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related minimum requirements for the
training of recreational scuba divers —**

**Part 3:
Level 3 — Dive leader**

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Foreword

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- *Part 1: Level 1 — Supervised diver* [ISO 24801-3:2007](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/8a03b414-982a-4599-918c-d70dfa2ec5ff/iso-24801-3-2007)
- *Part 2: Level 2 — Autonomous diver*
- *Part 3: Level 3 — Dive leader*

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 divers. In no way do they represent a course programme nor do they imply that course programs and scuba diver certifications issued by different nations or training organizations must necessarily correspond to these levels.

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Part 3: Level 3 — Dive leader

1 Scope

This part of ISO 24801 specifies the competencies that a scuba diver has to have achieved in order for a training organization to award the scuba diver certification indicating that he has met or exceeded scuba diver level 3 — “Dive leader” 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 specified in ISO 24803.

This part of ISO 24801 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 24802 1:2007, *Recreational diving services — Safety related minimum requirements for the training of scuba instructors — Part 1: Level 1*

ISO 24802-2:2007, *Recreational diving services — Safety related minimum requirements for the training of scuba instructors — Part 2: Level 2*

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

EN 250:2000, *Respiratory equipment — Open-circuit self-contained compressed air diving apparatus — Requirements, testing, marking*

EN 12628:1999, *Diving accessories — Combined buoyancy and rescue devices — Functional and safety requirements, test methods*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 250:2000 and EN 12628:1999 and the following 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 24801, as issued by training organizations

3.3
scuba instructor
individual qualified in accordance with ISO 24802-2

3.4
breathing gas
appropriate mixture of oxygen and nitrogen with no less than 20 % oxygen

3.5
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

3.6
open water
body of water significantly larger than a swimming pool offering conditions typical of a natural body of water encountered in the region

3.7
diving equipment
equipment consisting of the following items:

- fins,
- mask,
- snorkel,
- demand regulator (also referred to as a regulator),
- alternative breathing gas system,

NOTE This could range from a simple octopus system to a duplicate breathing system with a separate breathing gas supply.

- cylinder,
- cylinder-support-system and including (if appropriate) a quick release weight system,
- buoyancy compensator,
- a quick release weight system (if appropriate),

- submersible pressure gauge (breathing gas pressure monitor),
- means to measure depth and time and to safely limit exposure to inert gas,
- diving suit (if appropriate)

NOTE Specific environments may require additional equipment (e.g. an underwater navigational aid, knife/cutting device).

3.8

dive management

all actions and measures necessary to ensure safe conduct of recreational scuba diving activities, including:

- briefing,
- planning,
- conduct and control,
- emergency procedures,
- de-briefing

4 Competencies of a recreational scuba diver at level 3 — “Dive leader”

Scuba divers at level 3 — “Dive leader” shall be trained such that when assessed in accordance with Clause 11 they are deemed to have sufficient knowledge, skill and experience to plan, organize and conduct their dives and lead other recreational scuba divers in open water.

Scuba divers at level 3 — “Dive leader” are qualified to

- conduct any specialised recreational scuba diving activities for which they have received appropriate training,
- plan and execute emergency procedures appropriate for the diving environment and activities.

Scuba divers at level 3 — “Dive leader” may help to control students and improve safety but may not assess or teach any skills or knowledge to students.

NOTE If diving and environmental conditions are significantly different from those previously experienced, a scuba diver at level 3 — “Dive leader” requires an appropriate orientation with regard to local environmental conditions. In order to lead scuba divers on dives which have more demanding operational parameters a scuba diver at level 3 — “Dive leader” shall have appropriate specialised training and experience. Examples of such dives include:

- night dives,
- limited visibility dives,
- dives in underwater currents (e.g. drift dives),
- deep dives,
- wreck dives,
- dry suit dives.

Where further scuba diving instruction is required, in order to meet the above mentioned competencies, this can only be provided by a suitably qualified scuba instructor.