

Material enquiry guide

Questions that help frame an enquiry about minerals, gold, diamonds or colored gemstones.

Minerals

- Which elements or minerals are of interest?
- Is the material a single specimen or a sample intended to represent a batch?
- What source, collection process or prior analysis can be described?

Gold

- Is it jewellery, grain, bar, dust, doré or gold-bearing mineral material?
- Is your question about composition, gold content, or fineness?
- Does your sample represent a larger amount of material?

Diamonds

- Is the specimen rough or polished?
- Is the question about identity, observed characteristics, or a particular evaluation issue?
- Are there existing photographs, reports or identification records?

Gemstones

- Which stone type is suspected?
- Is it cut or rough, mounted or loose?
- Is the question about identity, observable properties or possible treatment?

General educational guidance only. Agree the examination scope and any physical sample submission arrangements directly with the service provider.