

DIPLOMA IN GEMMOLOGY:

The GAA's Diploma in Gemmology is Australia's most well recognized 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. It is an in depth study of gemstones whereby knowledge and skills learnt with gemmological instruments.

Gemmology is the scientific study of gemstones. On completion you will be 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.

Whether you are a jewellery industry professional, looking to change careers or simply a gemstone enthusiast, the Diploma in Gemmology will give you the tools you need to learn to accurately identify all types of gemstones.

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:

Option 1: • **On-site Face to Face Mode - (popular for students living locally)** - Taking the course over two year's part time is our most popular study option.

Option 2: • **Flexible Mode – (popular for students on long distance or unable to attend the weekly onsite classes)** - Diploma in Gemmology course by Flexible Mode which is particularly suitable for country residents or fly in fly out workers or interstate or international students.

Option 3: • **One Year INTENSIVE Mode* - (popular for students within the industry or have prior knowledge who wish to fast forward their studies) –**

The enrolments are administered by Gem Ed Australia, the educational arm of the GAA. Please contact the Gem Ed Enrolment Officer for a discussion to get started. You will then be studying at your nearest capital city's GAA Branch.

First Year Diploma of Gemmology is offered in all states (Most Popular, Face to Face Mode) NSW, VIC, QLD, WA, and SA

First year Gemmology is run one or two evenings per week, depending on the state you are in. A theory lecture is followed by a practical session. Students learn the theories for gemmological techniques and how to use the instruments individually in the laboratory combining this with a firm grounding in chemistry, bonding, geography, crystallography, quartz and feldspar. The course commences at 2nd week in February 2018. See class times below.

Required Attendance for THEORY & PRACTICAL

State	Theory FACE TO FACE	Practical (students are offered 1 of the practical sessions)
NSW: Sydney	Both Theory & Practical is on Wednesday evenings 6.15 pm – 9.15 pm	
VIC: Melbourne	Mondays, 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Tuesdays 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm or Wednesday 7.30 pm– 9.30 pm
WA: Perth	Wednesdays, 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Mondays or Tuesdays, 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm
SA: Adelaide	Monday, 6.00pm - 8.00 pm	Tuesday 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm
QLD, Brisbane	Onsite Evening Mode: Mondays 6.30 – 9.00 pm Onsite Block Mode for Theory in the mornings, & Practical in the afternoons, conducted over 5 x 4 day Fridays to Mondays on all day 8.00 am – 5.00 pm each day between February and October	Thursday 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Second Year Diploma of Gemmology NSW, VIC, TAS, WA, SA

Second year Gemmology is run over two or three evenings per week. Using the techniques and information learned in first-year Gemmology, students diagnose a series of stones. Each lecture covers a different species/family of gemstones. eg Corundum, Beryl, Diamond etc.

First and Second Year Diploma of Gemmology in QLD

In-house Mode (Face to Face) – students attend the evening part time sessions.

In-house Mode (Face to Face in Blocks) - QLD students complete four 4-5 x four-day blocks (Friday-Monday) and one examination weekend in the year which combine both theory and practical.

Diploma of Gemmology - Flexible-Mode, offered in NSW, VIC, WA (country & interstate/international students)

This is a great way to study the Diploma if you are unable to attend the In house lessons.

Each state division runs this slightly differently. In NSW, and VIC, students complete theory components via home study/correspondence and complete their practical lab classes in 2 x one-week blocks; WA students' complete first year by 4 or 5 x three-day blocks. See class times below.

State	Practical Only FLEXIBLE	Theory (students have telephone, email support and complete assignments via long distance format)
NSW: Sydney	Block 1: Monday to Friday 8.30 am – 5.00 pm (1 st Week in June) Block 2: Monday to Friday 8.30 am – 5.00 pm (3rd Week in September)	Home Study, (instructions will be provided)
VIC: Melbourne	Block 1: Monday to Friday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm (2nd Week in June) Block 2: Monday to Friday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm (1 st week in October)	Home Study, (instructions will be provided)
WA: Perth	5 x 3 day blocks – Friday/Sat/Sunday Sessions 9.00 am – 5.00 pm between March & October	Home Study, (instructions will be provided)

Diploma of Gemmology- Intensive NSW, VIC, (popular for students with prior knowledge)

This mode combines the two years into one, there are no THEORY lectures, as students study this component via home study between practical classes by completing assignments. It is only offered in NSW, VIC - not currently offered in any other states.
See class times below.

State	Practical Only INTENSIVE	Theory	MID-YEAR ASSESSMENTS	END OF YEAR ASSESSMENTS
NSW: Sydney	Wednesdays, 8.30 am – 5.00 pm	Home Study, (assignment instructions will be provided)	March : Wednesday 1 x Theory & Practical (2hrs each subject)	May: Wednesday 1 x Theory & Practical (2.5 hrs each subject).
VIC: Melbourne	Mondays 9.00 am – 5.00 pm	Home Study, (assignment instructions will be provided)	March : Monday 1 x Theory & Practical (2hrs each subject)	May: Monday 1 x Theory & Practical (2.5 hrs each subject).

We do not recommend missing any classes whilst studying the intensive mode as it will be difficult to catch up.

This mode requires intense study and is fast paced and student must allocate time management and commitment to the course mode.

Home Self-Study Recommendation:

- Minimum at least 6-8 hours or more on your own per week in Gem1 year regardless what mode you are doing.
- Minimum at least 8-10 hours or more per week in Gem2 year.

EQUIPMENT AND RESOURCES: Included in your course fees are:

- A set of GAA notes for each of Gem 1 and Gem 2, provided in digital format
- Additional self-teaching materials, including the textbook 'Gemmology' 3rd edn. by Peter Read, and 'Handbook of Gemmology' by Jeff Dominy, on DVD
- A Laboratory manual
- Access to GAA's extensive Gemstone collection and fully equipped laboratory

Upon enrolment, A 'Student Gem Kit' can be purchased from Gem Ed, or you may purchase your own equivalent equipment. The kit contains the essential personal tools needed for practical classes including - gem cleaning cloth, high quality 10x hand lens, gem tweezers, dichroscope, Chelsea filter and spectroscope all in a leather zip case. Other tools may be available to be purchased through Gem Ed.

For use during practical classes, the teaching centres in each state division will provide: Refractometers, polariscopes, gemmological microscopes, ultraviolet lightboxes, high intensity light sources for spectroscopic examinations, and digital balances for determination of specific gravity. Comprehensive collection of specially sourced gemstones for testing.

PRE-REQUISITES:

- The technical content of the course requires a very good understanding of both spoken and written English
- Legible hand writing, in comprehensible English, especially for examinations
- Basic computer skills including proficiency in Word as well as access to email and internet

Due to the technical and scientific nature of the course and the wide range of reference and general reading material only being available in English, it is necessary for all students to have a sound knowledge of the English language. Assignments and examinations require comprehensive detailed analysis for their completion in a satisfactory manner.

PLEASE NOTE:

Students who speak English as a second language, have difficulties with reading or sight related problems should make this known prior to enrolment.

There are no other educational pre-requisites governing entry, however, secondary education to at least V.C.E. standard with English, Maths, Geology, Physics and Chemistry would be considered an advantage to the student.

Students must a minimum of 18 years of age to enrol in the course.

The Diploma in Gemmology course study it is NOT a valuation course.

On successful completion of this in-depth course you are a qualified Gemmologist and acquire the post nominals F.G.A.A.

Please contact the Gem Ed Federal Enrolment Officer, Annie Dursun to discuss study options and enrolment procedures, email: learn@gem.org.au
Ph: 1300 436 338

We wish you well as you embark on a wonderful journey!!