



# Usage Guidelines for Academic Credentials and Other Uses

## APPLICABILITY

These usage guidelines apply to all current and former students of the Gemological Institute of America, Inc. and its related entities (collectively referred to as GIA).

## USAGE GUIDELINES FOR ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

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- John Doe, Graduate Gemologist (GIA), or John Doe, G.G. (GIA)
- Jane Doe, Applied Jewelry Arts (GIA), or Jane Doe, A.J.A. (GIA)
- John Doe, Graduate Jeweler (GIA), or John Doe, G.J. (GIA)
- Jane Doe, A.J.P., G.G. (GIA)
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- Jane Doe, GIA Diamonds Graduate
- John Doe, GIA Colored Stones Graduate

## GIA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS DIPLOMA

- John Doe, GIA Jewelry Business Management diploma

## CERTIFICATES

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