
**Recreational diving services —
Requirements for recreational diving
providers**

*Services relatifs à la plongée de loisirs — Exigences relatives aux
prestataires de services de plongée subaquatique de loisirs*

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Introduction

Standardization is important for recreational activities, such as diving, for which training and experience are essential for the participants to be able to carry out the activity safely. Although recreational diving is potentially hazardous, the risks to the participants and to the natural and cultural resources of the dive sites can easily be reduced to acceptable levels by the adoption of appropriate precautions. Additionally, impacts to the marine environment, particularly fragile marine ecosystems such as coral reefs, can be reduced through proper education and training of scuba instructors, dive leaders and divers.

A service provider can offer diver training and education, guided dives and rental of diving equipment, snorkelling excursions, and courses leading to one or more of the diver or instructor qualifications specified in the relevant ISO standards. This document specifies requirements for each of these services separately. Thus, although a client might be provided with two services at the same time (for example, diver training and rental of diving equipment), the client is considered to be in receipt of two distinct services.

Examples of service providers are a land-based dive centre, a boat-based operation, a dive club, an individual instructor, a watersport centre or an operator offering snorkelling excursions.

Service providers can often supply compressed breathing gases. This service is not covered in this document as it is usually covered by national legislation and/or other standards.

This document for service providers has a key role in the series of standards for recreational diving services as it specifies requirements that are common to the provision of training and qualification of divers and instructors, as specified in the other standards in the series.

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