

# DAVID R SEAR

## FORM OF SUBMISSION OF NUMISMATIC ITEMS TO THE ANCIENT COIN CERTIFICATION SERVICE (A.C.C.S.)

Name . . . . . Date . . . . .  
 Address . . . . .  
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 Email address . . . . .  
 Telephone . . . . . Number of coins submitted . . . . .

### FEEES

**DETAILED FORMAT** (Full Certificate with historical commentary) . . . . . **\$50.00 per coin** (normally 6-8 weeks turnaround)  
**BASIC FORMAT** (Abbreviated Certificate) . . . . . **\$40.00 per coin** (normally 6-8 weeks turnaround)  
**PRIORITY SERVICE (OPTIONAL)** . . . . . **\$25.00 extra per coin**  
 (Maximum of 5 coins per submission - guarantees prompt handling, usually within 5 working days)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Approx. value</u>	<u>Basic (B) or Detailed (D)</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1. . . . .	\$ . . . . .	. . . . .	\$ . . . . .
2. . . . .	\$ . . . . .	. . . . .	\$ . . . . .
3. . . . .	\$ . . . . .	. . . . .	\$ . . . . .
4. . . . .	\$ . . . . .	. . . . .	\$ . . . . .
5. . . . .	\$ . . . . .	. . . . .	\$ . . . . .
	<u>Total insurance value:</u> \$ . . . . .	<u>Subtotal:</u>	\$ . . . . .
		<u>Postage, insurance &amp; handling (see below):</u>	\$ . . . . .
		<u>Priority Service (optional):</u>	\$ . . . . .
		<i>check .... or MO .... or cash .... enclosed for TOTAL:</i>	\$ . . . . .

### POSTAGE, INSURANCE & HANDLING FEES FOR RETURN MAILING

Rates apply to DOMESTIC mail only. Please inquire for foreign rates (insurance not available for overseas shipments which are at consignor's risk)

<u>Approximate value</u>	<u>Please add</u>
Up to \$1,000	\$17.50 REGISTERED MAIL (optional \$25.00 EXPRESS MAIL)
\$1,000 to \$5,000	\$22.50 REGISTERED MAIL (optional \$35.00 EXPRESS MAIL)
\$5,000 to \$10,000	\$30.00 REGISTERED MAIL
\$10,000 to \$15,000	\$40.00 REGISTERED MAIL
\$15,000 to \$20,000	\$45.00 REGISTERED MAIL
\$20,000 to \$25,000	\$50.00 REGISTERED MAIL

**PLEASE MAKE ALL REMITTANCES PAYABLE TO "DAVID R. SEAR"**

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# THE DAVID R. SEAR ANCIENT COIN CERTIFICATION SERVICE (A.C.C.S.)

Offering the serious collector of Greek, Roman and Byzantine coinage a level of expertise unrivaled by any other grading and certification service in the world. A.C.C.S. is personally overseen by David R. Sear, author of the famous series of collectors' handbooks on ancient coins which have set the standard for such publications for almost five decades.

## DETAILED INDIVIDUAL TREATMENT

When you submit a coin to A.C.C.S.

- 1) it receives expert examination to verify its authenticity.
- 2) the types are accurately described with reference to the standard works on the series.
- 3) it is graded according to a strict European system, details of which appear below.
- 4) it is photographed digitally in color with the image printed directly on the certificate.
- 5) the DETAILED FORMAT also receives a comprehensive individual assessment of its historical and numismatic significance

## ATTRACTIVE CERTIFICATE

The whole is then presented on an attractive Certificate of Authenticity protected from damage and alteration by high-quality heavy lamination. Each Certificate bears the signature of David R. Sear and has its own serial number. Copies are kept on permanent file by A.C.C.S.

## CHOICE OF FORMAT

The A.C.C.S. Certificate is available in a choice of two formats – BASIC, which includes a full attribution with short description and citation from primary work of reference, adjectival grading, and color digital photograph; and DETAILED, which includes all of the above but has a fuller description of the types (up to museum catalogue standards), more extensive citation of references, and a detailed commentary on the historical and numismatic background of the piece.

## REASONABLE COST

The current fees for this unique and comprehensive treatment are just \$40.00 per coin for the BASIC FORMAT, and \$50.00 per coin for the DETAILED FORMAT, regardless of metal or the market value of the piece – outstanding value commensurate with the quality of the service.

## OPTIONAL PRIORITY SERVICE

Turn-around time for items submitted to A.C.C.S. varies considerably depending on the volume of work currently on hand and can sometimes be up to 2 months. However, if you are in a hurry a Priority Service is available for an additional fee of \$25.00 per coin (maximum of 5 coins per submission). Payment of this fee guarantees prompt attention to your consignment. However, in rare instances when this cannot be accomplished the additional fee will be refunded or credited against your next submission.

## FORGERIES

If any coin submitted should prove to be a counterfeit I can provide a detailed laminated FORGERY REPORT, with photograph, for a fee of \$40.00 or \$50.00 depending on the amount of research required. If you would prefer a simple signed statement the basic consultation fee for providing this documentation is \$30.00 for the first coin plus \$20.00 for each additional piece.

## STRICT GRADING SYSTEM

The following grading system is used for coins submitted to A.C.C.S.

<b>FDC</b>	=	<i>Fleur-de-coin</i> . Mint state. Flawless and without any wear, scratches or marks.
<b>Superb</b>	=	Almost mint state, but with the very slightest indications of wear on the highlights.
<b>EF</b>	=	Extremely fine. Showing only minor signs of wear.
<b>VF</b>	=	Very fine. Noticeable wear on the raised surfaces, but still attractive and desirable.
<b>F</b>	=	Fine. Considerable signs of wear on the raised surfaces.
<b>Fair</b>	=	Very worn, but the inscription and main features of the design still distinguishable.
<b>Poor</b>	=	Worn and/or damaged to the extent that precise identification may be difficult.

Intermediate terms such as “nearly VF” or “good VF” may also be used, and the grading may be qualified by comments on other factors relevant to the coin's value. Patination, toning and unusually fine style are significant in increasing the market desirability of a piece; whilst blemishes such as striking cracks, modern tooling, edge filing, mounting, piercing and plugging are detrimental to its value.

## A PERMANENT RECORD OF YOUR COLLECTION

A.C.C.S. Certificates, which can be conveniently housed in a ring-binder, will provide you with a comprehensive record of your collection. In addition to increasing your understanding and appreciation of your coins the Certificates will be invaluable for insurance purposes, as evidence in case of theft or loss. Also, when you eventually come to sell your coins their saleability will be enhanced by their accompanying A.C.C.S. Certificates. Other collectors will be delighted with the information which they give, whilst auction houses will be pleased at the prospect of valuable time saved in researching the coin for cataloguing.

## SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

We recommend that you submit your coins by registered and insured mail. The mailing address is given on the front of this Submission Form (additional forms available on request). Coins should be listed with a brief description and an estimate of the value for insurance purposes when returning the consignment to you. Remittances by check or M.O. should be made payable to “David R. Sear” and should include sufficient to cover return registered mailing with insurance (scale of charges is given on the front of this form). All consignments will be processed and returned as promptly as the current work-load permits. Normal turn-around time is 6-8 weeks but this will vary according to the number of coins currently being processed. **The submission procedure may also be accessed through my Web site at [www.davidrsear.com](http://www.davidrsear.com)**

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