



Hallmarking Price List September 2026

Our hallmarking prices are designed to be simple, transparent and inclusive. The price is the same regardless of item type or metal standard, and all hallmarking prices include the application of the sponsor's mark.

HALLMARKING — PER ARTICLE

HALLMARK TYPE		PUNCH	LASER	RELIEF LASER
Standard Hallmark	  	£1.15	£1.75	£2.25
Convention Hallmark	   	£1.60	£2.20	£2.75
Traditional Hallmark	    	£2.00	£2.70	£3.15

ADDITIONAL HALLMARKING OPTIONS

SERVICE	PRICE
Feature Marks	£3.50 per article
Second Hand Articles	£9.80 per article
Large Hallmarks 1.25mm – 6mm	£2.00 per article
Mixed Metal Marks	£1.00 per article

LICENSED LOGO MARKS (Licence required)

MARK	PUNCH	LASER
Fairtrade	£1.00 per article	£1.50 per article
Fairmined	£1.00 per article	£1.50 per article
SMO	£1.00 per article	£1.50 per article
Created in the UK	£1.00 per article	£1.50 per article
Argentium Flying Unicorn	£1.00 per article	£1.50 per article

EXPRESS SERVICES

SERVICE	CHARGE
1 Hour Service	£60.00 minimum / £12 per article over 5 items
Same Day Service	+100% surcharge
Next Day Service	+50% surcharge

MINIMUM PARCEL CHARGE

Different hallmarking methods, metal types and fineness standards are treated as separate parcels, and any parcel with hallmarking charges below this amount will be subject to a Minimum Parcel Charge of £29.00.

ADMIN & HANDLING SERVICES

SERVICE	PRICE
Direct Imports	£20.00
Parcel Handling	£4.60

ITEMS INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED

Basic Handling (1 layer)	£0.45 per article
Moderate Handling (2 layers)	£0.60 per article
Complex Handling (3+ layers)	£0.75 per article

OPTIONAL BRANDING SERVICES

SERVICE	PUNCH	LASER
Customer Logo Application	£1.00 per article	£1.50 per article

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All prices exclude VAT — all charges are subject to VAT at the prevailing rate. Prices apply regardless of precious metal type.
- Attention is drawn to the terms and conditions of business, which can be found at www.theassayoffice.co.uk. These contain exemptions from liability, particularly with regard to insurance.
- Articles assayed and found not of standard quality are charged as articles assayed and hallmarked. If re-submitted at a later date, full hallmarking charges also apply.



Terms Explained

A plain-English guide to the terms used in this price list. Definitions are for guidance only; the legal requirements are set out in the Hallmarking Act 1973 and our terms and conditions of business.

THE THREE COMPULSORY MARKS

Sponsor's Mark

Your registered mark, showing who submitted the article. Registration lasts ten years and is specific to Birmingham. Its application is included in every hallmarking price.

Metal & Fineness Mark

The purity of the metal in parts per thousand — for example 925 for sterling silver, 750 for 18ct gold — shown in the shape denoting the metal.

Assay Office Mark

The Birmingham anchor, confirming the article was tested and marked by us.

HALLMARK TYPES

Standard Hallmark

The three compulsory UK marks only — sponsor's mark, fineness and the Birmingham anchor. The legal minimum for articles sold in the UK.

Convention Hallmark

Adds the Common Control Mark, recognised by all member countries of the International Convention on Hallmarks, which simplifies international trade.

Traditional Hallmark

The compulsory marks together with the traditional fineness symbol and the date letter for the year of marking.

MARKING METHODS

Punch

The mark is struck into the metal using a hand-operated or hydraulic press. Suited to larger or more robust articles.

Laser

An outline mark cut by laser. Applies no pressure, so it suits delicate, hollow or finished articles.

Relief Laser

A laser mark that closely resembles a traditional struck mark.

ARTICLE & ASSAY TERMS

Assay

The test carried out before marking. We use X-ray fluorescence, a non-invasive method, to confirm the precious metal content meets the legal standard.

Large Hallmarks 1.25mm – 6mm

Marks applied above the standard punch size, used on larger articles such as silverware and giftware.

Mixed Metal Marks

Applied where an article combines two or more precious metals, identifying which part is which.

MARKS EXPLAINED

Date Letter

A letter identifying the year in which the article was hallmarked.

Traditional Fineness Symbol

The pictorial standard mark applied alongside the numeric fineness.

Common Control Mark

The balance-scales symbol showing an item meets International Convention hallmarking standards, accepted in all Convention member countries without re-testing.

Feature Mark

A mark applied in a specified position or orientation on the article at your request. Choose from styles 2-7.

Licensed Logo Marks

Logo marks such as Fairtrade, Fairmined, SMO, Created in the UK and the Argentium Flying Unicorn. A valid licence from the scheme owner is required before we can apply them.

Customer Logo Application

Your own brand logo applied at the same time as the hallmark, from a punch or laser file held with us.

HOW WE CHARGE

Per Article

Charged for each individual item marked, regardless of its size or metal.

Parcel

A group of articles submitted together sharing one metal, one fineness and one marking method. Mixed submissions are split into separate parcels.

Handling of Individual Items

Unpacking, sorting and repacking of individually packaged articles. Priced by the number of layers of packaging around each item.

Express Services

Next day applies to items received by 9:30am and ready by 9:30am next day. 1 hour applies to items received by 2:00pm and ready within an hour.

Assay Fail

Articles found not to be of standard quality are charged as if assayed and hallmarked, covering the assay and the rejection report.

Minimum Parcel Charge

The minimum price for any parcel. Where the hallmarking charges for a parcel fall below £29.00, the parcel is charged at £29.00.

Second Hand Articles

Previously owned or previously marked articles, which need additional assessment before they can be marked.

Direct Imports

Direct Imports covers the paperwork for articles arriving from outside the UK.

Parcel Handling

Parcel Handling covers return packaging and despatch.