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## Introduction

The ISO 8804 series is aimed primarily at scientists and academics training to become scientific divers (at three levels of competency) and sets minimum requirements for the training of scientific divers at the three levels reflected in the names of the three parts. It will be beneficial both to organizations involved in training scientific divers and the scientific diving community as a whole.

This document is considered the minimum competency standard for recognition as a scientific diver. It is intended to provide guidance regarding agreed-upon minimum training requirements, thereby easing barriers to cross-programme co-operation and reciprocity through common acknowledgment of the basic skill set for scientific divers.

Many organisations will have additional requirements for qualification of scientific divers. These supplementary requirements could include, but are not limited to, a greater number of training dives, additional training, enhanced fitness qualifications and requirements for maintenance of active diver status.

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