



THE GOLDSMITHS' COMPANY

ASSAY OFFICE
LONDON

YOUR CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE

Standard Price List
STANDARD
P R I C E L I S T



HALLMARKING CHARGES

The following charges are payable with effect from 1 January 2010 for articles brought or sent to Assay Office London for assaying and hallmarking under the provisions of the Hallmarking Act 1973. The charges do not exceed the maxima set by the British Hallmarking Council. Details of such maximum charges can be obtained free of charge from the British Hallmarking Council.

Minimum charge for 2 items or fewer in any packet: £9.50
 Minimum charge for 3 to 5 items in any packet: £12.00
 Minimum charge for more than 5 items in any packet: £18.50

	Maximum normal mark size	Marks up to normal size		Additional charge for marks above normal size or spaced marks	
		Struck marks	Requested laser marks	Struck marks or laser marks	
HALLMARKING	Gold				
	Rings	1.0 mm	£0.36	£1.00	plus £2.50
	Earrings (each)	1.5 mm	£0.30	£1.00	plus £0.60
	Bracelets, necklets, chains ^{1 2}	0.5 mm ³	£0.36 + 2p/gram	£1.00	plus £0.60
	Other items ²	1.5 mm	£0.32 + 2p/gram	£1.00	plus £0.60
	Palladium	As for gold	As for gold	As for gold	As for gold
	Platinum	As for gold	Double the gold rate	As for gold	Double the gold rate
	Silver				
	Rings	1.0 mm	£0.36	£1.00	plus £2.50
	Cutlery (including stamped handles)	3.5 mm	£0.52	£1.50	plus £0.60
	Other items, averaging under 20 grams	3.5 mm	£0.47	£1.50	plus £0.90
	Other items, averaging 20 to 60 grams	3.5 mm	£0.62	£1.50	plus £0.90
	Other items, averaging over 60 grams	3.5 mm	£0.97	£1.50	plus £0.90
Second-hand items		£6.00	£6.00	Not available	
PREMIUM SERVICES	Early hall/overnight service		Plus 50% on top of hallmarking charges above		
	Same day service		Plus 100% on top of hallmarking charges above		
	1-hour service		£50.00 for up to 5 items		
ADDITIONAL SERVICES	Application of sponsor's mark Application of trade marks, CCM etc Application of part marks or +metal marks Handling charges: Individually wrapped items Excessive (full) handling Processing of direct packets Postal packages: Handling Return postage		Plus 16p per item Plus 16p per mark Plus 16p per mark Plus 20p per item Plus cost of hallmark charge per item Plus £15.00 per packet Plus £2.80 per packet As appropriate		

¹ See next page for 22ct sets

² Gold bracelets, necklets, chains and other items above 43g will be charged at the British Hallmarking Council maxima

³ 1mm for laser

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OTHER SERVICES

22CT GOLD SETS Prices do not include sponsor's mark charges.	
3 piece set	£1.62
4 piece set	£1.96
5 piece set	£2.60
6 piece set	£2.94
7 piece set	£3.36

LASER ENGRAVING	
Laser signatures, logos	£55.00 setting up fee + £2.00 per mark
Simple lettering, numbering	£1.00 per mark

ASSISTANCE TO TRADING STANDARDS	
Examination of marks with written report	£22.00 per article
Basic test to establish precious metal content	£12.50 per article
Full precious metal assay	£26.00 per article
Verification of gold or silver plating – 1st item	£20.00
Verification of gold or silver plating – additional items	£10.00
Preparation of section 9 witness statement	£44.00
Attendance at court as expert witness or inspections	£50.00 per hour plus travelling expenses
Photograph of item/s	£20.00 per photograph

LABORATORY SERVICES	
Non-destructive compositional analysis (XRF test)	£12.00 per sample
Grading of white golds	£20.00 for 1st sample £15.00 per additional sample submitted at same time
Silver dating	£50.00 for 1 sample £65.00 for 2 samples £15.00 per additional sample submitted at same time
Sweeps/powders/ore samples	£40.00 1st element £20.00 each additional element

SPECIAL ASSAY		
Metal	Sample only submitted	Bar to be sampled and/or marked
Gold	£12.00	£15.00
Silver	£11.00	£14.00
Platinum	£22.00	£25.00
Palladium	£22.00	£25.00
Gold, palladium and platinum	£46.00	£49.00
Gold, palladium, platinum and silver	£55.00	£59.00

NICKEL CONTENT AND RELEASE TESTS	
Nickel content	£31.00 1st item
	£8.00 per additional item
Nickel release test (per item)	1 component part £18.30
	2 component parts £30.70
	3 component parts £43.20
	4+ component parts £55.70

SMELTING INTO BARS	
Melt scrap gold	£25.00 per sample up to 12kg
Melt scrap silver	£25.00 per sample up to 12kg
Melt scrap mixed gold & silver	£25.00 per sample up to 12kg
Melt scrap platinum	£20.00 per sample up to 2kg
Melt scrap palladium	£20.00 per sample up to 2kg
Melt scrap mixed which includes platinum and/or palladium	£20.00 per sample up to 2kg

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CONDITIONS OF ASSAYING AND HALLMARKING

1. General: The Consignor agrees that these conditions apply in respect of all articles received by or on behalf of Assay Office London and that the Consignor shall be bound by these conditions. **2. Submission of articles:** (1) A separate Hallnote must be completed and submitted for each fineness of metal. (2) Subject to Condition 2(3) hereof, all parts of an article must be submitted in accordance with the Hallmarking Act 1973 and any directions or regulations issued or made under it and for the time being in force. All metal parts are liable to sampling and marking. (3) Consignors may and are strongly advised to remove prior to submission any precious or semi-precious stones from any article to be submitted to Assay Office London. If such stones are not so removed, any loss or damage to such stones shall be at the sole risk of the Consignor (see also Conditions 3(5), 3(6) and 4 below). **3. Exclusion and limitation of the liability of Assay Office London:** (1) Save as is expressly provided herein or by any statute for the time being in force, Assay Office London shall in no circumstances be under any liability for any loss, damage or delay of whatsoever kind arising or resulting, directly or indirectly, from any act or omission of whatsoever kind on the part of Assay Office London or its employees or independent contractors, however such loss, damage or delay may be caused. (2) Subject to Conditions 3(3) and 3(6) hereof, Assay Office London accepts liability to the Consignor in respect of loss or damage to an article while the article is in the actual custody of Assay Office London, where such loss or damage is directly caused by the wilful default or negligence of Assay Office London or of its employees or of its independent contractors whilst such independent contractors are present within the Premises. (3) Assay Office London shall incur no liability as respects any damage to any article resulting from the reasonable exercise or discharge of any of the powers or duties conferred or imposed upon Assay Office London by the Hallmarking Act 1973 or by any other statute for the time being in force except in so far as such liability is specifically provided by such Act or statute. (4) Save that the Consignor shall be entitled to the benefit of any sum paid to Assay Office London in relation to loss of or damage to the article in accordance with the contractual arrangements from time to time being in force between Assay Office London and any independent contractor responsible for the storage of the article or carriage of the article to and from Assay Office London, Assay Office London shall in no circumstances be under any liability to the Consignor in respect of any loss of or damage to an article at any time during which the article is not in the actual custody of Assay Office London, and in particular while the article is in the course of such storage or carriage, unless such loss or damage is shown to have been directly caused by theft or other dishonesty on the part of the employees (but not independent contractors) of Assay Office London. (5) Without prejudice to any other of these conditions, any liability of Assay Office London to the Consignor shall be limited to the unwrought value by weight of the metal comprised in an article. Assay Office London shall in no circumstances be liable for any consequential, pecuniary or other loss or damage resulting from loss of or damage to an article. (6) Where, contrary to the advice contained in Condition 2(3) hereof, any precious or semi-precious stone has not been removed from an article before it is submitted to Assay Office London, Assay Office London shall in no circumstances be liable for any loss of or damage to the stone, howsoever caused. **4. Insurance:** (1) The Consignor shall be responsible for the insurance of each article for the full replacement value of the article under an appropriate policy of insurance against loss or damage by accident, fire theft and against any risk not accepted by Assay Office London (as provided in Condition 3 hereof). (2) In particular, the Consignor shall be responsible for the insurance of each article: a) while in the custody of Assay Office London or of its employees or its independent contractors, b) for and to the extent of any value of the article in excess of that referred to in Condition 3(5) hereof, c) against any loss of or damage to any precious or semi-precious stones contained in the article; and d) any consequential, pecuniary or other loss or damage resulting from loss of or damage to the article. **5. Indemnity:** Save where the Consignor does not make or hold himself out as making his contract in the course of a business (as defined in the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977) the Consignor shall indemnify Assay Office London against all and any liability, cost or expense in excess of the liability of Assay Office London to the Consignor hereunder which shall or may be incurred by Assay Office London by reason of any claim, action or legal proceedings brought against Assay Office London or its employees by (i) the owner of an article, (ii) any other person having a legal or other interest in an article, or (iii) any other person having any liability whatsoever for loss of or damage to an article, whether such claim, action or legal proceedings arise from or as a result of the negligence of Assay Office London or otherwise. **6. Employees of Assay Office London:** (1) For the purpose of these conditions Assay Office London is or shall be deemed to be acting both on its own behalf and as agent on behalf of and for the benefit of all persons who are or shall be its employees from time to time and all such persons shall to this extent be or be deemed to be parties to the contract of which these conditions form part. (2) Every right, exemption, defence and immunity of whatsoever nature applicable to Assay Office London or to which Assay Office London is entitled under the contract of which these conditions form part shall also be available to and shall extend to protect every employee of Assay Office London in the course of or in connection with his employment. **7. Return of articles:** (1) The Consignor shall within the period of two months after being requested to do so by Assay Office London in writing either take delivery of an article or give directions as to its immediate delivery. (2) If the Consignor fails to take delivery or give such directions then, on expiry of the said period of two months, Assay Office London shall be in possession of the article as an involuntary bailee thereof (subject to the exclusions and limitations of liability on the part of Assay Office London contained in these conditions) and shall be entitled to sell the article after giving such notice to the Consignor as may be required by law. **8. Charges:** (1) The charges for services provided by Assay Office London in relation to any article submitted are the published charges, which are applicable when the article is submitted. (2) Any charges incurred by the Consignor for such service plus Value Added Tax shall be paid by the Consignor on or before delivery of it from Assay Office London, unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Consignor and Assay Office London. **9. Definitions and interpretation:** (1) "Consignor" means the person or persons by or on behalf of whom Assay Office London consigns any article for receipt. (2) "Premises" means those premises specifically designated by Assay Office London from time to time for the purposes of assaying and hallmarking. (3) In these conditions, where the context so permits, any word importing the singular shall be deemed to import the plural, and vice versa, and any word importing one gender shall be deemed to import the other.

Attention is drawn to the terms and conditions particularly with regard to insurance and exclusions from liability. For further details on the services relating to this price list, please refer to the website. Alternatively, please contact the Deputy Warden of Assay Office London.

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