

Pearl Services

(South African Rand)

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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, as well as providing classification information based on the GIA 7 Pearl Value Factors, depending on the service type chosen.

PEARL IDENTIFICATION REPORTS

Details the quantity, weight, size, shape, color, overtone, identity, mollusk (when determinable), environment and any detectable treatments. Report includes a digital image.

Weight (gross carats)	Loose Pearl(s)	Loose Pearl(s) (Bead Cultured)*	Mounted Pearl(s) ¹	Mounted Pearl(s) ¹ (Bead Cultured)*
0.25 to 2.99	R1,030	1,030	1,720	1,720
3.00 to 5.99	2,065	1,030	2,750	1,720
6.00 to 9.99	2,580	1,290	3,270	1,980
10.00 to 19.99	3,440	1,720	4,130	2,410
20.00 to 49.99	5,160	2,580	5,850	3,270
50.00 to 99.00	6,880	3,440	7,570	4,130
100.00 and above	8,600	4,300	9,290	4,990

¹ For mounted items, the gross weight will be measured in grams and carat weight will be approximated to determine the appropriate fee.

Maximum number of loose pearls on one report	50 pearls
Multiple pearls on one report	Fees calculated per gross weight
Mounted fees are based on one piece of mounted jewelry per report.	

Strands or Strand Layouts (up to 25 Inches)	Strung Pearls	Bead Cultured*	Additional Strands (Maximum 10 per reports)
Single Strand on one report. Service fee based on strand length and largest diameter of pearl.			
<4.99 mm diameter	R3,440	1,720	50% of service fee per strand
5.00 to 8.00 mm diameter	5,160	2,580	
8.01 mm diameter and above	6,880	3,440	
Each extra 10 inches	1,720	860	

*Only if all pearls (loose, mounted, or strung) are shell bead cultured pearls, fee will be charged as Bead Cultured. Mixtures are charged as normal.

Tassels			
16 strands or less	R2,580	per tassel	
17 strands or more	4,300	per tassel	
Special Items			Blister pearls attached to shells, approval required for items above 1.00 kg
Traditional long necklaces (usually multiple strands) that suspends a tassel or other ornament, approval required.			<1.00 kg R1,030 per pearl/shell
Sautoir/Meshlah	R20,640	per item	
Multiple strands (usually 10 or more) tied together in one hank or bunch, usually between 16 to 20 inches, can be either uniform or graduated in size, approval required.			
Hanks/Bunches	R20,640	per item	

Loose pearls in Lots ² (uniform pearl sizes only, over 50 pearls per report permitted) (India only)	
Up to 100 ct	R2,580
Each Additional 100 ct	1,720

² Pearls should be submitted as one loose group. Contact MumbaiLab@gia.edu for full details.

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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. Not applicable for random testing.

For Cultured Akoya, South Sea and Tahitian Pearls Only	Add additional 10% on quoted applicable fee under Pearl Identification Reports.
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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. Classification Report Only. No tests for identification or treatment. Not applicable for random testing.

	Fee	Additional Strands
Loose and mounted (one item of jewelry or layout i.e. necklace, pair of earrings, etc.)	R690	
Single strand or layout (up to 25 inches)	860	50% of service fee per strand
Single strand or layout (>25 inches)	1,030	
Jewelry Suite (Maximum 2 items per report. Example: a pair of earrings and necklace). Must be same species and matching in quality in terms of grade.	1,030	

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	R4,300
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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	R34,400
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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	R6,020
or 100% of the service fee (whichever is lower)	

METAL TESTING AND SIDE COLORLESS DIAMOND TESTING

Metal Testing

Identify the type of metal on mounted item such as Platinum, 18K Gold, 14K Gold

Fee per mounted item	R430
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Side Colorless Diamonds Testing

Determines if the small side colorless diamonds on a mounted item are natural or laboratory-grown diamonds.

Fee per stone	0.01 to 0.05 ct	85
Fee per stone	0.06 to 0.20 ct	170

MIXED PEARLS SEPARATION

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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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	R260
Fee per strand	1,290

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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.

UPDATE / RECHECK

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 or recheck only available for reports issued within the last five years.

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

REPORT CONVERSION

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

Within 60 days of original report service	R860
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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. In addition, a high-resolution PDF version of the GIA Monograph will be delivered through the GIA client portal.

In addition to report fee	R103,200
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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 (Subject to cancellation fees)	R25,800
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NOTABLE LETTER

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

In addition to report fee	R4,300
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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.

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. Maximum submission quantity of 50 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	R120 per pearl

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	R17
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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	R170
Grading or gemological testing has begun	50% of service fee

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