

# Pearl Services

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## PEARL REPORTS

GIA Pearl Reports provide information on the identity of pearls (natural or cultured), the mollusk (when determinable) they originated from and the environment they formed in (saltwater or freshwater), and also state whether the pearls have undergone treatment.

### PEARL IDENTIFICATION REPORT

Details the quantity, weight, size, shape, color, overtone, identity, mollusk (when determinable), environment and any detectable treatments. Report includes a digital image. Items weighing over 50 kilograms are not accepted for submission.

Loose or Mounted	Fee
1st Pearl - Loose	HK\$935
Each Additional Pearl - Loose	80
1st Pearl - Mounted	1,325
Each Additional Pearl - Mounted (same item)	115
Large items - carvings and blister pearls	Fee
1.00 to 9.99 kg	HK\$2,340
10.00 to 29.99 kg	3,900
30.00 to 50.00 kg	7,800
Strung (except shell bead cultured)	Fee
1st Strand - Up to 20"	HK\$1,950
1st Strand - Each additional 10"	975
Each Additional Strand - Up to 20"	1,365
Each Additional Strand - Over 20"	1,950
Each Additional Pearl - Mounted (same item)	115
Strung (shell bead cultured only)	Fee
1st Strand - Up to 20"	HK\$1,560
1st Strand - Each additional 10"	780
Each Additional Strand - Up to 20"	780
Each Additional Strand - Over 20"	780
Each Additional Pearl - Mounted (same item)	115

### PEARL IDENTIFICATION & CLASSIFICATION REPORT

Includes all Identification Report information as well as classifications for luster, surface, and matching (if applicable). Report includes a digital image.

Loose or Mounted	Fee
1st Pearl - Loose	HK\$1,055
Each Additional Pearl - Loose	80
1st Pearl - Mounted	1,480
Each Additional Pearl - Mounted (same item)	115
Strung (except shell bead cultured)	Fee
1st Strand - Up to 20"	HK\$2,185
1st Strand - Each additional 10"	975
Each Additional Strand - Up to 20"	1,365
Each Additional Strand - Over 20"	1,950
Each Additional Pearl - Mounted (same item)	115
Strung (shell bead cultured only)	Fee
1st Strand - Up to 20"	HK\$1,795
1st Strand - Each additional 10"	780
Each Additional Strand - Up to 20"	780
Each Additional Strand - Over 20"	780
Each Additional Pearl - Mounted (same item)	115

### CULTURED PEARL CLASSIFICATION REPORT

Includes a detailed classification of cultured pearl(s) based on the GIA 7 Pearl Value Factors (*size, shape, color, luster, surface, nacre and matching*) as well as a digital image of the submitted item(s). Submitted known cultured pearls (Akoya, South Sea and Tahitian pearls) can be mounted, loose or strung. Maximum of 10 related loose pearls per report or one item of jewelry or layout (i.e. necklace, pair of earrings, ring, brooch, etc.). Classification Report Only. No tests for identification or treatment. Not applicable for random testing.

Type of Pearl Submission	Fee
One Mounted Item	HK\$310
Loose or Mounted	310
Single strand or layout (up to 25 inches)	390
Single strand or layout (> 25 inches)	470
Each additional strand: 50% of service fee	

The following services may apply to Pearl Identification Report or Pearl Identification & Classification Report requests. GIA will contact you prior to proceeding with these services and fees.

### RANDOM SAMPLE

Report issued on a small sample of pearls from the same item. Only applicable for items where it is not possible to test all pearls. Pricing varies, a quote will be provided after evaluation.

Minimum Fee	HK\$1,950
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### MIXED PEARLS

Necklaces or strands where standard identification testing shows there is a mix (20% or more of a different "type") of natural and cultured pearls or untreated and treated pearls (specifically modified color) and where the client chooses to separate the pearls rather than opt for a more generically worded report (i.e. stating "contains cultured pearls" or "mixture", etc.). The pearls will be returned loose when necessary.

Minimum fee in addition to report fee	50% of the original report fee
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### CT ANALYSIS

Examination of the internal structure of loose pearls in cases where additional information to the standard real-time microradiography testing proves inconclusive. Strands and necklaces only.

Minimum fee in addition to report fee	HK\$15,600
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## ADD-ON SERVICES

GIA Add-On Services must accompany a Report Service or Follow-Up Service unless otherwise indicated.

### EXPRESS SERVICE

Expedite turnaround service time to 48 hours. Certain services or large submissions may require a longer turnaround service time. Contact your Client Services Representative for details.

Based on availability Add 100% of the original report fee

### NACRE THICKNESS MEASUREMENT

A comment regarding the calculation of average nacre thickness will be shown in the comments section of the report. Bead cultured pearls only.

Fee per pearl	HK\$115
Fee per strand	585

## FOLLOW-UP SERVICES

GIA Follow-Up Services verify, re-evaluate or update results from your original GIA Report. The original report must accompany all Follow-Up Service requests.

### REPORT CONVERSION

Convert your current Pearl Identification Report to a Pearl Identification & Classification Report and vice versa.

Within 60 days of original report service HK\$390

### UPDATE

Full re-evaluation of your pearl's original report results and a new report will be issued. The old report will not be returned. Update only available for reports issued within the last five years. If re-evaluation of pearl(s) shows different results from original report, no fee is charged.

Within one year of original report	50%	of report fee
One to five years of original report	75%	of report fee

## SPECIALTY SERVICES

GIA Specialty Services offer further analysis and information on your noteworthy pearls. Contact your Client Services Representative for more information.

### MONOGRAPH™

For qualifying pearls, comes complete with photographs, detailed identification and classification information, spectroscopic analysis, historical background and other supporting content. Included is a USB drive with the digital copy of the pearl's story.

In addition to report fee HK\$46,800

### PORTRAIT™

Includes all the data that supports the conclusions reached in an Pearl Identification Report or Pearl Identification & Classification Report in a hard-bound portfolio.

In addition to report fee HK\$11,700

### NOTABLE LETTER

For qualifying pearls, a letter detailing the key attributes of especially noteworthy or unique pearls.

In addition to report fee HK\$1,950

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## BATCH SERVICES

GIA Batch Services analyze and/or sort multiple pearls based on varying test types. For loose pearls only. CT analysis not included in these services.

### QUALITY ASSURANCE

Results delivered in a spreadsheet report.

Available Tests:	Fee per up to 10 pearls, per test:
Identification (required)	HK\$585
Environment	585

### SHIPPING AND HANDLING

Shipping instructions are available at GIA.edu. Please note that return shipping fees will apply if a client does not make specific arrangements beforehand. If arranged by GIA, the client will be charged accordingly. For more information about shipping items internationally, please contact us and your local air/armored courier. If the submitting location does not provide the requested service(s), your items may be shipped to another location for services and shipping charges will be applied.

Per item handling fee	HK\$8
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### GIA CANCELLATION POLICY

A GIA service may be cancelled in the following instances and is subject to cancellation fees. Once grading or testing has been completed, the full service fee is charged. Services for items that have been inscribed or require advanced testing may not be cancelled.

Prior to grading or gemological testing	HK\$80
Grading or gemological testing has begun	50% of service fee

### PEARL SORTING

Pearls that pass the specified test criteria (Identification and/or Environment) will receive a Pearl Identification Report or Pearl Identification & Classification Report and be charged accordingly. Report type must be specified at time of submission. Minimum submission quantity of 5 pearls.

Available tests:	
Identification (required), Environment	100% of Identification Report or Identification & Classification Report fee, if pearl meets criteria
Pearls not meeting specified test criteria	HK\$40 per pearl

For information about laboratory services, or to download copies of this schedule, visit our website at GIA.edu, email [labservice@gia.edu](mailto:labservice@gia.edu) or call Client Services. Fees subject to change without notice.

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