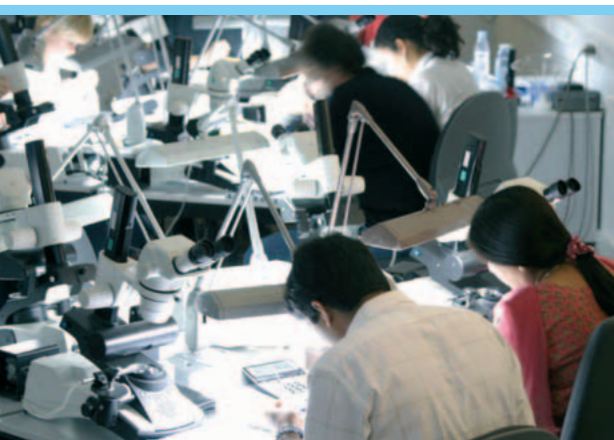


DIAMOND SORTING COURSES

Sorting of Polished Diamonds - Small Goods. Whereas in the Certified Diamond Grader Courses every diamond is graded individually, in the sorting course whole parcels are dealt with. Large amounts of polished diamonds are handled in this very practical course.

A good insight in the properties of diamond and the 4 C's, correct use of loupe and tweezers are required, as well as the skills to estimate cut and clarity and theoretical knowledge of colour determination. During the course, students have to take several practical tests. Students who pass, obtain the HRD Certificate 'Sorting of Polished Diamonds - Small Goods'.



Sorting of Polished Diamonds - Small Goods

Duration	2-week course
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Min. 18 years • Enrolment only possible with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Certified Diamond Grader" Diploma OR - "Diamond Loupe Week" Attestation of Participation OR - If one has sufficient professional experience with the loupe (min. 1 year). A preliminary test will be taken! • Required knowledge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Insight in the properties of diamond and the 4Cs - Correct use of loupe and tweezers (manipulation techniques) - Estimation of cut and clarity - Theoretical and practical knowledge of colour determination
Target group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future diamond sorters and future diamond buyers • Diamond traders • Diamond experts, appraisers, graders
Number of attendants	Min. 5 - Max. 8
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security techniques (weighing, counting...) • Sorting exercises for round brilliants according to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - clarity, colour - proportions, finish - other specifications: unroundness, girdle thickness... • Sorting exercises for fancy shapes (if available) according to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - clarity, colour - proportions, finish • Sorting on other parameters such as sorting for particular market segments
Working hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every day from 8.45 am to 4.45 pm • One hour lunch break from 12.30 pm until 1.30 pm and one coffee break in the morning and afternoon
Examination	Practical tests during the course
Diplom. / Cert./ Attest.	CERTIFICATE: "Sorting of polished diamonds – small goods"
Course languages	Class language is English (French and Dutch also during practice)
Yours to keep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual • Diamond sorting kit (sorting block, scoop, pen, rail)

In this 2-week course participants learn how to sort a pile of rough diamonds into different categories. The sorting is done according to various criteria such as size, colour, clarity, morphology and suitability with a view to cleaving, sawing and cutting. Although the accent is on practical training, a sound theoretical background is provided as well. After several practical tests, successful participants receive the HRD Certificate ‘Basic Sorting of Rough Diamonds’.

Sorting of Rough Diamonds - Basic

Duration	2-week course
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Min. 18 years • Previous experience with diamonds is an advantage
Target group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future rough diamond sorters • Diamond traders • Diamond manufacturers
Number of attendants	Max. 12
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handling rough stones (weighing, counting, sieving, listing, storage possibilities...) • Sorting exercises on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - quality - size - shape/models - colour - suitability with a view to cutting, cleaving, sawing • Lectures on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diamond morphology - Diamond geology and recovery - Potential in the rough • Visit to diamond polishing factory
Working hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every day from 8.45 am to 4.45 pm • One hour lunch break from 12.30 pm until 1.30 pm and one coffee break in the morning and afternoon
Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical test on the last day of the course (from 9 am – 12 pm)
Diplom./ Cert./ Attest.	CERTIFICATE: “Basic Sorting of Rough diamonds”
Course languages	English, French (only theoretical parts, practice is always in English)
Yours to keep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toolset (tweezers, loupe, lanyard, scoop) • Manual