
**Recreational diving services —
Requirements for the training of scuba
instructors —**

**Part 1:
Level 1**

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Foreword

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

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

Introduction

This part of ISO 24802 is one of a series of International Standards relating to recreational diving services, which have been prepared with the aim of establishing a set of specifications for safety practices and the provision of services.

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 evaluation of additional competencies by a service provider. These International Standards represent a tool for comparison of existing (or future) qualifications of scuba instructors. They do not represent a course programme, nor do they imply that course programmes and scuba instructor qualifications issued by different nations or training organizations are required to correspond to these levels.

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Recreational diving services — Requirements for the training of scuba instructors —

Part 1: Level 1

1 Scope

This part of ISO 24802 specifies the competencies required of a scuba instructor in order to obtain a scuba instructor qualification from a training organization attesting that he/she has met or exceeded scuba instructor level 1, and specifies evaluation criteria for these competencies.

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

This part of ISO 24802 applies to training and evaluation in recreational scuba diving.

2 Normative references

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

ISO 24801-1:2014, *Recreational diving services — Requirements for the training of recreational scuba divers — Part 1: Level 1 — Supervised diver*

ISO 24801-2:2014, *Recreational diving services — Requirements for the training of recreational scuba divers — Part 2: Level 2 — Autonomous diver*

ISO 24801-3:2014, *Recreational diving services — Requirements for the training of recreational scuba divers — Part 3: Level 3 — Dive leader*

ISO 24803, *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 training systems and issuing qualifications for recreational diving, and which is responsible for the implementation and quality management of training

Note 1 to entry: Entity can include scuba diving federations and scuba diver training agencies.

3.2 confined water

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

**3.3
open water**

body of water significantly larger than a swimming pool, offering conditions typical of a natural body of water

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 level 2 in accordance with ISO 24801-2 and scuba diver level 3 in accordance with 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.

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5 Prerequisites for training

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5.1 Practical experience

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The scuba instructor-trainer shall ensure that scuba instructor candidates have qualification to at least scuba diver level 3 with additional practical experience gained after level 3 qualification in accordance with ISO 24801-3 prior to their evaluation 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 24801-1:2014, Clause 7, ISO 24801-2:2014, Clause 7, and ISO 24801-3:2014, 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;
- the duty of care of a scuba instructor including codes of conduct and safe practices;

NOTE An example for a code of conduct and safe practices is given in [Annex A](#).

- 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.

8 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.

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9 Theoretical teaching skills (standards.iteh.ai)

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

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10 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 evaluated shall include:

- preparation;
- planning;
- briefing and debriefing;
- group control and supervision;
- skill demonstration;
- problem recognition and solving;
- student evaluation.

11 Emergency procedures

11.1 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);