



Hallmark of
The Goldsmiths' Company
since 1300



The
GOLDSMITHS'
Company

ASSAY OFFICE

Price List



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Hallmarking Charges

The following charges are payable with effect from **1 April 2021** for services supplied by the Goldsmiths' Company Assay Office under the provisions of the Hallmarking Act of 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.

Unlike most other assay offices, The Goldsmiths' Company Assay Office applies the full traditional UK hallmark, or full International Convention mark as standard, at no extra charge. The minimum compulsory mark can be applied upon request.

The charges below include application of this standard hallmark, whether struck with a punch or applied by laser. They also include traditional fineness symbol, date letter, laser application of hallmark, sponsor's mark, and simple handling.

Charges

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| 1 – 2 articles in a packet | £14 per packet |
| 3 articles or over in a packet | £18 per packet + £1.10 per article |

A Full UK Hallmark

Includes the traditional 5 marks regardless of metal type



Sponsor's Mark

Traditional
Fineness
Mark

Millesimal
Fineness Mark

Assay
Office
Mark

Date
Letter

A Full Convention Hallmark

Includes 4 marks regardless of metal type



Sponsor's Mark

Common
Control Mark

Millesimal
Fineness Mark

Assay
Office
Mark

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Priority Services

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| 1-hour service | £70.00 for up to 5 items in one packet |
| Same day service | Plus 100% on top of hallmarking charges on p.1 |
| Next day service | Plus 50% on top of hallmarking charges on p.1 |

Additional Charges for Non-Standard Assaying and Hallmarking

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| Application of Moderate Bespoke (Display) marks | Plus £1.50 per article |
| Application of Complex Bespoke (Display) marks | Plus £3.00 per article |
| Second Hand items | £7.00 per article |
| Application of additional Assay marks e.g. Part Mark, Common Control Mark, extra Sponsor's Marks, METAL mark | A. Up to & including 1.5mm in height (Part Mark) = 35p B. Over 1.5mm in height (Large Part Mark) = 50p |
| Application of Group Trade marks Fairmined, Fairtrade, Argentium, IPG, SBJ, SMO | Plus 75p struck mark/£1.25 laser mark |
| Application of an Individual Company Trade Mark | Plus £1 per struck application / laser as per Laser Engraving Services |
| Change of use | Normal hallmarking charges plus £10 per article |
| Complex Sampling | Plus £1 per item |

Additional Charges

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| Paper hallnote unit charge | 30p per article |
| Simple handling | Free |
| Moderate handling | 30p per article |
| Complex handling | Plus cost of hallmark charge per item |
| Processing of direct packets | Plus £5.00 per packet |
| Packet Logistics | Plus £5.00 per packet |
| Non-Hallmarking Charge | £14 |
| Changes to packet processing/Administration charge | £10 |
| Return postage | As appropriate plus £3.25 per shipment |
| Invoice corrections for taxes and duties | £100.00 per incident |

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Other Services

Laser Engraving Services

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| Simple logo or lettering | £6 per application |
| Moderate lettering | £11 per application |
| Complex lettering | £16 per application |
| Complex logo | Price on application |
| Deeper laser marking | Price on application |

Assistance to Trading Standards

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| Examination of marks with written report | £25.00 per article |
| Basic test to establish precious metal content | £25.00 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 | £75.00 |
| Attendance at court as expert witness or inspections | £150.00 per hour plus travelling expenses |
| Photograph of item/s | from £35.00 per photograph |

Laboratory Services

| Metal | Bar or Sample |
|---|-------------------|
| Gold | £35.00 |
| Silver | £35.00 |
| Platinum | £50.00 |
| Palladium | £50.00 |
| Gold, palladium and platinum | £90.00 |
| Gold, palladium, platinum and silver | £100.00 |
| Gold, palladium, platinum or silver 999 | £150.00 |
| Gold, palladium, platinum or silver 9999 | £150.00 |
| Reprint of Special Assay Report | £15.00 |
| Non-destructive compositional analysis (XRF test) | £25.00 per sample |

Content and Release Tests

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| Lead and cadmium content | 1 component part £35.00 2 component parts £45.00 |
| Nickel release test (per item) | 3 component parts £55.00 4 + component parts £65.00 |

Smelting into Bars

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| Melt scrap gold | £50.00 per sample up to 9kg |
| Melt scrap silver | £50.00 per sample up to 9kg |
| Melt scrap mixed gold & silver | £50.00 per sample up to 9kg |
| Melt scrap platinum | £50.00 per sample up to 2kg |
| Melt scrap palladium | £50.00 per sample up to 2kg |
| Melt scrap mixed which includes platinum and/or palladium | £50.00 per sample up to 2kg |
| Addition of copper to dental melts | £15.00 |
| Re-melts | £25.00 |

Glossary of Terms

More information can be found on our [website](#).

Bespoke (Display) Hallmarks–Any hallmarking formation not in the standard format such as spaced, spot, vertical marks or hallmarks in a different order. Any ring with a hallmark larger than 0.75mm. Any other article with a hallmark 1.5mm or larger.

Moderate Bespoke Hallmark – Any hallmarking formation in the standard format - with dimensions as follows: Any ring with a 1.00mm hallmark in height. Any other article with a hallmark 1.5mm to 2.00mm inclusive.

Complex Bespoke Hallmark – Spaced, staggered, spot, curved or marks above maximum normal size or in non-standard positions.

Any hallmarking formation not in the standard format, as in images on page 1 i.e. horizontal with minimal spacing. Any ring with a hallmark larger than 1.00mm. Any other article with a hallmark larger than 2.00mm.

Change to Packet Processing/Administration charge–Applicable where the delivery/service requires changing or where work has been submitted not following our [Terms & Conditions](#).

Common Control Mark–Forms part of the [International Convention Hallmark](#), or can be added to a full UK mark at extra cost.

Complex sampling – Where item(s) fails and you require us to test the rest of the packet and mark appropriately.

Direct packets–Goods can be sent directly from the supplier without a hallnote, assayed and hallmarked as normal and forwarded to your desired destination.

Full UK hallmark–The traditional 5 marks: Sponsor’s Mark, Traditional Fineness symbol, Millesimal Fineness symbol, Leopard’s Head for London and Date letter. Unless otherwise stated this is the standard mark which we apply.

Handling–Handling is something which may need to be executed before the hallmark can be applied e.g. opening a poly bag, removing tissue wrapping, sliding butterflies off earrings, untying or untangling items.

Simple handling–one handling procedure.

Moderate handling–two–three handling procedures.

Complex handling–where multiple handling procedures necessary. Heavily packaged/numerous layers of handling/thick adhesive plastic.

International Convention mark–Sponsor’s mark, Common Control Mark, millesimal fineness mark, and assay office mark.

Invoice corrections for taxes and duties–Where we receive articles by courier from outside of Europe, the customer is responsible for any applicable duties and taxes. Where payments are outstanding we have the right to refuse consignments.

Laser Engraving terminology for logos and lettering–Available fonts: Arial, Times New Roman or Lucida Calligraphy fonts. Dates, letters, serial numbers.

Simple Logo–Logo applied in one application, under 6mm in height.

Complex Logo–Logo applied in more than one application or over 6mm in height.

Simple Lettering–Engraving up to 2mm in height, in one straight line and applied in one application.

Moderate Lettering–Engraving up to 2mm in height, allowed in multiple straight lines, in one application.

Complex Lettering–Engraving over 2mm in height, not in a straight line or has multiple applications.

METAL mark–Applied with the standard hallmark to distinguish base metal from precious metal parts.

Non-Hallmarking Charge–For packets which do not incur hallmarking charges.

Packet Logistics–Applied when booking your packages out via a courier service.

Paper Hallnote Unit Charge – Applicable where the packet is submitted without a completed online Hallnote.

Part Mark–The legal minimum which must be applied for a part mark is the millesimal fineness mark which shows either the standard of a different metal present, or of another part. We can apply the traditional fineness symbol if requested.

Priority Services–For packets requiring specified turnaround times. Delays could occur to your turnaround time if your sponsor’s punch is not held at the site where packet is submitted or if there is any laser engraving on the items. Larger packets may be transferred from Greville Street to the Hall.

1-hour service–Available from 09:00, last packet accepted at 16:00. For up to 5 items of the same metal and fineness.

Next Day/Early Hall service–packets will be ready by 16.30 the next working day & is available for up to 30 items at Goldsmiths Hall & 10 items at Greville Street.

Same Day service–for up to 10 items which, if received before 12.00, will be ready by 16.30. Available at Goldsmith’s Hall & Greville Street for goods delivered at the counter only.

Standard hallmark–Either a full UK hallmark or full Convention mark in a horizontal position with minimal spacing in the standard order of sequence as in images shown, in standard mark positions.

IMPORTANT:

When requesting a priority service “Next Day/Early Hall”, “Same Day” or “1 hour” should be clearly marked on the outside of the packet and requested on the Hallnote. If submitted using your online account submission process this information will be stated.

The packet should be submitted to the office that holds your sponsor’s mark punch.

A pair of earrings or cufflinks count as two items. If a pendant comes off a chain, and is over minimum weight exemption this will also count as two items.

For more information visit www.assayofficelondon.co.uk specifically our [Video Guides](#) and [Guidance Notes](#) in the downloads area on our website for information on what is permitted.

Packets that fail Assay are liable for full charge. Any packet resubmitted for Hallmarking due to packet failing Assay or Hallmark being removed after Assay will incur normal charges.

Before submitting your articles please refer to our [Terms & Conditions](#) for specifics on business rules and what is required for submitting a packet.