

Course Overview

The Rough Diamond Evaluation Course is an intensive, hands-on training programme designed to equip learners with the practical skills and technical knowledge required to confidently assess and evaluate natural rough diamonds.

Throughout the course, students work directly with a wide selection of natural rough diamond, gaining real-world exposure that mirrors professional sorting, valuation, and manufacturing environments.

Learners develop a strong foundation in the **4Cs of diamond evaluation**—Clarity, Colour, Cut-potential, and Carat Weight—while also learning how these characteristics influence value, planning decisions, and manufacturing outcomes. By the end of the programme, graduates will be able to make informed, defensible decisions regarding the quality and potential of rough diamonds.

What You Will Learn

Core Skill Development

- Identification and interpretation of **clarity/ quality features** in rough diamond
- Assessing **colour and fluorescence** in natural diamonds
- Understanding **crystal shapes, grain structure, Stress, and natural defects**
- Evaluating potential for **polished yield, cut orientation, and value optimisation**
- Hands-on experience in **sorting, classifying, and valuation methodology**
- Practical exercises in **planning and decision-making** used in diamond buying centres, tender environments, and manufacturing operations

Industry-Relevant Knowledge

- Overview of the modern rough diamond pipeline and ethical sourcing
- The role of international **certification systems**, including the Kimberley Process
- Current trends affecting rough diamond markets
- How evaluation influences downstream manufacturing and pricing

Course Format

- **Duration:** 10 Days Practical Classes
- **Schedule:** Monday–Friday
- **Time:** 08:00–15:00

This course is fully practical and interactive. All specialised tools and equipment required for the training are provided for use during the programme (tools remain the property of the school).

Course Fee

- **R 15 200 (Inclusive of VAT)**
- A classroom-use textbook is provided at no charge
- Optional personal-copy textbook available for: **R 270 (Incl. VAT)**

Certification

Upon successful completion, learners receive an official **Certificate of Completion** from the **Harry Oppenheimer Diamond Training School**, recognised international by the diamond industry.

Important Information

- Early application is essential due to limited class sizes.
- A valid **ID, driver's licence, or passport** is required on entry.
- All fees must be paid in advance; enrolment is confirmed only after full payment.
- Transport and accommodation arrangements are the responsibility of the learner.

Cancellation Policy

- Cancellations must be made **14 days prior** to the course start date.
- Refunds (minus a R120 admin fee) are offered only within this 14-day window.
- No refunds will be issued for cancellations within 14 days of the course start date.
- All necessary documentation must be completed before a refund will be done.
- Refunds will be done on the last day of the month

COURSE DATES

1. 19 January – 30 January 2026
2. 9 March -20 March 2026
3. 13 April – 24 April 2026
4. 13 July – 24 July 2026
5. 17 August – 28 August 2026
6. 12 October – 23 October 2026
7. 23 November – 4 December 2026



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