



BENCH PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

On-Site AT GIA'S CARLSBAD CAMPUS

VALIDATE

your skills.

COMMUNICATE

your professionalism.

DIFFERENTIATE

your business.



Jewelers of America developed the Bench Professional Certification program in 1997 to promote the professionalism of jewelers and store owners. The nationally recognized certification ensures consumers are confident in the ability of the certified bench jeweler to perform quality work.

The JA Bench Professional Certification Program establishes national standards and administers tests to rate the talents and proficiency of bench jewelers at three levels. The levels are outlined below and provide more detail about the proficiency required for each level. When you enroll in the program, you simply take and pass an "open book" online written exam and a series of practical tests to become JA certified.

Exams are now being offered at GIA's Carlsbad Campus!

Four Simple Steps to Achieve Bench Certification at GIA's Carlsbad Campus:

- 1 Complete the application form and submit with your 1st installment payment to Jewelers of America.
- 2 Successfully complete the "open book" written exam prior to taking the practical test portion of the Bench Jeweler Certification at GIA.
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- 4 The completed test will be sent from GIA to the proctor, it will be graded, and the test results will be sent directly to you.

Exam Dates

August 8-9, 2024

Registration Due

July 1, 2024

Location

GIA World Headquarters
The Robert Mouawad Campus
5345 Armada Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92008

Bench Professional Certification Level Available On-Site at GIA

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JA CERTIFIED BEGINNER BENCH JEWELER

Reflects skills and knowledge generally expected of a trained entry-level bench jeweler generalist performing jewelry repair with about one year's experience.

Benefits of Taking the Exam On-Site

- Special pricing for on-site exam registrants
- No proctor needed; the exam will be administered by a GIA professional
- Take the exam at your own dedicated workstation at GIA's brand new, state-of-the-art facilities
- Complete the practical exam in two-days without the distractions of your typical work environment
- Plus... you can't top the experience of visiting the Robert Mouawad Campus at GIA's world headquarters. It is home to the premier gem studies school, the famous GIA laboratory and an internationally recognized museum—all set amidst the stunning surroundings of Carlsbad, California.

Contact our Member Services Team at members@jewelers.org or call (800) 223-0673 with any questions or to learn more.

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Fees for On-Site Certification

The fee schedule for the JA Bench Professional Certification is billed in two installments. 1st installment payment is due with the completed Bench Professional Certification application. 2nd installment payment is due upon successful completion of the written exam.

1st Installment: Registration and Written Exam:

\$300

2nd Installment: Bench Certification Practical Tests

Practical Test **Estimated** Pricing for Beginner Bench Jeweler Exam

\$1,305 (Reflects the price of gold as of 6/1/2024)

- The Bench Certification practical test materials cost is calculated based on the price of gold at the time of shipment.
- Payment is due upon successful completion of the Bench Certification written exam.
- Jewelers of America will send an invoice outlining the amount due before the credit card on file is charged. Practical test materials will not be sent if the invoice is not paid in full.
- Check payments must be received within 7-10 days of emailed invoice.

Procedures for On-Site Certification

Follow the same procedures outlined in the JA Professional Bench Certification Guide, with the exception of the Practical Test - which will be taken on-site at GIA's facility.

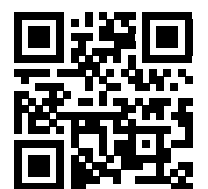
On-Site Practical Test Procedure

Jewelers of America will provide the practical bench tests for your level to GIA's campus in Carlsbad. You will be required to complete each practical bench test within the estimated time for completing the project during the two days allotted to complete the exam. These times are guidelines only; the candidate may take more or less than the estimated time to perform a specific bench test. However, the total test time must stay within the total time-frame requirement.

There is no need to select a proctor! A designated proctor will be provided on-site at the in-person JA Bench Professional Certification session at GIA's campus in Carlsbad. They will track the time it takes the candidate to complete each test.

Get Started!

Scan the QR code to visit jewelers.org for full details - including the application to begin your journey to being a JA Certified Bench Jeweler!



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