

Diploma in Gemmology FAQs

The GAA's Diploma in Gemmology is Australia's most well recognised gemmology course.

By joining this course you are taking the best step towards becoming a professional in the jewellery industry or furthering your knowledge as a consumer.

Study Outcomes

Gemmology is the scientific study of gemstones. On completion of the course our graduates are able to confidently identify all types of gemstones by observation and use of gemmological instruments; this means being able to identify not only all natural types of gemstones but also their synthetic counterparts, imitations and treated gems.

Note that a study of diamond is included in the Diploma in Gemmology course content but not diamond grading; for this the GAA also offers a Practical Diamond Grading course (no prerequisites).

Recognition

On successful completion of the Diploma in Gemmology, graduates are eligible to apply for Fellowship of the Gemmological Association of Australia and use the post nominals FGAA (subject to terms and conditions).

Study Options

The Diploma in Gemmology is taught at the GAA's six teaching centres (located in each state capital city) and a number of study options are available:

- **On-site**

Two years part time

Taking the course over two years part time is our most popular study option. Students attend 2 hours each of theory and practical classes at one of our teaching centres. Classes are generally held in the evening, to fit around the requirements of full time employment.

One Year Intensive

This study option is currently only available via our Sydney teaching centre.

- **Flexible Mode**

You may wish to consider undertaking our Diploma in Gemmology course by Flexible Mode which is particularly suitable for country residents or fly in fly out workers. This means that you would undertake the theory component part of the course by correspondence. Practical classes are held in blocks at a teaching centre in Australia. Practical and theory examinations may take place on-site at the teaching centre during a practical block.

- **Correspondence**

You may study both the theory and practical components of the course by correspondence subject to access to appropriate facilities, laboratory equipment and local invigilators. Please contact us for further information regarding this study option.

Overseas Students

We welcome enquiries from those living outside Australia and would be happy to discuss flexible mode or correspondence methods of study.

Please note that the GAA is a not-for-profit organisation and does not currently offer Australian Government accredited courses, nor does it receive any Government funding. This means we are unable to provide arrangements for visas for international students to study in Australia.

Further qualification with Gem-A (Gemmological Association of Great Britain)

When enrolling for the Diploma in Gemmology with the Gemmological Association of Australia (GAA) you will also be registered with Gem-A (Gemmological Association of Great Britain). Students will receive a hard copy of the Gem-A notes and have access to some of Gem-A's online resources.

Provided you successfully complete the GAA's Diploma in Gemmology you are eligible to apply to sit Gem-A's gemmology examinations (this requires payment of a further examination fee to Gem-A). If you're successful, you'll then hold qualifications from both the GAA and Gem-A.

Contact peo@gem.org.au for further details.