

Using authentication and grading services

Sellers can have their items authenticated by an independent expert before listing them, and buyers can get items evaluated before making a purchase to see if they’re getting a good deal.

What service to use

Authentication services can determine whether an item is genuine and described appropriately. Experts from these organizations can often detect counterfeits from subtle details. Grading services determine the physical condition of an item; the system depends on the type of item graded.

Recommended authentication and grading companies

The authentication and grading companies listed below are professional, independent evaluators. We have a pledge from these experts that they’ll offer their services to both buyers and sellers, and that they’ll maintain independence from any individual party. The authenticators have pledged not to buy or sell on eBay’s core site, keeping them out of competition with the buyers and sellers they serve. They’ve also promised to provide eBay users with competitive prices.

Authentication	and	Grading
Companies		

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| Autographs | Sports | autographs | and |
| memorabilia | | | |
- [James Spence Authentication](http://www.spenceloa.com/) - opens in new window or tab
 - [PSA card](https://www.psacard.com/) - opens in new window or tab
 - [Beckett Authentication](http://www.beckett-authentication.com/) - opens in new window or tab
 - [Sportscard Guaranty](http://www.sgccard.com/) - opens in new window or tab
 - [PROVA Group](https://www.provagroup.com/) - opens in new window or tab
 - [Certified Authentication Services \(CAS\)](https://www.casauthentication.com/) - opens in new window or tab
- Pre-certified autographs

<http://www.fanaticsauthentic.com/> Fanatics Authentic - opens in new window or tab

<https://www.sportsmemorabilia.com/> Sports Memorabilia - opens in new window or tab

<https://www.stainersports.com/> Steiner Sports - opens in new window or tab

<http://www.tristarproductions.com/> Tristar Productions - opens in new window or tab

<http://www.upperdeck.com/> Upper Deck - opens in new window or tab

<https://peggyg.com/beanie-baby-authentication/> Beanie Babies - opens in new window or tab

<https://www.ngccoin.com/> Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) - opens in new window or tab

<https://www.pcgs.com/> Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) - opens in new window or tab

<https://www.icgcoin.com/> Independent Coin Graders (ICG) - opens in new window or tab

<https://www.anacs.com/> American Numismatic Association Certification Service (ANACS) - opens in new window or tab

<https://iccscoin.ca/> International Coin Certification Services (ICCS) - opens in new window or tab

<https://www.cacgrading.com/> Certified Acceptance Corporation (CAC) - opens in new window or tab

<https://www.cgccomics.com/> CGC - opens in new window or tab

<https://www.cbcscomics.com/> CBCS - opens in new window or tab

https://igionline.com/igi_newsite.htm International Gemological Institute (IGI) - opens in new window or tab

[Gemological Institute of America \(GIA\)](https://www.gia.edu/) - opens in new window or tab
[American Political Items Collectors \(APIC\)](http://www.apic.us/) - opens in new window or tab
[Stamps](http://stamps.org/Home)
[American Philatelic Expertizing Service \(APEX\)](http://www.philatelicfoundation.org/) - opens in new window or tab
[Philatelic Foundation \(PF\)](http://www.philatelicfoundation.org/) - opens in new window or tab
[Professional Stamp Experts \(PSE\)](http://www.psestamp.com/) - opens in new window or tab
[Trading cards](http://www.beckett.com/grading/ebay/)
[Beckett Grading Services \(BGS\)\(BVG\)](http://www.beckett.com/grading/ebay/) - opens in new window or tab
[Professional Sports Authenticator \(PSA\)](https://www.psacard.com/) - opens in new window or tab
[Sportscard Guaranty \(SGC\)](http://www.sgccard.com/) - opens in new window or tab
[Certified Guaranty Company \(CGC\)](https://www.cgccomics.com/) - opens in new window or tab
[Certified Sports Guaranty \(CSG\)](https://www.csgcards.com/) - opens in new window or tab

Misrepresented items

If an expert says that an item on eBay is not accurately represented, we reserve the right to remove it. If this happens, we may refund the listing fee to the seller.