

Where can I test and appraise my alexandrite?




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Major gemological laboratories

 Australia	 Canada	 China
Gem Studies Lab	European Gemological Laboratory	Hong Kong Gems Laboratory
 Japan	 Russia	 Thailand
Zenhokyo	The Russian MSU Gemological Center	AIGS Gemological Laboratory The Gem and Jewelry Institute of Thailand
 Switzerland	 USA	 UK
GemResearch Swisslab Gubelin Gemological Laboratories SSEF	AGTA Gemological Testing Center American Gemological Laboratories Gemological Institute of America	Gemological Association of Great Britain

A good appraisal takes time, expertise and a lot of experience especially with alexandrite. Jewelry stores who offer some sort of verbal appraisal aren't doing their job properly and when appraiser's first claim is that "you paid too much for that gemstone", then you are not getting an appraisal, but you are a victim of a practice known as low-balling. Your best choice is a professional appraiser from a major appraisal organization, with standards of education and codes of ethics. To protect the client they use methodologies that provide some assurance of accuracy.

Major appraiser organizations

 Australia	 USA	 UK
Jewellers Vigilance Canada (JVC)	The National Association of Jewelry Appraisers The International Society of Appraisers The American Society of Appraisers	National Association of Goldsmith The Association of Jewellery Appraisers

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