Gold Quick Reference: Karats, Units, Making Charges

Every number and word you need before you walk into a gold shop in Egypt, on one page.

1 Karats

Karat	Purity	Factor
24K	99.9%	0.999
21K	87.5%	0.875
18K	75%	0.75

21K is the everyday standard for jewelry in Egypt, and the gold pound coin is 21K. The bars in these sheets are 24K.

2 VAT, buy and sell

VAT of 14% on the making charge only

The gold itself carries no VAT.

Buy / sell: the buy price is always below the sell price. Read the right one for what you are doing.

3 Units

Unit	In grams
Gram	1
Kilogram	1,000
Troy ounce	31.1034768
Tola	11.6638038
Gold pound (8 g of 21K)	8
Half pound	4
Quarter pound	2

4 Price per gram from the ounce

Price per gram of a karat = ounce price ÷ 31.1035 × dollar rate × purity

Example Ounce at USD 4,500, goldsmiths' dollar at EGP 50 (made-up figures, to show the method): 24K = **7,226.68**, 21K = **6,329.68**, 18K = **5,425.44** EGP per gram.

5 Usual making charges and bar fees

Usual figures when this sheet was made (3 Nov 2026). Today's figure is in the calculators: qintar.app/en/tools/

Bar fees per gram (by bar weight)

Weight (g)	1	2.5	5	10	20	31.1	50	100	250	500	1,000
Fee per gram (EGP)	210	150	100	90	90	85	85	85	40	35	35

Jewelry making charge per gram

Karat	21K simple	21K medium	21K complex	18K	24K coin
Making per gram (EGP)	30 - 80	80 - 150	150 - 400	50 - 200	20 - 60

6 10 words you will hear

Word	Means	Word	Means
Karat	Share of pure gold in the piece.	**Ounce**	The unit of the world price, in USD.
Making charge	The fee for the work, per gram.	**Scrap**	Old or broken gold, traded by weight.
Hallmark	The stamp that shows the karat.	**Wastage**	Gold lost while a piece is made.
Sell price	What the shop sells to you at.	**Premium / discount**	Above or below the reference price.
Buy price	What the shop buys from you at; lower than sell.	**Goldsmiths' dollar**	The dollar rate shops price gold at; can differ from the bank.

7 Convert it yourself: a worked example

I have	Karat	Grams	Pure grams	Ounces	Tolas	Gold pounds
Example 5 gold pounds	21K	40	35	1.286	3.4294	5

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