACB. After 2026, candidates will submit the BACB paperwork directly to the UK-SBA.

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BACB Supervised Fieldwork (5 th Task list)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The BACB "Final Fieldwork Verification Form" signed by supervisor(s)
Successful candidates will be awarded probationary status as UKBA(cert) for one year. During the probation year, candidates will be required to have peer supervision on the abridged competence standards. If the standards are completed after one year candidates will transition to full UKBA(cert) status.	

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Route C : January 2026-December 2028

Route C is recommended for candidates who completed an older version of BACB VCS but did not fulfil all of the requirements to qualify as a BCBA.

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Master's Degree in Behaviour Analysis or a Related Field ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Diploma or Transcript
BACB Postgraduate Verified Course Sequence (VCS) 2, 3, 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">University TranscriptEvidence from the ABAI website or a letter from the university that the course was an approved VCS at the time of study
Completed UKBA(cert) Supervision and Competence Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The UKBA(cert) final attestation formA copy of the competence log as described in the UKBA(cert) manualTwo case studies as described in the UKBA(cert) manual

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Route D: January 2026-December 2028

Route D is for candidates who have a doctorate degree in an area related to behaviour analysis. Candidates have completed a doctoral dissertation on a topic that includes behaviour analysis, and been practising in a role that includes behaviour analysis for at least 10 years. Please contact the UK-SBA to discuss individual applications. This pathway is open between 2026-2027.

Requirement	Evidence
Doctoral Degree in an area related to behaviour analysis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">DiplomaTitle and abstract of the doctoral dissertation
Practical experience working in a role which includes behaviour analysis for at least 10 years. Professionals might work in fields such as Positive Behaviour Support, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, and Organisational and Behaviour Management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A professional CV that details the work in behaviour analysisA letter of reference from a full UKBA(cert)
Successful candidates will be awarded probationary status as UKBA(cert) for one year. During the probation year, candidates will be required to have peer supervision on the abridged competence standards. If the standards are completed after one year, candidates will transition to full UKBA(cert) status.	

Route E: January 2026-who hold a comparable international certification 2026-2032

After 2026, candidates who possess a comparable international certification are invited to apply to become certified as probationary UKBA(cert).

Requirement	Evidence
BCBA/BCBA-D	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A copy of the BACB certificate
We welcome queries relating to international qualifications. To be considered, the qualification must require:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A master's degree in behaviour analysis or a related field2. The equivalent of 120 credits of postgraduate (Level 7) coursework in behaviour analysis3. Significant supervised fieldwork	
Successful candidates will be awarded probationary status as UKBA(cert) for one year. During the probation year, candidates will be required to have peer supervision on the abridged competence standards. If the standards are completed after one year, candidates will transition to full UKBA(cert) status.	