



## REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF THE ROCK AND HARD MATERIAL PREPARATION SERVICE

**Art. 1.-** The Rock and Hard Materials Service is part of the General Research Support Service of the University of Zaragoza and its functions are subject to the [Regulations of the General Research Support Service](#), approved by the Government Council on 30 November of 2011, and the present rules and regulations.

**Art. 2.-** Hard materials are defined as rigid and coherent solids with hardnesses between 2 and 8 on the Mohs scale. Solids with these characteristics that present an acceptable water tolerance will be the main focus of the activity of this Service. In the case of unusual materials, cooperation with the user will be required for the most appropriate procedure to be followed. In any case, the processing of solids that not comply with the characteristic stated cannot be guaranteed.

**Art. 3.-** The Service is located in Building C of the Faculty of Sciences, counting with three laboratories in the basement and another one on the first floor. There will always be a sign indicating the possible relocation of the technicians if their duties requires so.

**Art. 4.-** Opening hours will be determined by the General Research Support Service management and by the Division Commission.

**Art. 5.-** Orders must not exceed eighteen thin sections (or equivalent economic amount in other services).

**Art. 6.-** The equipment rental services shall operate exclusively for University of Zaragoza users. The user must return the equipment to the Service facilities on the agreed date. Any delays will be invoiced as loan time. If the equipment is not returned in proper conditions the costs of cleaning and/or repairing will be paid by the user.

**Art. 7.-** The adequate sample size for a thin section is 250 cm<sup>3</sup>. In the case of smaller samples the return of sample remains and top quality results cannot be guaranteed. Sample id's must not exceed eight characters long. If a complete preparation cannot be done due sample characteristics, a proportional part will be invoiced. Sample remains will be discarded after six months if the user doesn't collect them before.

**Art. 8.-** Self-service equipment.

The use of equipment on a self-service regime is subject to the availability of the equipment according to the needs of the Service. Any use must be carried out between 8:30 and 14:30. After this period, user must be authorised by the Division Manager.

Users must follow the indications of the technicians at all times. New users must be informed by the technicians on the rules of equipment usage. Failure to comply with these instructions may result in the withdrawal of the self-service status.

When requesting the use of equipment on a self-service regime the user shall indicate the Service technicians a form where he/she assumes the responsibility for the use of any equipment.

If the equipments is not in proper conditions after use the cost of cleaning and/or repairing shall be paid by the user.