



**EDINBURGH ASSAY OFFICE**

# PRICE LIST

## LIST OF CHARGES FROM 1ST JANUARY 2019

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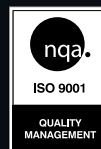
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# STATUTORY HALLMARKING

This is our basic hallmarking service allowing our customers to comply with current hallmarking legislation. The hallmarks applied are of a standard layout and are restricted to a maximum size in height of up to 1.5mm for struck marks and up to 1.0mm for laser marks. Convention hallmarks will be charged at the same rate.

The following prices apply to gold, silver, platinum or palladium. Each type of metal will incur the minimum charge. Minimum charges includes all statutory hallmarking, sponsor's marks, handling and packaging charges.

1-2 Items	£16.00
3-10 Items	£21.00
11-25 Items	£26.00
For 26 or more items, prices will be as follows:	
Any article under 100 grams	50p
For every further gram	1p
Application of a sponsor's mark	20p

## Application of laser marks where struck marks are not suitable

Laser hallmarks up to 1.0mm will be charged at the statutory hallmarking charge, plus 25p

If a hallnote has been split by the Assay Office, as some items cannot be marked by traditional methods and require to be marked by laser i.e. hollow or delicate, then items marked by laser will be charged at:

£2.10 per article up to a maximum of 10 articles

For any parcel which has been split with more than 10 articles requiring a laser mark, a separate hallnote will be completed on your behalf and will be charged per price list.

This will sometimes mean you will be charged two minimum charges.

## Second Hand Items

Second hand items are any items which have previously been sold at retail in the UK or overseas or are of unknown origin. All items submitted by members of the public will be treated as second hand. Second hand items must be submitted on a separate hallnote.

All second hand items regardless of metal type £7.00

Second hand minimum charges include all statutory hallmarking, standard laser hallmarking, sponsor's marks, handling and packaging charges.

Hallnote containing 1-2 items £16.00

For 3 or more items there will be no minimum charges, prices will be per price list

## Larger and Decorative Marks

For larger and decorative mark prices including struck marks over 1.5mm and laser marks over 1.0mm, refer to our Price List for Large and Decorative Marks.

## Additional Services and Charges

This section includes a range of additional services that fall outside our statutory obligations.

### Emergency Services

For more details see our Emergency Services leaflet.

Next Day Service	50% Surcharge
Same Day Service	100% Surcharge
One Hour Service	100% Surcharge + £20.00

### Additional Marks

Convention as an addition to UK Hallmarks	20p
Other marks, trade marks, part marks etc	min 50p
Application of metal marks	min 50p
Fairtrade/Fairmined mark	75p/£1.25 (laser)

### Re-Struck Marks

To re-strike a hallmark that has been partially removed during finishing 50% of statutory charge

### Laboratory Service

Price list and quotations on request

REACH Compliance • Nickel Content • Plating Wear Test • Tarnish Testing • Sulphurous Agent Testing  
Packaging Testing • Plating Thickness Determination • Platinum content • Hardness Testing

### Assay Report by referee UKAS accredited

Gold Content	£35.00
Silver Content	£35.00

### Special Reports

Multi point analysis by XRF with opinion Price list and quotation on request

### Additional Handling

If your goods need to be removed from individual packaging prior to hallmarking you will be charged an additional rate. Examples include:

Individually bagged or wrapped articles	additional 20p each
Individual articles with multiple layers of packaging	additional 25p each

### Packing of Post Parcels

Packing of post and courier parcels each parcel £3.25

### Carriage Charges

Courier, post, special delivery etc. will be recharged

## Admin and Processing Charges

Receiving parcels direct from airports/abroad or when hallnote is not present.

up to 25 articles	£5.00
26 to 50 articles	£7.50
over 50 articles	£15.00

The Assay Office reserves the right to apply supplementary charges when parcels necessitate additional administrative input by Assay Office staff.

## Other Services

### Repairs

Jewellery repairs, returns and alterations	Price list and quotation on request
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### Laser Graphic Set-Up Fee

One off fee to set up a laser graphic	£25.00
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### Laser Services

Laser Engraving	Price list and quotations on request
Any additional artwork and design	Charges are available on request

### Hallmarking and Distribution

Please see our Hallmarking and Distribution leaflet	Price on application
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### Assay Assured

Assay Assured starts from £125 per year	Exact prices on request
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## FAQs

### What is the Minimum Charge?

The minimum charge covers the cost of processing items for hallmarking. Before any items can be hallmarked they must be checked, booked into our system, sampled and tested.

We have simplified our minimum charges and the charge will include all statutory hallmarking, sponsor's marks, handling and packaging charges. Laser and Mixed Metal charges will also be included in the minimum charges.

What will not be included in the minimum charges are any large marks, spot marks, logo/special marks, our emergency services and postage charges, these will be charged as extras.

### Should I fill in a separate hallnote for each metal?

Yes, every different metal standard, i.e. 9ct, 18ct, 925 sterling silver requires sampling, testing and marking separately. For this reason they must be submitted on a separate hallnote. Articles for laser marking should also be submitted on a separate hallnote.

### If my goods fail assay will I still have to pay?

Yes, you will have the choice of marking the goods down to the next available standard or have them returned unmarked. Regardless of your choice, you will be charged as if the item had passed. All consignments are tested at least three times before a decision to fail is made.