

11. AWARDS AND PRIZES

11.1 Eligibility for prizes and awards

A student who has been granted exemption from a Course or examination pursuant to 4.5 & 4.6 shall not be eligible for any prize or award pertaining to either the course or the examination.

The nature of a State Prize and the conditions of its award shall be agreed between the donor and the State Division Management Committee but it is recommended that the prize and conditions of award be such that they will enhance the value and appreciation of the Course.

The State Division Management Committee shall advise the Federal Council of each State Prize, the conditions of award, and the name of the donor.

Note: Refer also to section 11.5 State Division Awards.

11.2 **GEMMOLOGY 1**

11.2.1 There are no federal awards for Gemmology 1.

11.3 **GEMMOLOGY 2**

Federal Awards

11.3.1 "The GEOFF TOMBS MEDAL" shall be awarded to the student achieving the highest aggregate marks in the Gemmology 2 examination regardless of occupation, provided however that the student shall not be a professional lecturer in gemmology, nor been granted an exemption from course attendance.

EXPLANATION: The Geoff Tombs Medal is presented by the Association. The BOS&E recommends the form of the Prize to be awarded. The prize usually consists of a bound book or books.

11.3.2 THE JULIA MYERS PRACTICAL AWARD - to be awarded to the candidate (trade or non-trade) who submits the best set of answers in the Gemmology 2 practical paper, provided he or she has passed in both the theory papers.

EXPLANATION: Replaces The Blinman Award which had replaced the earlier Lustre Trophy.

11.4 **DIPLOMA IN DIAMOND TECHNOLOGY**

11.4.1 THE SUTHERLAND DIAMOND AWARD

The Sutherland Diamond Award is a silver medallion to be presented to the Diamond student gaining the highest marks, provided a distinction is obtained.

11.5 **STATE DIVISION AWARDS**

Gemmology 2 Students

Federal Council Conditions:

- that no candidate shall be eligible for a State Division Award unless he/she has passed the Examination with Distinction

- any Diplomat granted exemption from course attendance shall not be eligible for any Federal/State Award/Prize.

11.5.1 NEW SOUTH WALES

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Awarded to the NSW student who submits the best practical paper and who passes with distinction.

11.5.1.2 NSW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PRIZE

Awarded annually to the Gemmology 2 student attaining the highest pass mark.

11.5.2 QUEENSLAND

11.5.2.1 JOHN ANDREW PRIZE shall be awarded to the Gemmology 2 student with the highest pass marks.

It is John Andrew's express wish that this prize be awarded to an ordinary member completing the Gemmology 1 and Gemmology Course Year 2 who has not undertaken a science course at a tertiary institution. Eligibility will be determined by GAA Queensland Division.

11.5.2.2 QUEENSLAND STATE DIVISION PRIZE awarded annually to the student attaining the highest pass mark in Gemmology 2 examination in that State.

11.5.3 VICTORIA

11.5.3.1 THE HOWARD J. LEM MEMORIAL PRIZE of Victoria is awarded for the best practical paper in that State.

Donor of the prize is now deceased and Victorian Division wishes to continue the prize in recognition of the valued services given to the local Division by the late Mr. Lem.

11.5.3.2 VICTORIAN STATE PRIZE

This award to be made to the best all round student in Gemmology 2 with the proviso that this student shall not have been awarded a Federal prize.

Should this occur, the second best all round student shall receive this prize.

11.5.4 WESTERN AUSTRALIA

11.5.4.1 THE F. M. MARDIROS MEMORIAL PRIZE is awarded to the top Gemmology 2 student in Western Australia who must gain no less than a pass with Distinction.

Donor of the prize is now deceased and Western Australian Division wishes to continue the prize in recognition of the valued services given to the local Division by the late F .M. Mardiros.

11.5.5 SOUTH AUSTRALIA

11.5.5.1 THE STEVENSON AWARD is awarded to the student gaining a pass with Distinction for the highest aggregate marks in the State.

The Award was originally donated by Mr. M. Stevenson but is now given by the

South Australian Division. The Award takes the form of a suitably inscribed gold medallion.

11.5.5.2 MARION BARTRAM PRIZE for the most improved student in Gemmology 2.

11.5.5.3 THE JACK TOWNSEND AWARD is awarded to the student in Gemmology 2 with the highest aggregate marks for theory in the state providing a pass with Distinction is achieved.

11.5.6 TASMANIA

11.5.6.1 THE GEORGE NORRIS AWARD is awarded to the best student in Tasmania who passes with Distinction.

The George Norris Award was created in honour of Tasmania's oldest active member in 2010, who gave many years of service to the Tasmanian Division at executive level and was awarded an Honorary Diploma in 2010.