

Course Overview

The Essentials for Rough Diamond Evaluation & 5-Day Lab is a blended learning programme designed to give learners a strong foundation in diamond identification, evaluation principles, and practical application.

This programme is divided into two components:

Module 1: Online Theory

Delivered through our interactive online learning portal, the theory module includes:

- Instructor-led video lessons
- High-resolution images and diagrams
- Interactive quizzes
- Guided reading and assessments
- Scheduled virtual consultations with lecturers

Learners can complete the theory component at their own pace within a **3-month access window**. Successful completion of the theory module is required before attending the practical lab.

Module 2: 5-Day Practical Lab

Held at our training centre, this hands-on lab applies the theory to real-world practice. During this module, learners work with a wide selection of natural rough diamonds and selected gemstones.

Students learn how to assess rough diamonds using the **4Cs**:

- **Clarity**
- **Colour**
- **Cut potential**
- **Carat-weight**

By completing both modules, learners will be able to **identify a diamond**, estimate its characteristics, and determine a **market-relevant value** for individual stones or parcels.

All tools and equipment required during the practical phase are supplied (remain school property).

Course Duration

Online Theory:

- At your own pace
- Accessible for **3 months** from date of registration

Practical Lab:

- **5 consecutive days**
- Must be completed within **6 months** of registration
- **Monday to Friday**
- **08:00 - 15:00**

Course Fee

R 17 020.00 (VAT Included)

Fee includes access to the online portal and the use of all tools and equipment during the practical week.

Certification

Upon successful completion of both the online theory and the 5-day practical lab, learners will earn the **Rough Diamond Evaluation Certificate** from the Harry Oppenheimer Diamond Training School.

Important Information

- Registration for the online theory can be done at any time.
- Practical lab sessions **must be booked in advance** due to limited seating.
- A valid **ID, driver's licence, or passport** is required to enter the building.
- If the course is not completed within the 6-month window, a **50% re-registration fee** will apply.
- All fees are quoted in **South African Rand (ZAR)**.
- Accommodation, transport, meals, visa costs (where applicable), and personal expenses are **not included** in the tuition fee.
- Students are responsible for arranging their own travel and accommodation for the duration of the practical laboratory training.
- International students are welcome to attend either the Johannesburg or Gaborone practical laboratory sessions, subject to availability.
- Practical laboratory classes are conducted in English.
- All tools, equipment, rough diamonds, and training materials required during the practical sessions will be provided by the training centre and remain the property of the training centre.

Cancellation Policy

(Updated to match the Rough Diamond Evaluation standard)

- Cancellations must be made **14 days prior** to the start date of the practical lab.
- Refunds are only issued if cancellation occurs **14 days before class begins**.
- All refunds include a **R120 administrative fee**.
- No refunds will be issued for cancellations made **less than 14 days before the start date**, regardless of circumstances.

2026 Practical Lab Dates

- **09 February – 13 February 2026**
- **11 May – 15 May 2026**
- **03 August – 07 August 2026**
- **09 November – 13 November 2026**

