



LONDON  
ASSAY OFFICE

# PRICE LIST

Valid from 2 April 2025



# Hallmarking charges

The following charges are payable with effect from 2 April 2025 for services supplied by the London 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.

## Please note

One packet can contain one marking method, one type of hallmark, and one fineness.

A group of packets can be placed in one consignment. Each consignment can only contain one service level, one sponsor mark, one return address (if posting) and one invoice address.

## Charges

### Packet containing 1 – 2 articles

£17 per packet (no article surcharge)

### Packet containing 3 or more articles

£21 per packet + £1.40 per article surcharge

## A full traditional UK Hallmark

Includes the traditional five marks regardless of metal type



Sponsor's Mark

Traditional Fineness Mark

Millesimal Fineness Mark

Assay Office Mark

Date Letter

## A full International Convention Hallmark

Includes four marks regardless of metal type



Sponsor's Mark

Common Control Mark

Millesimal Fineness Mark

Assay Office Mark

## Priority services

1-hour service	£90.00 for up to 5 items in one packet
Next day service	Plus 50% on top of hallmarking charges on p.1

## Additional charges for non-standard Assaying and Hallmarking

Application of Moderate Bespoke (Display) marks	Plus £2.00 per article
Application of Complex Bespoke (Display) marks	Plus £4.00 per article
Second Hand items	£8.00 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) = 50p B. Over 1.5mm in height (Large Part Mark) = 75p
Application of Group Trade marks Fairmined, Fairtrade, Argentium, IPG, SBJ, SMO	Plus £1.50 for all / struck and laser
Application of an individual Company Trademark	Plus £2 per struck application / laser as per Laser Engraving Services
Change of use	Normal hallmarking charges plus £10 per article
Complex Sampling	Plus £1.50 per item

## Laser engraving services

Simple logo or lettering	£7.00 per article
Deeper laser marking	Double Hallmarking/Engraving cost
Logo Set up fee	£60.00 per upload of image

## Additional charges

Paper hallnote unit charge	60p per article
Simple handling	Free
Moderate handling	50p per article
Complex handling	Plus cost of hallmark charge per item /£2 for non-hallmarked items
Processing of direct consignment	Plus £20.00 per consignment
Packet Logistics	Plus £10.00 per packet
Non-Hallmarking charge	£17
Changes to packet/ administration charge	£15
Return postage	As appropriate plus £3.25 per shipment
Invoice corrections for taxes and duties	£100.00 per incident

## Other services

Special Assay Metal	Bar or Sample
Gold	£40.00
Silver	£40.00
Platinum	£55.00
Palladium	£55.00
Gold, palladium and platinum	£100.00
Gold, palladium, platinum and silver	£110.00
Gold, palladium, platinum or silver 999	£160.00
Gold, palladium, platinum or silver 9999	£160.00
Reprint of special Assay report	£15.00
Non-destructive compositional analysis (XRF test)	£25.00 per sample

Content and Release Tests	
Lead and cadmium content	1 component part £40.00 2 component parts £50.00
Nickel release test (per item)	3 component parts £60.00 4+ component parts £70.00

Smelting into Bars	
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

Please note that our laboratory services are only suitable for metallic, homogeneous samples only. We do not assay rocks, ore, sweeps, lemel or dental samples.

Our melt and assay service can only be used for broken/scrap jewellery or silverware. Any samples received that do not meet these criteria will be returned to you, at your cost.

### Important

When requesting a priority service **Next day/early Hall** 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 must be submitted to the office that holds your sponsors 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.

Large items should be submitted to Goldsmiths' Hall.

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.

**For more information visit**  
[assayofficelondon.co.uk](http://assayofficelondon.co.uk)

# Glossary of Terms

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More information can be found on our website.

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## 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 larger than 1.5mm.

**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 2 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.

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## Change to Packet processing/administration charge

Applicable where the delivery/service requires changing or where work has been submitted not following our Terms & Conditions.

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## Common Control mark

Forms part of the International Convention Hallmark, or can be added to a full UK mark at extra cost.

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## Complex sampling

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

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## Direct packets

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

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## 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.

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## Handling

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

**Simple handling** – one handling procedure.

**Moderate handling** – two to three handling procedures.

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

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## International Convention mark

Sponsor's mark, Common Control Mark, millesimal fineness mark, and assay office mark.

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## Invoice corrections for taxes and duties

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

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## Laser engraving terminology for logos and lettering

Available fonts: Arial or Times New Roman for dates, letters, serial numbers or small amounts of characters only – dependent upon width.

**Simple logo/lettering** – One logo, or a small quantity of characters applied in 1 application per item in 1 straight line in 1 area. Must be 6mm maximum in height applied to a flat surface at a maximum width of 60mm or a curved surface at a maximum of 5–8mm wide on average, depending on curvature. Only available in Arial or Times New Roman font for characters.

**Application** – how many times we have to cut your one image or text dependent upon size and curvature of area being marked.

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## We can NO longer apply

**Moderate complex lettering** – Engraving in multiple straight lines, over 6mm in height, in a curved line or has multiple applications.

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

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## METAL mark

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

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## Non-Hallmarking charge

For packets which do not incur hallmarking charges.

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## Packet logistics

Applied when booking your packages out via a courier service.

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## Paper Hallnote unit charge

Applicable where the packet is submitted without a completed online Hallnote.

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## 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.

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## Priority services

For packets requiring specified turnaround times. For struck marks your packet must be submitted to the office which holds your punch. Any items requiring laser engraving are not covered by the priority service timeframe. Fair usage policy applies.

**1-hour service** – Available during opening times. Last packet accepted 2 hours before closure. For up to 5 items of the same metal and fineness. Moderate and complex bespoke marks cannot be applied on our 1-hour service.

**Next day/early Hall service** – packets will be ready by end of the next working day; and is available for up to 30 items at Goldsmiths' Hall; 10 items at Greville Street and 50 items at Heathrow office.

**Standard service** – Only available at Goldsmiths' Hall.

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## 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.

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