

GEMMOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA



Diploma in Gemmology [DGem(SL)] Examination

1. Introduction

Gemmologists Association of Sri Lanka (GASL) is the professional body of Gemmologists in the source country. With the aim of providing a well-recognized professional qualification for those who are interested in gemmology, GASL annually conducts Diploma in Gemmology [DGem(SL)] examinations since 2009.

This diploma examination contains both theory and practical papers.

- a) Theory examination : Two papers as Theory Part I and Theory Part II
- b) Practical examination : Two papers as Practical Part I and Practical Part II

Theory Part I paper contains **ten** (10) compulsory questions which should be answered in two and half hours. (*Equal marks are given for each question.)

Theory Part II paper contains **fifteen** (15) questions in Module **A, B, C, & D** and should be answered **three** (3) out of six (6) questions from the **Module A**, and **one** (1) out of three (3) questions from **each Module B, C, & D** totaling **six** (6) questions in three hours. (*Equal marks are given for each question.)

- **All three (3) questions in any particular module in Theory Part II paper are compulsory for the Module Certificate candidates.** They do not need to answer for the Module A and Theory Part I paper.
- **Three (3) separate practical exams** will be held for only Modules B, C, & D candidates while two (2) practical exams which are currently held, will be compulsory for all DGem candidates.
- Any candidate could be obtained DGem(SL) Diploma certificate *either* by passing all Theory Part I & II papers and Practical Part I & II papers as usual *or* by passing Module B, C, & D separately with relevant practical exams and then passing Theory Part I paper and only Module A of the Theory Part II paper **together with** two Practical Part I & II papers.

Practical Part I paper contains **fifteen** gemstones which should be identified in one and half hours. Practical Part II paper contains **fifteen** gemstones which should be identified in two and half hours. (*Additional marks will be given to the duly completed **Practical Workbook**.)

Modules covered are:

- Module A- Introduction to Gems and Gemmology
- Module B- Diamond Grading and Trading
- Module C- Fashioning of Gemstones, Jewellery Designing & Manufacturing
- Module D- Pearls and Organic Gem Materials

Candidates who pass **All** four papers (with score of 55% and above in each paper) will be awarded **Diploma in Gemmology [DGem(SL)]**.

Candidates who pass only Theory Part I and Practical Part I papers will be awarded **Certificate in Gemmology**.

Candidates who pass particular module exams will be awarded the following certificates.

- **Certificate in Introduction to Gems and Gemmology**
- **Certificate in Diamond Grading and Trading**
- **Certificate in Fashioning of Gemstones, Jewellery Designing & Manufacturing**
- **Certificate in Pearls and Organic Gem Materials**

Following special awards will be presented based on results of the DGem(SL) examination.

- Best Achiever in Theory Examination
- Best Achiever in Practical Examination
- Best Achiever in Overall Examination

Examinations will be held in December in each year and medium of the examination is English. It is open for both Sri Lankans and resident / non-resident foreigners in Sri Lanka.

On receiving the Diploma, candidates can use the qualification **DGem(SL)** after their names. Also they can be a member of the Gemmologists Association of Sri Lanka, and also can use **MGA(SL)**. (Many diploma holders produced by the Association are now well employed in both Sri Lankan and foreign institutions.)

2. Diploma Programme conducted by GASL

A diploma programme will be conducted by GASL. This course is open for both Sri Lankans and resident / non-resident foreigners in Sri Lanka. The medium of the course is English. Candidates will be interviewed and only the successful candidates will be enrolled to the programme.

Objectives of the diploma course are:

- To produce professionally well-qualified gemmologists in the field of gemmology and in the gem industry.
- To enhance the skills in the gem and jewellery industry.
- To produce gemmologists with modern knowledge of advanced techniques with related to the gem and jewellery industry.

3. Programme fees

Registration fee (valid for only two academic years)

- For Sri Lankans, SLR 3,000/-
- For foreigners, SLR 9,000/-

Course fee for Diploma in Gemmology [DGem(SL)] programme

- For Sri Lankans, SLR 130,000/-
- For foreigners, SLR 400,000/-

Sri Lankan students who are registered for the Diploma in Gemmology programme can pay the course fee **in full at once or in 03 installments** as SLR 80,000/- at the registration, SLR 25,000/- after 04 months from the date of registration and the balance SLR 25,000/- after 08 months from the registration. (Programme fees given above may be revised from time to time). Those who pay the programme fee in full at once will be given **10%** concession of the course fee.

Examination fee for DGem(SL) exam

- For Sri Lankans, SLR 40,000/- (SLR 10000/- for each paper)
 - For foreigners, SLR 120,000/- (SLR 30,000/-for each paper)
- (*Fees once paid are non-refundable.)

Course fee for module A only

- For Sri Lankans, SLR 60,000/-
- For foreigners, SLR 180,000/-

Course fee for module B, C or D only

- For Sri Lankans, SLR 40,000/-
- For foreigners, SLR 120,000/-

Examination fee for a module exam

- For Sri Lankans, SLR 20,000/- (for both Theory and Practical papers)
- For foreigners, SLR 60,000/- (for both Theory and Practical papers)

The Executive Committee of the GASL will reserve the sole right to decide the place and date of examinations and releasing of results and all other matters related to the examination.

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Diploma in Gemmology Programme – Course Contents

Course Code	Course	Lecture hrs	Practical hrs	No of Credits
	<i>Semester 1</i>			
DG101	Chemistry of gem materials	15		1
DG111	Geology of gem deposits and mining	15		1
DG121	Crystallography of gem materials	15		1
DG131	Physical properties of gem materials	15		1
DG143	Optical properties of gem materials	45		3
DG153	Inorganic gem materials	45		3
DG163	Pearls and Organic gem materials	45		3
DG171	Field visits I		15	1
DG183	Gemmology practicals I		45	3
	<i>Semester 2</i>			
DG202	Synthetic and artificial gem materials	30		2
DG212	Advanced analytical techniques in gemmology	30		2
DG222	Treatment of gems	30		2
DG233	Diamond technology and trading	45		3
DG241	Fashioning & valuation of gems	15		1
DG253	Jewellery technology and techniques	45		3
DG261	Gem and jewellery marketing, socio economic aspects and Laws & regulations in gem industry	15		1
DG272	Field visits II and workshops		30	2
DG283	Gemmology practicals II		45	3