
**Recreational diving services — Safety
related minimum requirements for the
training of scuba instructors —**

**Part 1:
Level 1**

*Services relatifs à la plongée de loisirs — Exigences minimales liées à
la formation des moniteurs de plongée subaquatique —*

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Foreword

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ISO 24802 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Recreational diving services — Safety related minimum requirements for the training of scuba instructors*:

- *Part 1: Level 1*
- *Part 2: Level 2*

Introduction

The International Standards relating to recreational diving services have been prepared by ISO/TC 228/WG 1 “Diving services”, with the aim of establishing a series of specifications for safety practices and the provision of services.

Therefore these International Standards specify:

- necessary levels of experience and competency of scuba divers and scuba instructors,
- safety practices and requirements for recreational scuba diving service providers appropriate to the different diving levels.

The requirements specified are minimal; they do not preclude the provision of additional training or the assessment by a service provider of additional competencies. These International Standards represent a tool for comparison of existing (or future) qualifications of scuba instructors. In no way do they represent a course programme nor do they imply that course programs and scuba instructor certifications issued by different nations or training organizations must necessarily correspond to these levels.

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Recreational diving services — Safety related minimum requirements for the training of scuba instructors —

Part 1: Level 1

1 Scope

This part of ISO 24802 specifies the competencies that a scuba instructor has to have achieved in order for a training organization to award the scuba instructor certification indicating that he has met or exceeded scuba instructor level 1 and specifies assessment of these competencies.

It also specifies conditions under which training has to be provided, in addition to the general requirements for recreational diving service provision in accordance with ISO 24803.

This part of ISO 24802 applies only to contractual training and certification in recreational scuba diving.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 24801-1:2007, *Recreational diving services — Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba divers — Part 1: Level 1 — Supervised diver*

ISO 24801-2:2007, *Recreational diving services — Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba divers — Part 2: Level 2 — Autonomous diver*

ISO 24801-3:2007, *Recreational diving services — Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba divers — Part 3: Level 3 — Dive leader*

ISO 24803:2007, *Recreational diving services — Requirements for recreational scuba diving service providers*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

training organization

entity providing recreational scuba diving training systems and certification, and which is responsible for the implementation and quality management of scuba diver training

NOTE Entity may include scuba diving federations and scuba diver training agencies.

**3.2
certification**

confirmation that a student has completed scuba diver training which fulfils all requirements in accordance with this part of ISO 24802, as issued by training organizations

**3.3
confined water**

swimming pool with a depth appropriate to the activity or body of water that offers similar conditions with regard to visibility, depth, water movement and access

**3.4
open water**

body of water significantly larger than a swimming pool offering conditions typical of a natural body of water encountered in the region

4 Competencies of a scuba instructor at level 1

Scuba instructors at level 1 shall be trained such that when assessed in accordance with Clause 13 they are deemed to be qualified to:

- teach and assess students up to level 1 in accordance with ISO 24801-1 on their theoretical knowledge,
- teach and assess students up to level 1 in accordance with ISO 24801-1 in confined water,
- if supervised and authorized by a scuba instructor level 2:
 - gain progressive experience in teaching and assessing the theoretical knowledge of scuba diver levels 2 to 3 in accordance with ISO 24801-2, respectively, ISO 24801-3,
 - teach any level of scuba diver in confined water,
 - gain progressive experience in teaching and assessing open water surface skills,
- if supervised and directly observed by a scuba instructor level 2:
 - gain progressive experience in teaching and evaluating in confined and open water.

5 Prerequisites

5.1 Practical experience

The scuba instructor trainer shall ensure that scuba instructor candidates have certification to at least scuba diver level 3 – “Dive leader” with additional practical experience gained after level 3 certification in accordance with ISO 24801-3 prior to their assessment in accordance with Clause 13.

5.2 Health requirements

Scuba instructor candidates shall be medically screened as suitable for diving in accordance with procedures laid down by a competent medical authority. If such procedures are not specified scuba instructor candidates shall provide evidence of a diver medical examination not older than one year unless the medical doctor who has carried out the examination specifies longer validity.

6 Scuba instructor candidate information

Information in accordance with ISO 24803 shall be made available to the students prior to, or during the first class meeting.

7 Required theoretical knowledge

Scuba instructor candidates shall have extensive theoretical knowledge regarding the scuba skills specified in ISO 24801-1, ISO 24801-2 and ISO 24801-3 and sufficient knowledge to be able to give presentations on topics from ISO 24801-1:2007, Clause 7, ISO 24801-2:2007, Clause 7, and ISO 24801-3:2007, Clause 7.

Additionally scuba instructor candidates shall have appropriate knowledge of the following issues:

- medical and psychological contraindications for scuba diving,
- training requirements for scuba diver level 1 in accordance with ISO 24801-1, level 2 in accordance with ISO 24801-2 and level 3 in accordance with ISO 24801-3,
- duty of care of a scuba instructor,
- safety regulations affecting scuba diving service provision (e.g. regulations affecting schools, centres, clubs, organizations),
- methods of safely filling diving cylinders including relevant local regulations concerning cylinder working pressures and testing requirements,
- relationships and communication with relevant public authorities (e.g. police, customs, rescue organizations, fire-brigade),
- teaching principles and methodology,
- selection of confined water dive sites,
- personal scuba skills.

Scuba instructor candidates shall be able to perform all of the personal scuba skills of a level 1, level 2 and level 3 scuba diver in accordance with ISO 24801-1, ISO 24801-2 and ISO 24801-3, respectively, to demonstration quality.

8 Theoretical teaching skills

Scuba instructor candidates shall be able to conduct lesson preparation, planning and delivery of theoretical teaching presentations.

9 Teaching and supervision of scuba skills

Scuba instructor candidates shall be able to conduct confined water lessons for students at level 1, level 2 and level 3 from the topics outlined in ISO 24801-1, ISO 24801-2 and ISO 24801-3, respectively.

Lesson elements to be assessed shall include

- preparation,
- planning,

- briefing and debriefing,
- group control and supervision,
- skill demonstration,
- problem recognition and solving,
- student evaluation.

10 Emergency procedures

10.1 Diver rescue

Scuba instructor candidates shall be competent in diver rescue skills including:

- recognition of emergency situations (e.g. loss of breathing gas supply, lack of response),
- controlled casualty recovery from depth,
- effective emergency surface actions,
- casualty recovery from the water,
- emergency situation management including co-ordination with emergency services in accordance with local emergency procedures.

10.2 First aid

Students shall complete a course/courses in first-aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) approved by the training organization and have a valid qualification or certificate.

10.3 Oxygen administration

Scuba instructor candidates shall be competent in the emergency administration of oxygen. This shall include knowledge of the medical principles involved and practical use of an emergency oxygen unit.

11 Scuba instructor-trainers

Scuba instructor-trainers shall be responsible for instructor training and certification.

Scuba instructor-trainers shall be scuba instructors of senior standing and of higher qualification than a level 2 scuba instructor and shall have received specific training in the education and development of scuba instructors.

Scuba instructor-trainers shall have an extensive knowledge of pedagogy and relevant educational systems and shall be qualified and sanctioned by a training organization or competent public authority as being able to teach and evaluate scuba instructors.

Scuba instructor-trainers may take the role of trainers or examiners of scuba instructor candidates in accordance with the procedures defined by such training organizations or competent public authorities.

12 Certification

12.1 Minimum age

The minimum age for receiving certification as a level 1 scuba instructor shall be 18 years.

12.2 Minimum practical experience

Scuba instructor candidates shall have gained teaching experience by playing the role of an instructor in a structured series of actual or simulated training sessions (both in the classroom and in confined water) which simulate the duties that they will be expected to fulfil once qualified. Such training sessions shall be directly supervised by a scuba instructor of at least level 2. Any assessments during such sessions shall be conducted by a scuba instructor-trainer.

Scuba instructor candidates shall have gained sufficient diving experience to demonstrate competency in all of the abilities specified in this part of ISO 24802.

12.3 Theoretical knowledge

Scuba instructor candidates shall satisfactorily demonstrate to a scuba instructor-trainer knowledge of scuba diving training by taking and passing an examination. This examination shall test theoretical knowledge in accordance with Clause 7 and knowledge of skills in accordance with Clauses 8, 9, 10 and 11.

12.4 Teaching techniques

Scuba instructor candidates shall satisfactorily demonstrate to a scuba instructor-trainer their ability to prepare and present theoretical and practical presentations that are technically correct, of an appropriate content and are delivered in an effective manner suited to the students' needs.

An example for the assessment of teaching techniques is given in Annex A.

12.5 Teaching and supervision of scuba skills

Scuba instructor candidates shall satisfactorily demonstrate to a scuba instructor-trainer their ability to perform, teach and evaluate confined water scuba skills in accordance with ISO 24801-1. Scuba instructor candidates shall not be given information prior to the assessment on the precise exercise to be used.

An example for the assessment of teaching and supervision of scuba skills is given in Annex A.

12.6 Supervision and guidance of diving activities

Scuba instructor candidates shall demonstrate to a scuba instructor-trainer skills in group control and supervision of students' diving activities in confined water.

12.7 Emergency procedures

The scuba instructor-trainer shall ensure that scuba instructor candidates are competent in diver rescue skills specified in Clause 11 by either:

- the scuba instructor candidate demonstrating skills selected from Clause 11 by completing at least one simulated open water rescue, or
- the scuba instructor-trainer ensuring that the scuba instructor candidate has current documented proof of competency in such rescue techniques issued within the last 12 months.

Annex A
(informative)

Example of assessment of teaching and evaluation competencies when teaching a level 1 scuba diver course

Theory lesson	Scuba instructor candidate evaluation areas	Method of assessment
Equipment: — Regulators	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Candidate introduced themselves and the topic and explained the importance/value of subject. 2) Candidate defined learning objectives (what students should know by end of lesson). 3) Candidate outlined content of lesson and how students should participate. 4) Lesson content (as specified in ISO 24801-3:2007, Annex A) — the candidate should: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Explain the purpose of a regulator. b) Describe the major components and accessories of a scuba regulator system and their purpose. c) Explain how a scuba system is assembled. d) Explain how to read a submersible pressure gauge. e) Explain post-dive regulator care considerations. 5) Information was presented in a logical sequence. 6) Candidate showed the relationship of information to other knowledge students already possess. 7) Candidate summarized information as key points, reinforced the value of the information and explained when it would be applied by students. 8) Candidate used appropriate training aids. 9) Candidate presented the information in a clear manner and involved students by asking questions. 10) Candidate adapted teaching method in accordance with students' input and needs. 11) Candidate tested students' understanding of the information. 	Observation of simulated or actual lessons by a scuba instructor-trainer.
<p>NOTE The above given example can be applied to any theory presentation with the exception of item 4) which will vary in accordance with the content of the lesson.</p>		