

Training Bulletin

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Training Bulletin Required Reading!

This update is the main communication from PADI to you. It announces important training standards and procedures changes and clarifies those that are established. It is a requirement of your membership commitment that you keep abreast of standards by reviewing the information contained in these quarterly updates. Implementation and standards mailing dates vary for members served by different PADI Offices, based, in part, on translation schedules. Check with your PADI Office for more specific information.

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PADI Courses Earn College Credit Awards in Canada

Seventeen PADI courses were reviewed by the Canadian Learning Bank's Credit Review Service, a service of the Open Learning Agency, which is a fully accredited educational institution founded by the Government of British Columbia. All 17 courses may credit toward certificate, diploma, or degree programs offered by the Open Learning Agency's Open College and British Columbia Open University, as well as toward programs at other post-secondary institutions across Canada.

To receive credit for a PADI course, applicants submit a course registration form to the Canadian Learning Bank's Credit Review Service, and also send a course verification form to PADI Canada. PADI verifies course completion and notifies the Canadian Learning Bank, which then sends the student an unofficial transcript confirming the credit awarded.

Students may also request an official copy of their transcript by completing an Open Learning Agency Transcript Request form available from PADI Canada, www.padi.com, or the Canadian Learning Bank.

For further information, including the names of courses awarded credit and the credits awarded to each, visit the National Course Guide on the Canadian Learning Bank's web site at www.ola.bc.ca/credit. For a course registration package and further details go to www.padi.com (click on Courses, click on College Credit, and then click on Canada) or contact PADI Canada or PADI Americas.

Note: Divers who wish to receive credit from the Open Learning Agency for taking the PADI Deep Diver course must successfully complete the PADI Deep Diver Specialty exam. The exam must be proctored by a PADI Instructor, and can be obtained from the PADI Pros section of www.padi.com or from PADI Canada or PADI Americas.

Youth Protection

When teaching and supervising children in PADI programs, PADI Members are held to a high duty of care. The new PADI "Seal Team Instructor Guide" includes a PADI Member Youth Leader's Commitment code to remind PADI Professionals of this responsibility.

Because how we interact with children relates to many PADI courses and programs, it's important that this information appear in the "General Standards and Procedures Instructor Guide" as well.

Please insert the attached page pertaining to youth protection to the "General Standards and Procedures Instructor Guide" in the section near Control.

In addition, add the following to "General Standards and Procedures Instructor Guide," under Ethical Requirements:

8. Follow a strict code of conduct and abide by the requirements and intent of PADI Member Youth Leader's Commitment whenever teaching or supervising children. (See PADI Member Youth Leader's Commitment in the "General Standards and Procedures Instructor Guide" as well as the "PADI Seal Team Instructor Guide.")

Supplied Air Snorkeling Recognition

Since its introduction in 1999, Supplied Air Snorkeling (SAS) has grown in popularity. To further encourage this growth, there's a new PADI/SAS recognition card.



The release of this card promotes SAS experiences and supports the Oceans For Youth Foundation — a nonprofit, education-oriented foundation that provides informational resources for schools and teachers. A portion of the proceeds from each PADI/SAS recognition card goes to Oceans For Youth Foundation.

PADI Divemasters, Assistant Instructors and Instructors may issue this card to individuals five years of age and older who use a surface supplied snorkeling unit under their direct supervision. To get the card, complete a PIC envelope, check the box marked “other,” and write in “SAS” under student certification level. Then submit the PIC envelope to your PADI Office for processing.

You may organize SAS experiences by using the PADI “Discover Snorkeling Instructor Guide” or the recently released *Supplied Air Snorkeling for Youth Instruction Manual* developed by Oceans For Youth. This manual may be downloaded from the PADI Pros area of www.padi.com under Member News. For more information about the Oceans For Youth Foundation, go to www.oceansforyouth.org.

Common Questions—PADI Seal Team

Q. May I use the PADI Seal Team Flip Chart in the Bubblemaker program?

A. Yes. In fact, the PADI Seal Team Flip Chart (No. 60240) features small Bubblemaker icons that direct the instructor to the information associated with the Bubblemaker program. Using the PADI Seal Team Flip Chart in Bubblemaker programs also introduces children to the PADI Seal Team program and encourages participation.

Q. I understand that if PADI Seal Team participants want to go to the deep end of the pool they can (up to a maximum 4 meters/12 feet) under reduced supervisory ratios of 2 children to 1 Instructor or Assistant Instructor. May I use PADI Divemasters to increase PADI Seal Team ratios in depths up to 4 metres/12 feet?

A. Yes. The 2 children to 1 Instructor or Assistant Instructor ratio may be increased by 2 children per Divemaster.

Q. If a child has not completed AquaMissions 1-5, may he still participate in Specialty AquaMissions?

A. Yes, as long as they have documentation showing completion of all skills from Confined Water Dive One of the PADI Open Water Diver course. This may be accomplished through participation in Bubblemaker/Discover Scuba, Discover Scuba Diving or the Open Water Diver course. Children who have completed equivalent nonPADI programs may also participate providing that they have documentation verifying that all skills in PADI Open Water Diver course Confined Water Dive One have been mastered.

Q. Can certified Junior Open Water Divers become PADI Seal Team Members?

A. Yes. Already-certified children who want to join the PADI Seal Team can simply complete the challenges in the PADI Seal Team AquaMission Activity Book (a component of the Seal Team crew pak No. 60310) and demonstrate proficiency in Confined Water One skill requirements. At this point the child may apply for PADI Seal Team membership. Young certified divers may not have a lot of opportunities to dive, and might enjoy the chance to dive in a pool, play games and try specialties in the company of other children. Although the PADI Seal Team program was designed for children as a pre-certification program, it has appeal for older children, adults, parents and grandparents as well. There is no maximum age prerequisite!

Reduced Ratios for 10- and 11-year-olds in Confined Open Water

To maintain consistency, all PADI programs and courses that have a 10- and 11-year-old age prerequisite now follow the same ratios for confined open water and open water dives. This change specifically affects Open Water Diver course ratios—differentiating

training in a swimming pool from training in a confined open water environment. During any **open water** or **confined open water** training dive that includes 10- and 11-year-olds, the maximum student diver-to-instructor ratio is 4:1. No more than two children aged 10-11 may be included in the group of four student divers. This ratio may not be increased with the use of certified assistants.

The only exception to this is the PADI Bubblemaker program. When conducted in confined open water, the participants-to-instructor may increase to 6 to 1 with the use of one or more certified assistants. The rationale supporting this exception is the control afforded in depths shallower than 2 metres/6 feet. (The participant-to-Assistant Instructor ratio is 4:1 and may not be increased with the use of certified assistants).

These ratios take into consideration supervisory and control issues in the open water and confined open water environment. Pool ratios for 10 and 11 year old children remain the same as those listed in individual program or course standards.

American Heart Association CPR Guidelines Update

PADI programs including CPR skills are based on the American Heart Association (AHA) guidelines. In August 2000 the AHA released new CPR guidelines, the relevant sections of which are summarized below for your reference. These affect such PADI programs as Medic First Aid, Rescue Diver, Divemaster and Instructor Development programs.

1. PADI programs direct the rescuers to call for help (or “phone first”) as soon as unresponsiveness is established. **The AHA suggests that in the event the person is a victim of submersion, trauma or drug intoxication, that CPR be initiated first, and the rescuer call for help (“phone fast”) as soon as possible.**
2. **After giving initial rescue breaths, the AHA recommends that the rescuer look for the absence of the following signals before beginning chest compressions: any sign of circulation—such as normal breathing, coughing, movement.** PADI programs currently direct the rescuer to check for pulse after rescue breaths. Though continuing to check for pulse is not inappropriate, the focus is on checking for these other signs that circulation is present.
3. **The new AHA guidelines recommend a compression rate for adult CPR of approximately 100 per minute.** PADI programs currently recommend compressions at approximately 80-100 per minute, so this change, though approximate, would direct rescuers to err on the faster end of compressions.
4. With respect to unresponsive patients with foreign body airway obstructions, current PADI programs direct the rescuer to clear the airway by administering abdominal thrusts combined with finger sweeps in the mouth. **New AHA guidelines recommend that rescuers begin CPR if they suspect a foreign body airway obstruction in someone who has become unresponsive (or who is found unresponsive). When rescue breathing is performed, the lay rescuer should look for a foreign body in the mouth and if one is seen, remove it prior to rescue breathing.**

For more information on these guidelines, please reference “Guidelines 2000 for Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care,” (ISSN 009-7322) or www.circulationaha.org.

IDC Staffing Credits Toward Master Instructor Rating

To give instructors additional options for meeting PADI Master Instructor requirements, IDC Staffing experience is now accepted in lieu of AI certifications:

- Staffing two entire IDCs is equivalent to the 5 AI certification requirement, or
- Staffing one entire IDC and certifying 3 Assistant Instructors is equivalent to the 5 AI requirement.

Note: If you staff an IDC and you issue Assistant Instructor certifications for the candidate(s) in this IDC, you cannot receive credit twice for the same student. In this case you would either count this as staffing an entire IDC or certifying Assistant Instructor(s).

To gain credit, submit either a letter from the program Course Director or a copy of the IDC Course Report Form (No. 10508) signed by the Course Director along with your MI application.

Resource Library for Professionals

A resource library has been added to the Reading Room in the PADI Pros section of www.padi.com. The library contains topical information on various aspects of dive training that may help you gather resources for teaching and supervising divers. To start, the first volume will include various articles pertaining to the subject of teaching children. Past *Undersea Journal* articles on this topic will appear, as well as new information recently collected. Check this area often as new subjects will be added.

To reference the library, log onto the PADI Pros area of www.padi.com and click on the Reading Room link.

Nonteaching Status When a Fatality Occurs

When a fatality occurs during training, it is a tragic event. Fortunately it rarely happens. If it does, PADI's procedure is to place the instructor involved in the training in Nonteaching status, pending review of the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Placing a member in Nonteaching status pending this review is not a punitive step.

Instead, it allows PADI the time to properly evaluate the facts and determine the appropriate course of action. It's the instructor's responsibility and membership commitment to file an Incident Report with PADI immediately when a fatality or other incident occurs.

Please insert the following in the "General Standards and Procedures Instructor Guide," under the Membership Status and Maintenance section, Instructor Nonteaching status category: "PADI Members may choose to renew in Nonteaching status or may be placed in Nonteaching status if they:"

"4. Are involved in teaching a PADI course or program when a fatality occurs during training. The Instructor will remain in Nonteaching status pending investigation of the circumstances surrounding the incident."

In the Risk Management section, under the In the Event of an Accident category, find the paragraph that begins with "The Quality Management Department may also review reports that involve training incidents..." Please add the following to the end of the paragraph:

"When an incident involves a fatality, the PADI Instructor's status will change to Nonteaching, pending PADI's review of the circumstances surrounding the incident."

Corrections

Discover Scuba Diving Program Registration Form

The last *Training Bulletin* mistakenly identified the form for registering multiple participants at one time as the Experience Program Form (No. 10194). The correct form is the Discover Scuba Diving Program Registration Form (No. 10119). For your convenience, attached to this bulletin is a copy of the form. A two-page NCR version is also available through your sales representative (same Product No.—10119).

Divemaster Final Exam Answer Key Correction

Please note the following change to the Divemaster Supervising Certified Divers Final Exam answer key, version A, in the Appendix of the "Divemaster Course Instructor Guide," 1999 edition, question number 13: Change the answer to True. (False is incorrect).

Changes to the Youth Diving: Responsibility and Risks Flip Chart

To allow for worldwide consistency and ease of translations, pages 1, 2 and 4 of the Youth Diving: Responsibility and Risks paper flip chart (No. 79130) have been amended. While the intent of the information has not changed, the order and presentation is slightly different. The flip chart is used when watching the video (No. 60079) is impractical. Please replace the affected pages with those attached to this bulletin.

Tec Deep Diver Errata, Referral Forms Available

The Tec Deep Diver course errata and additional course forms, such as the new referral form, are now available to download from the PADI Pros area of the PADI website. To help make corrections to your DSAT "Tec Deep Diver Instructor Guide," copies of replacement pages are also available. If you do not have Internet access, contact the Training Department at your PADI Office for a copy.

Open Water Diver Course Dive One: No Formal Skills

The First Quarter 1999 *Training Bulletin* announced the revised Open Water Diver Course curriculum. The implementation deadline was 1 June 2000.

The revision included a key shift where student divers no longer complete formal, staged skills during their first open water training dive. This means that the dive is experiential. Student divers apply naturally-occurring skills while enjoying an underwater tour. While student divers may perform descents, ascents, partial mask clears, neutral buoyancy adjustments, etc., during the dive, you do not ask them to formally demonstrate these skills.

The intent is to provide a first-dive experience that allows the student diver to take in as much of the adventure of diving as possible. Conducting staged skills sometimes leaves little time to tour. The tour-only change to Dive One gives student divers a great introduction to diving which gives them more confidence when beginning staged skills.

This change also supports the link between Discover Scuba Diving and the Open Water Diver Course. Open Water Diver Course Confined Water Dive One is the same as the Discover Scuba Diving Waterskills Development session, and the Discover Scuba Diving open water dive is equivalent to Open Water Diver Course Dive One (and may be credited as such.) Staged skills are demonstrated during open water during Open Water Diver Course Dives Two, Three and Four.

Keep this in mind when you conduct Open Water Diver Course Dive One. Remember that the strength of the PADI System is in international consistency, proven methods and reliable standards.



Any training related questions regarding PADI Standards and procedures may be directed to your local PADI Office, or to these individuals at PADI Americas:

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SUPERVISING CHILDREN

Code of Conduct

The worldwide PADI organization believes the health, safety and welfare of children is paramount and should never be compromised regardless of age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin and religion. The PADI organization takes precautions to ensure this when children participate in scuba and skin diving activities with you. All suspicions and allegations of abuse are taken seriously, investigated immediately and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

Youth Leader's Commitment

Working with children is both a privilege and a responsibility. **Therefore, in all instructional activities involving children, PADI Members will:**

- **Look after the child's health, safety and welfare.**
- **Ensure appropriate supervision during all instructional activities.**
- **Whenever possible, meet the child's parents or guardians and share program goals and objectives.**
- **Strive to keep parents or guardians involved and informed through verbal reports and updates as often as possible.**
- **Treat children, parents or guardians with respect regardless of age, race, gender and religious affiliation.**
- **Honor all commitments made to children.**
- **Discuss disciplinary problems with parents or guardians.**
- **Not engage in inappropriate contact with children.**
- **Respect a child's right to privacy and intrude only when health and safety demand.**
- **Whenever possible, ensure two adults are with children at all times.**

If you suspect a child may be abused, check with your local authorities and determine the appropriate course of action.

PADI® DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

NOTE: Keep the yellow copy on file for future reference and send the white copy to PADI within 30 days of program completion.

PADI Instructor Statement: I have conducted all three phases of the Discover Scuba Diving program (Instructor Presentation, Water Skills Introduction and Development, and Initial Open Water Dive) for this participant. NOTE: If the program for this participant was conducted by more than one PADI Instructor, send in this registration form, but do not complete the instructor information area below.

Dive Center/Resort _____ Dive Center No. **S-** _____ Location _____ City/State/Country _____

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (Please Print)

<p>1. Name _____ First Middle _____ Initial _____ Last _____ Program Date _____ MIDY _____</p> <p>Address _____ Phone (____) _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Postal/Zip _____ Country _____ Birthdate _____ MIDY _____</p>	<p>Instructor Name (print) _____ First Middle _____ Initial _____ Last _____ PADI No. _____</p> <p>Instructor Signature _____ Date _____ MIDY _____</p>
<p>2. Name _____ First Middle _____ Initial _____ Last _____ Program Date _____ MIDY _____</p> <p>Address _____ Phone (____) _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Postal/Zip _____ Country _____ Birthdate _____ MIDY _____</p>	<p>Instructor Name (print) _____ First Middle _____ Initial _____ Last _____ PADI No. _____</p> <p>Instructor Signature _____ Date _____ MIDY _____</p>
<p>3. Name _____ First Middle _____ Initial _____ Last _____ Program Date _____ MIDY _____</p> <p>Address _____ Phone (____) _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Postal/Zip _____ Country _____ Birthdate _____ MIDY _____</p>	<p>Instructor Name (print) _____ First Middle _____ Initial _____ Last _____ PADI No. _____</p> <p>Instructor Signature _____ Date _____ MIDY _____</p>
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PADI INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

Welcome –

Exploring the underwater world is both fun and serious.

Scuba diving is enjoyed by millions of people all over the world.

Scuba Diving requires:

- Some physical fitness
- Ability to solve problems that come up
- Emotional maturity

You should have good general health and be comfortable in and around the water to scuba dive.

Like and adventurous activity, there are potential risks in scuba diving. However, these are well known and easy to avoid by following some simple rules.

Possible risks specific to scuba diving include:

- Problems with your ears
- Drowning and breathing-in water
- Getting cold in the water
- Lung over-expansion injury

It is important to follow some simple rules to avoid injury, which, although unlikely, could be serious, even fatal.

You will learn these rules during your scuba diving program.

When you follow these rules and suggestions, scuba diving is a reasonably safe and fun activity.

Roles and Responsibilities

PADI's Role: to provide the best training materials and educational support possible.

PADI Instructor's Role: to supervise your training, follow PADI's guidelines and provide as safe a diving experience as possible.

Parent's Responsibility: to help evaluate your medical, physical and emotional readiness to participate in scuba diving.

- If you or your parents know of any medical problems you may have, you'll need to see a medical doctor before scuba diving.
- The PADI Medical Statement will help you, your parents and the doctor review your medical fitness to participate.

Your Responsibility: to understand and put to use the following six **ACTION** steps during your scuba diving adventure.

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- Pay attention, listen and follow the rules.
- Diving is exciting and you can become distracted, but stay focused on your instructor and the assistants.
- Be sure to follow the rules covered by your instructor to help lower your risks and increase your fun.
- Failure to follow these rules can lead to serious injury, even fatality.