

IAAH Syllabus of Standard Basic Heraldic Knowledge (BHK)

Syllabus

AIM: From Member to Associate Fellow - A sound basic knowledge of the following is required:

- a.) The ordinaries, sub-ordinaries, and the most frequently used charges
- b.) The rules governing blazoning, emblazoning, hatching, and tricking
- c.) Simple marshalling and cadency
- d.) The rules governing the field, party fields, and lines of partition
- e.) The achievement and its component parts
- f.) Personal and Corporate arms
- g.) The origin and development of heraldry
- h.) Sources of heraldic knowledge
- i.) The offices of arms in the British Isles and their duties

RECOMMENDED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Prime Source Publication (on which the examination questions are based)

Boutell's Heraldry revised by J P Brooke-Little [1983] - ISBN 0-7232-3093-5

Also -

A Complete Guide to Heraldry by A C Fox-Davies [1909]
Edited and revised by J P Brooke-Little [1969<]

An Heraldic Alphabet by J. P. Brooke-Little [1996]

Basic Heraldry by Stephen Friar and John Ferguson [2000]

The Romance of Heraldry by C W Scott-Giles [1967]

Shield and Crest by Julian Franklyn [1967]

Procedure

An 'open-book' examination will be conducted over a specified time interval (48hrs) on the Internet between the applicant and the VP-Heraldic Education (VP-HE). The pass mark is 75%. On successful completion of the BHK examination the VP-HE is to propose the candidate's name to the Board for up-grading to Associate Fellow which is to be confirmed at the following Board meeting.

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