



Examination Guidelines

Diving Instructor

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Preamble

The International Diving instructor Association IDA (International Diving Association) has the aim to educate and further educate divers, skin divers, apnea divers and diving instructors worldwide by uniform standards and the up to date technical and safety relevant regulations. To contribute to a uniform diver and diving instructor education IDA has structured its educational program basically in accordance with the CMAS system.

The IDA general standards for recreational diving are the base for these examination regulations / standards for divers and skin divers.

The course relevant education materials were developed entirely by IDA and are meant to be used by the diving instructors and trainers in active educational status.

General

Only IDA diving instructors shall be employed to guarantee a uniform education at any IDA base and diving school.

The trainers at IDA bases or diving schools are required to maintain their diving equipment in use in accordance with the local regulations in terms of technical and safety relevant specifications.

The applicable regulations of Germany must be in use with missing or invalid local (country) regulations.

Needful information before the start of the course

Before the diving course can begin, the client should be informed of the following:

Necessary prerequisites that the customer must meet:

A medical examination for fitness to dive not older than 6 month.

Certifications or specialty courses that are a prerequisite for this course.

Completed and signed course application.

Furthermore, information must be provided about:

Cost of the diving course (including teaching material and certification costs).

Diving insurance should be recommended (e.g. aquamed or DAN), since the diving instructor liability does not cover all eventualities.

The course and the content of the course (theory, practice, exam).

Authorizations and limitation after successful completion of the course.

Diving equipment requirements if customer uses their own equipment.

Information about the national and international diving associations.

Parameters

Requirements of diving and personal performance

Diving is a risky sport close to nature. These risks can be eliminated, controlled or avoided. The IDA diving training teaches in the directions of device, apnea, cave, tec diving and diving with the disabled in methodically successive training levels and supplemented by special courses, the necessary qualification for the safe practice of diving. All IDA brevets acquired in this way are recognized worldwide.

Only IDA trainers are authorized to train and test for the IDA brevets. For diving safety, it is essential that divers only undertake dives that correspond to the respective level of training and performance as well as their ability to perform.

It is essential to recognise, evaluate and avoid existing risks for the dive (e.g. cold, darkness, depth, current, swell, surf, poor visibility, health problems, equipment problems, group problems). The responsible diver must decide according to qualification and current condition whether the existing risks can be eliminated or can be safely controlled by him. Otherwise he has to avoid them by giving up the dive.

Equipment

The standard minimum equipment of a diver for SCUBA dives in an open water environment consists of at least:

- ABC-Equipment (mask, snorkel, fins),
- two regulators, for cold water dives (max. 10°C in the planned depth) on two separately closeable tank valves,
- SCUBA tank with carrying device,
- Buoyancy device (BCD),
- weight system with fast release (if required),
- high pressure gauge (Finimeter),
- instruments / devices to measure depth and time, also to limit the influence of inert gases, dive computer (if possible)
- diving suit (if required),
- knife / cutting device

The minimum instructional equipment to be worn by an instructor while conducting introductory scuba training in confined water consists of the equipment listed under „state-of-the-art equipment“, plus a dive knife/diver’s tool (unless prohibited by law or regulation at the dive site), alternate air source, and an emergency-signaling device. When appropriate, the use of a surface support-station with dive flag is also encouraged. If other water sports enthusiasts (surfers, sailors) and/or ship traffic are to be expected, setting an alpha flag is mandatory.

Definition “state-of-the-art equipment”.

The definition of the mentioned equipment may change from country to country and depends sometimes on the law (knife e. g.).

- Cold protection if necessary (wetsuit, drysuit, boots, gloves, hood)
- Mask
- Snorkel
- Fins
- Regulator (with 2 separately closable valves with 2 regulators and 1 alternative air source, pressure gauge, inflator, if necessary protected against cold water)
- BCD
- tank (mono or double tank)
- Depth gauge (alternative or redundant to dive computer, watch and dive table needful)
- Dive computer
- Compass
- weight belt (if not included within the BCD)
- watch (alternative or redundant to dive computer, depth gauge and dive table needful)
- dive table (alternative or redundant to dive computer, watch and depth gauge needful)
- knife (if not prohibited by law)
- (decompression) buoy
- divers flag (Alpha or Michigan)
- torch (if needful)
- reel (if needful)
- acoustic signal (whistle or horn)

Safety equipment:

- Oxygen
- First Aid
- AED (if possible)
- Telephone (mobile or alternative, including the number to call)
- ropes

Special dive conditions and –enterprises require additional, possibly even redundant equipment parts (e.g. UW - navigation aid, lights, ropes, signal equipment, UW – write pads). For diving in apnea, for the diving with Nitrox & the technical diving, also the diving underneath of ice and other special courses (SC), IDA recommends special equipment requirements laid out within the SC’s.

When executing dives compromising a danger for the divers by waterborne vessels the flag „ALPHA“ from the „International code of signals“ must be carried and presented in a visible manner. During all courses the instructor has to wear a complete and full functioning „state-of-the-art diving equipment“.

All dives prior to open water certification shall be conducted during daylight hours at depths between 15 and 40 feet (5 to 12 metres). Dives shall not be conducted in any situation where direct vertical access to the surface is not possible. Aquatic plants are not considered an overhead obstruction.

No more than two open water scuba dives may be conducted on a given day. These dives may be a combination of required training dives and additional excursion dives.

Informations prior to the dive, according to the IDA rule for briefing:

Private and personal information, water conditions (fresh or salt water, visibility, temperature)

Rescue chain (telephone and number to call, AED, First Aid, Oxygen, Doctor, Ambulance), preparation of the rescue and oxygen case. Behaviour in case of an accident.)

The dive spot (current, aquatic life, (poisonous) plants or animals, boats and ships, sailing vessels, surfers)

Environmental conditions (weather, wind, daylight or nightdive), diving environmental friendly Planned dive (plan the dive and dive the plan)

Rehearsal of the UW – signs (perhaps agreement upon special signs)

Equipment-, buddy check (very carefully)

Physical prerequisites

A valid dive medical examination is the indispensable requirement for the participation in IDA regulated dive activities. The dive medical examination should follow the guide-lines of the GTÜM. Next to a valid dive medical certificate a good general physical state and a present physical and mental wellbeing are the prerequisites for participating in a safe dive. This includes a healthy diet, a well-balanced liquid consume and of course waiving drugs, nicotine and alcohol.

Use of the Diving Instructor

Students shall receive their initial training of each scuba skill under the direct supervision of the instructor. Further skill development may continue under direct supervision of certified assistants and indirect supervision of the instructor. The instructor shall conduct the final evaluation to determine the satisfactory skill performance of each student. During each course the instructor has to wear a „stat-of-the-art equipment“. The maximum number of students for in-water training is four students per instructor. Two additional students per certified assistant may be added up to a maximum of 6 students per instructor. Although additional assistants may be used, no additional students may be added to the responsibility of the individual instructor. These ratios are considered maximum and should be reduced if environmental conditions or other factors are not optimum

Use of certified Assistant Instructors

No more than two open water scuba dives may be conducted on a given day. These dives may be a combination of required training dives and additional excursion dives. The IDA Instructor has to be present at any educational dives. During any open water scuba training dive, the instructor has the option to delegate responsibility for direct supervision to certified assistants for the purpose of escorting students during surface excursions and exits. During any open water scuba training dive, while the instructor conducts a skill, certified assistants may temporarily directly supervise the remaining students. Following satisfactory student performance of the skill evaluations during the second open water scuba training dive, the instructor has the option to delegate responsibility for direct supervision to certified assistants for the purpose of escorting students during underwater tours, with indirect supervision by the instructor. Any excursion dives conducted prior to the satisfactory performance of the skill evaluations for the first training dive are to be conducted under the direct supervision of the instructor and are not to exceed a depth of 40 feet/12 metres. The maximum number of students per certified assistant for the escorting of students during underwater tours is two.

Open Water Consideration

All dives prior to open water diver shall be conducted during daylight hours at depths between 5 to 12 metres. Dives shall not be conducted in any situation where direct vertical access to the surface is not possible. Aquatic plants are not considered an overhead obstruction.

DI-Examinations / Instructor Training Course (ITC)

Only after presenting all required documents an admission to an ITC is possible. All training and examination certificates and protocols must be sent to IDA HQ after the end of the course, complete and signed by the instructors/examiners. The HQ checks the completeness and conformity and stores the documents in a Data protection basic regulation (DSGVO)-compliant cloud in Germany.

To become a diving instructor in the International Diving Association the candidate must successfully pass a diving instructor examination (ITC) organized by IDA. This examination may have been an ITC or in case of already qualified diving instructors from other organizations a cross-over-examination (see IDA Crossover Examination Regulation). There is no other way to become an IDA diving instructor status.

IDA will assemble the examination commission. Members are at least one (1) examiner and one (1) diving instructor*** or diving instructor****. A maximum of four (4) candidates per examiner are permissible.

A MD, emergency- dive medically trained, must be present if dive medical emergency treatment near the location cannot be guaranteed.

Liability Insurance

Every DI is required to keep a liability insurance covering at least the amount of 3.000.000 €. This is a prerequisite to stay in an active education status. IDA seriously recommends the closure of an insurance for diving accidents (e.g. aquamed, DAN), especially for covering dive accidents (e.g. pressure chamber treatment), not covered by regular health insurance.

Special Courses

Special courses currently offered by IDA (see also IDA-Euideline for SC):

- SC UW-Navigation
- SC Group Leading
- SC Night diving
- SC Diving Safety and Rescue
- SC Drysuit diving
- SC Current / Drift diving
- SC Wreck diving
- SC Diving in Marine Cavern
- SC Medicine-Practice
- SC Apnoe 1 and 2
- SC CPR-Course
- SC O2-Course
- SC Technic
- SC Search and Recovery
- SC UW Photography
- SC Ice diving
- SC Cold Water diving
- SC Mountain Lake diving
- SC Deep diving (40 m)
- SC Tec Fundamental
- SC Seamanship
- SC Sweet water biology
- SC Marine biology
- SC Decompression
- SC UW Scooter
- SC Danger Management
- SC Side mount diving
- SC Buoyancy in perfection
- SC Solo diving

The certification authority for the following IDA special course can only be granted after a successful participation in certain seminars with an examination held by IDA. See also the special regulations for IDA-DI-levels.

The certification authority for organizing these DI-seminars is given by the IDA head office after proven qualification.

Prior to the announcement of a seminar this authority must be obtained. The IDA BEE (Board of education) is giving further information.

- SC Drysuit diving
- SC Current / Drift diving
- SC Wreck diving
- SC Diving in Marine Cavern
- SC Apnoe 1 and 2
- SC Marine biology
- SC Decompression
- SC Solo diving
- SC UW Scooter
- SC Side mount diving
- SC Ice diving
- SC Cold Water diving
- SC Mountain Lake diving
- SC Deep diving (40 m)
- SC Tec Fundamental
- SC UW Photography
- SC Seamanship
- SC Sweet water biology
- SC Danger Management
- SC Search and Recovery

Special Brevets

Special brevets, like e.g. apnea-, nitrox-, trimix- or side-mount-diving, are not achievable by this way (except IDA Apnea *, see DI*), a much more intense and complex education than in the regular offered IDA special courses is certainly required.

Anything further is organized in special IDA examination regulations.

Validity

IDA Diving Instructor passes are valid only if signed by the IDA president.

IDA Diving Instructor licenses DI1-DI3 are valid for four (4) years first. By the following prerequisites they can be extended:

1. Alternative

- 30 lessons diving instructor further education within the last four (4) years (At least 1 DI-Meeting and at least 1 seminar medicine)
- Proof of IDA DI work (Certification of at least 30 IDA exercises or special courses)
- IDA-Membership
- Valid dive medical certificate

2. Alternative

- Theory exam within the last four (4) years
- Proof of IDA DI work (Certification of at least 20 IDA-courses or special courses)
- IDA-Membership
- Valid dive medical certificate

Licenses, less than one (1) year expired, can be extended. Licenses, expired for more than one (1) year must be extended by a written application from the dive club / the dive school/base, the DI is working for.

Additional

An exclusion from the association without notice because of insufficient or incorrect education is possible if fault can be proven in case of the DI in question.

IDA is taking on the supervising function.

Abbreviations

IDA	International Diving Association	DI	Diving Instructor
ER	Examination Regulation	ITC	Instructor Training Course
SC	Special Course	CD	Course Director
CPR	Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation	Examiner	
DIA	Diving Instructor Assistant		

IDA-Dive Guide

Aim of the course

Receiving the following competences:

- Organization, execution and leadership of dive excursions/ other dive activities for a dive center
- Flawless safety- and emergency management
- Special competence in the field of boat diving and group management
- Assistance at Introductory Scuba Dives (not to be employed as an certified Assistant)

Prerequisites

- Minimum age: 18 years.
- Level of experience: IDA*** / IDA **** or equivalent.
- Valid dive medical certificate according to the IDA guidelines, less than 6 month old.
- Proof of sufficient dive experience. The applicant must have a minimum of 65 logged dives upon completion of the course, with at least 10 dives to a depth of 28-30 m in fresh water and/or 38-40 m in the open water (open sea).
- Signed application form for courses.
- IDA-Membership (License holder).
- SC „Deep diving“, SC „Seamanship“, SC „Decompression“.
- CPR-course and First Aid course not older than 12 month.
- SC UW-Navigation, SC Group Guide, SC Rescue Diver, SC Night Diver.
- IDA recommend the following courses: SC Drysuit Diving, SC Wreck Diving, SC Current Diving, SC Ice Diving, SC Diving in Marine Caverns.
- A minimum of 30 hours of dive training under supervision of a certified instructor. Proof through logbook entries and course certificates.
- The closure of insurance for dive accidents, especially for the costs not covered by a normal health insurance (e.g. costs occurring in dive accidents – pressure chamber treatment) is mandatory (e.g. aquamed/DAN).
- The applicant has to own a „state-of-the-art“ diving equipment, which is completely functional.

Registration

The responsible IDA-DI must register the applicant with the association.

Prerequisites for the education organization

The dive guide training must take place at an IDA-Dive base/-school only when certified by IDA.

Prerequisites of the dive school/base:

- IDA-Membership,
- self-owned compressor with organized filling service,
- classroom with up-to-date media equipment,
- regular training or dive operation,
- with regular beginner training
- and a permanent training team led by a base manager.

The application for certification of the training base must take place in written form to the IDA head office. The prerequisites must be documented and the DI (at least DI**) responsible for the training must be designated.

The IDA head office will decide about the licensing, valid until revoked.

Exercises with ABC-equipment:

- Time apnea: 60sec under permanent change of location (about 10m).
- Distance apnea: 45m without neoprene suit or 40m in a neoprene suit.
- Deep apnea: 10m in open water.
- Snorkeling: 60min and covering a distance of at least 1.500m, with 15min in belly, back, side position and with only one fin each.
- Rescue exercise: 150m snorkeling towards a scuba diver in a depth of 7,5m, recovering the same to the surface with a subsequent transport of again 150m at the surface (50m each under different transport methods).
- Binding a rope by a bowline knot to an object in a depth of 5m.

Theory

- Realizing and countering stress.
- Listing the accident management procedures.
- The entire parts of a complete diving organization.
- Diving as business.
- Structure and knowledge about the entire IDA education system and the combination strings.
- Up-date SC Group leading (Group Guide)
- Up-date SC Navigaton
- Up-date SC Dving safety and rescue (Rescue Diver)
- Participation in a seminar / course: solving / helping with technical problems, practice orientated.
- Verification of the D*** theory
- **Participation in SC „Diving in cold waters“ or alternative SC „Deep diving“**
- **Participation in a workshop „diving with children“**

Practice content

Exercises with ABC-equipment

Time apnea: 60sec under permanent change of location (about 10m).

Distance apnea: 45m without neoprene suit or 40m in a neoprene suit.

Deep apnea: 10m in open water.

Snorkeling: 60min and covering a distance of at least 1.500m, with 15min in belly, back, side position and with only one fin each.

Swimming 300 meter without swimming aids. Then remain on the surface of the water for 20 minutes without swimming aids and without changing position.

Rescue exercise: 150m snorkeling towards a scuba diver in a depth of 7,5m, recovering the same to the surface with a subsequent transport of again 150m at the surface (50m each under different transport methods).

Binding a rope by a bowline knot to an object in a depth of 5m.

- Realizing accident causes, risk evaluation
- Exercises according to the Training Record Card
- The use of rescue-measures
- Learn and show the performance of an effective group leader
- Guide divers in dives and specialty dives
- Guide in coast, boat, night, deep, current and wreck dives
- Demonstrating during the dives how to use computers effective and how the air consumption can be improved.
- Organizing and leading an entire dive day at a lake or the sea and a dive trip on a boat.
- Assist in introductory scuba dives
- Responsible organizing and executing four (4) try scuba dives with a ratio 1:1.
- Preparation, planning, and control in dive management and diving activities
- Pool/confined water and open water procedures
- Pool/confined water and open water problem solving
- Delivery of at least five (5) appropriate dive management or diving activities
- **The training organization's training standards**
- **The training organizations' requirements for dive supervisor certification**
- Professional and ethical responsibility of a recreational dive supervisor (signed IDA guiding principle)
- Dive supervisor-level knowledge of equipment, physics of diving, physiology
- of diving, medical problems related to diving, decompression theory, use of dive tables, dive computers and dive environment.

During the training, the participant demonstrates that he/she has learned and mastered the following skills during the courses and classes already taken. The skills are checked by the training instructor and supplemented if necessary.

- Equipment
- Physics of diving
- Medical problems related to diving
- Use of diving tables and dive computers
- Diving environment
- Dive planning
- Planning and preparation, with emphasis on the prevention of out-of-air situations and emergencies
- Emergency procedures
- Accident management/prevention
- Communications, both underwater and on the surface
- Diver assistance
- Recommended safe diving practices
- Boat diving procedures
- Night diving procedures

The candidate shall demonstrate in open water, to a certified instructor, preparation and planning (including briefing and debriefing), group control and supervision, problem solving for at least three (3) open water diving activities. If possible and time permitting, it may be useful to practise the exercises below first in the pool or confined open water.

- Diving system assembly and disassembly (at **water's edge**)
- **Equipment inspection (at water's edge)**
- Entries and exits
- Proper weighting
- Mouthpiece clearing--snorkel and regulator
- Regulator/snorkel exchanges at the surface
- Controlled descents and ascents
- Underwater swimming
- Mask-clearing
- Buddy-system techniques
- Underwater and surface buoyancy control
- Diver assistance techniques (self/buddy/group)
- Surface-snorkel swimming with full diving system
- Underwater Problem-solving (regulator recovery/retrieval, etc.)
- Underwater removal and replacement of the weight/ballast system (when wearing a scuba unit with an integrated weight system, may be performed in conjunction with 5.5.16)
- Removal and replacement of scuba system
- Out-of-air emergency alternatives
- **Equipment care and maintenance (at the water's edge)**
- Underwater navigation

Success Control

The DI responsible for the training supervises frequently the practical and theoretical success.

By supervising the dive guide in practice (see practice contents) the reaching of the education goal is monitored. In the theoretical part the same will be verified by a written exam (answering of a questionnaire) and by two demonstration lessons about the topics ABC-equipment and SCUBA-equipment.

Entitlement

The brevetted dive guide is entitled to lead group journeys, work as a guide on dive boats or bases. The dive guide has a role model function by all means. The dive guide is entitled to perform try scuba dives in a pool or under pool like conditions with the ratio 1:1 under the indirect supervision of a DI*. The dive guide can participate in the education to IDA/CMAS-diving instructor assistant (DIA). Already absolved parts will be recognized.

Certification

The dive guide prospect and the DI responsible for the training are documenting the ongoing single parts of the education and the final conclusion of the training in the actual IDA-education plan for dive guides with their signatures.

Together with the dive pass of the dive guide the education summary must be mailed to the IDA head office Wartenberg after the end of training. There the final certification to IDA dive guide will be processed (Pass registration, ID-Card, certificate). The divers' pass, the IDA ID-Card and the certificate will be mailed back to the dive guide.

Diving Instructor Assistant (DIA/Assistant Scuba Instructor)

Prerequisites

- Minimum age: 18 years.
- Level of experience: IDA***/***/Dive Supervisor or equivalent.
- Valid dive medical certificate according to the IDA guidelines, less than 6 month old.
- Signed IDA application form for diving courses and signed IDA contract between applicant and training diving centre. The instructor responsible for the training must be named.
- Proof of sufficient dive experience. The applicant must have at least 80 logged dives with at least 30 dives in the ocean.
- The candidate shall complete at least seventy (70) hours of involvement/training/evaluation which may include no more than thirty (30) hours of dive supervisor training.
- IDA-Membership (License holder).
- The following courses must be completed before starting the Instructor Assistant training: Open Water Diver / IDA 1 star diver or equivalent, IDA SC UW-Navigation, IDA SC Group Guide, AOWD or equivalent, IDA 2 star diver or equivalent, IDA SC Rescue Diver or equivalent, IDA Night Diver or equivalent, IDA Nitrox Diver or equivalent, IDA 3 star Diver or equivalent. IDA recommends: IDA SC Deep, IDA SC Drysuit, IDA SC Wreck, IDA SC Ice.
- A participation in a First-Aid-Course, including Cardiac-Pulmonary-Resuscitation (less than 6 month old).
- The applicant must have a scuba system representing the general state of actual technic (state-of the art).
- The closure of dive medical insurance, especially for the liability of dive accidents (e.g. pressure chamber treatment) is strongly recommended (e.g. AQUAMED), since this kind of treatment is not covered by the health insurance.
- IDA Assistant-Start Set (with the actual IDA education material)
- The participation in the following preparation seminars is recommended:
 - Dive medicine/rescue for diving instructors
 - Technic for diving instructors
 - Rhetoric, Methodic, Didactic for diving instructors

Registration

At the beginning of the training (DIA in training) the applicant must be enrolled with the association by an IDA-DI with training certification for DIA. The association will certify the participant to certified **Diving Instructor Assistant** upon completion of the education and the presentation of the entire training documentation.

The time as an assistant diving instructor can be spend at a diving school/base not member of IDA if all prerequisites are fulfilled. The responsible IDA-DI must report the assistant diving instructor for the IEC.

The Assistant Instructor training sheet has to be send, after completion, to the IDA HQ where it will be registered and stored.

Prerequisites for the education organization

The training for the assistant diving instructor must take place at an IDA-Dive base/-school only when certified by IDA.

Prerequisites of the dive school/base:

- IDA-Membership,
- self-owned compressor with organized filling service,
- school room with up-to-date media equipment,
- regular training or dive operation,
- with regular beginner training,
- and a permanent training team led by a base manager.

The application for certification of the training base must take place in written form to the IDA head office. The prerequisites must be documented and the DI (at least DI**) responsible for the training must be designated.

The IDA head office will decide about the licensing, valid until revoked

Training and Education

The training base will sign a written training contract with the candidate. A copy together with the filled out license application must be submitted to the IDA head office Wartenberg.

Thereafter the DIA-candidate will receive access to the IDA-Homepage and the IDA-DI-1-Start Set. He / She will now be listed as “Diving Instructor Assistant in Training”. If the training is done part-time in Germany, it should last at least 6 months. If the training takes place full-time at a dive centre abroad, it should last at least 6 weeks. During this time, the current IDA training plan for diving instructor assistants must be completed in full.

A underwater biology seminar with practice is recommended.

The diving instructor assistant education contains at least the specifications of the actual IDA training plan for diving instructor assistants (which includes 40 open water training dives).

The DIA and the training DI must document the execution of the single parts and the conclusion of the training time in the actual IDA-training plan for DIA with their signatures.

In addition the DIA-candidate must keep an education diary covering the entire training time. In this logbook he / she shall list the detailed lesson preparations and any performed tasks. The diary will be judged by the DI responsible for the training and finally signed by both of them.

Upon training completion the education documents must be mailed to the IDA head office Wartenberg together with the dive pass of the DIA- candidate. There the certification to Diving Instructor Assistant will be completed (pass entry, ID-Card, certificate). The dive pass, the ID-Card and the certificate are being mailed to the DIA.

Now the IDA-Diving Instructor Assistant is entitled to certify the below listed IDA brevets and is eligible with this license to participate in an IDA/CMAS DI* ITC.

Success Control

The DI responsible for the training supervises frequently the practical and theoretical success.

By supervising the assistant diving instructor in practice (see practice contents) the reaching of the education goal is monitored. In the theoretical part the same will be verified by a written exam (answering of a questionnaire), by an oral presentation lasting 10 to 15 minutes and two demonstration lessons about the topics ABC-equipment and SCUBA-equipment.

Examination Contents

- Answering a written questionnaire
- The candidate shall hold an abstract lasting 10-15min about a theme out of the diving education, -practice, -physics, -medicine, -physiology, -equipment or diving and environment. The topic will be chosen by the DI. The applicant must prepare two (2) seminar papers about two different themes.
- Demonstration of first aid measures after dive accidents including the use of different O₂-systems. The candidate must be able to realize fast a correct diagnosis and apply the needed first aid.
- In a practice presentation the candidate must perform the skills for a beginner training in a pool or under **pool like conditions with a grading of at least „3“**.
- In a demonstration lesson in a pool or under pool like conditions the candidate must perform a beginner lesson. This includes briefing, organization in the water, solving problems and debriefing. The **grading must be at least “3”**.
- In a demonstration lesson in the open water the candidate must perform a beginner lesson. This includes briefing, organization in the water, solving problems and **debriefing. The grading must be at least “3”**.
- The candidate must organize and perform a try scuba dive.
- 1000m towing of an accident victim in open water.
- 10m deep diving in apnea.
- 40m distance diving in apnea in open water.
- Controlled emergency ascent from a depth of 15m.
- As an apnea diver in open water diving towards a scuba system weight down with 10kg lead and recovering the same (performance without buoyancy assistance).
- 5min diving without mask in open water.
- 3 x 35m distance diving towards a scuba system.
- Exchange breathing between three (3) to five (5) divers at one (1) scuba system.
- Dive No.1: Leading a dive group.
- Dive No.2: Leading a dive group with accident with the entire emergency management and the fill out procedure for the accident protocol.
- Assistance and lead in a complete SC Orienteering course.
- Assistance and lead in a complete SC Group Leading course.
- Assistance and lead in a complete SC Night Diving course.
- Rescue exercise from the SC Diving safety and rescue.

Remark:

If an IDA DIA, after the successful completion of his / her education, is escorting children in underwater activities or if he / she is performing try scuba dives with children the advanced **participation in the workshop “diving with children” held by a certified instructor is mandatory. It is also mandatory to sign the IDA-model. The qualification will be granted by the IDA head office in writing.**

Entitlement

Upon registration with IDA an IDA- Diving Instructor Assistant in training is entitled to work for an IDA dive base/school or for an otherwise certified base and get prepared for his / her ITC.

Upon training conclusion and certification (pass entry and ID-Card) he / she is also entitled to assist in the education of the course leading diving instructor and conduct certain exercise parts by his / her direction self-responsible. He / she is also entitled to certify the following courses:

- Try SCUBA
- Discover Scuba – Discover Scuba Diving
- Junior Diver 1 - Flipper 1
- Junior Diver 2 - Flipper 2
- Junior OWD – Pool (Workshop Diving with Children is mandatory)
- Skin Diver 1
- Skin Diver 2
- IDA Basic Pool Diver
- IDA Basic Diver
- IDA Open Water Diver – Pool and Open Water Dive No.1 and No.2.
- IDA*– Pool and Open Water Dive No.1 and No.2.

Obligation

The IDA-Diving Instructor Assistant is committed with his / her signature on the IDA-license contract to recognize and comply with the IDA-examination regulations.

He / she is also committed to a further education of the personnel dive knowledge and to a teaching obligation.

The diving instructor assistant is also committed to participate in an IDA ITC (Instructor Training Course) within two years after his / her registration with the association or remain permanently in the status of assistant diving instructor (e.g. for clubs/dive bases). Without a participation in an ITC, the DIA is obligated to useful further education (e.g. online seminar, diving instructor meetings, IDA-Instructor-College) to remain in an active status.

Supplement

A restriction for the performance of the assistant training time with a certain association is due to the multitude of education organizations for diver and diving instructors not conducive for the basic idea of recreational diving. Therefore DIA who had their education with other association are entitled to participate in any IDA courses, seminars and examinations.

Nevertheless, any specific IDA-themes must be controlled (e. g. the actual decompression table)

Diving Instructor* (DI1/ Scuba Instructor)

Prerequisites

- Minimum age: 18 years.
- IDA-Membership (License holder).
- Valid dive medical certificate according to the IDA guidelines, less than 6 month old.
- Signed application form.
- Certified IDA-Assistant instructor license or a comparable brevet of another association. All courses that are mandatory to be an IDA Assistant Instructor (must have been visited successfully in theory and practice (see prerequisites for IDA Diving Assistant and Assistant Instructor Education Plan).
- At least 1 year of diving experience.
- At least 100 training hours of specialized training (see Assistant Instructor training plan), with at least 50 hours under direct supervision.
- The applicant must have a scuba system representing the general state of actual technic (state-of the art).
- IDA SC „Medicine-Practice“ or equivalent.
- The applicant must take part in a CPR-course hold by an organisation like German Red cross or similar within the last 6 months.
- The applicant must take part in a First Aid-course hold by an organisation like German Red cross or similar within the last 6 months. The applicant must
- take part in a oxygen user course given by a certified instructor or an certified
- association (Red Cross or similar) within the last 6 months.
- A total of 150 dives, with 50 dives after IDA***, with at least 30 dives within the 12 month prior to the application date. From those six dives must have been between 35 to 40m in sweet or salt water.
- Physical conditioning: The participant demonstrates to the registering instructor that he/she is able to move in open water with and without equipment. To do this, he/she must swim dressed only in a swimsuit/swim trunks and without any equipment, covering a distance of at least 500 metres. He/she must then take a rest break of at least 10 minutes on the surface of the water without using any aids.
- A participation as assistant (Referent and „Examiner“) in an IDA* course including an exam in theory and practice verified by an IDA DI.
- By an IDA-DI verified participation (at least DI 2) in the following examination dives:
 - 2 dives as a member of a dive group for certification dives to IDA **/**.
 - 2 dives as a group leader for certification dives to IDA **/**, the exam will be graded by the DI.
 - 1 dive as an “examiner to IDA**“, which will be finally graded by the DI.
- The participation in the following preparing seminars is recommended:
 - Dive medicine/rescue for diving instructors
 - Technic for diving instructors
 - Rhetoric, methodic, didactic for diving instructors (lesson management)
 - IDA will offer these seminars annually multiple times.
 - Seminars of the same content from other associations are also accepted.

- At the beginning of the examination, evidence must be presented stating that the preparatory dives have been carried out (e. g. IDA Assistant education plan).
- IDA DI-start set with the actual IDA-education material and the knowledge of the same.
- Participation in an ITC of the International Diving Association.
- Proof of liability insurance for diving instructors.

The mandatory training period must be completed in at least six months in Germany (part-time) or at least four weeks abroad (fulltime at a professional dive centre). Instructor training shall at least meet the requirements of the current IDA Assistant Instructor Curriculum (including min. 40 open water training dives). The complete training period must occur under the supervision of a certified instructor or instructor trainer. At least half of the training period must occur under the supervision of an instructor trainer (IDA Instructor ***/****/CD).

Registration

An active IDA-DI must register the candidate for the ITC.

DI Examination (ITC)

Within five (5) consecutive days (ocean/lake) an ITC must occur with at least two (2) dives from a boat. The exam is divided into three (3) parts, theory, practical test beginner education and practical test further education courses. If one (1) part is not successfully completed the content can be repeated within six (6) month. If a candidate fails in two (2) parts the ITC must be repeated.

The following topics are to be clarified between the examiner and the participant in good time before the start of the examination and recorded in writing.

Certification requirements (see prerequisites)

Scope of course (see examination content and examination protocol)

Content (see examination content and examination protocol)

Limitations of eventual qualification (see Instructor guidelines)

Equipment requirements (see Instructor guidelines)

Course procedures (see examination content and examination protocol).

Examination Content

According to the actual Instructor Examination Protocol

- Answering a written questionnaire.
- The candidate shall hold an abstract lasting 10-15min about a theme out of the diving education, -practice, -physics, -medicine, -physiology, -equipment or diving and environment. The topic will be chosen by the examiner. The applicant must prepare two (2) seminar papers about two different themes.
- Demonstration of first aid measures after dive accidents including the use of a common O₂-systems. The candidate must be able to realize fast a correct diagnosis and apply the needed first aid. He / she must also be able to answer specific questions about physiology and dive medicine.
- A demonstration lesson ABC-equipment and SCUBA-system each.
- Ascending from at least 25m under exchange breathing.
- Show the beginner skills in a pool or under pool like conditions; grading must be at least „3“.
- Demonstration lesson for a beginner in a pool or under pool like conditions including briefing, organization under water, dealing with problems and debriefing; grading must be at least a “3”.
- Dive No. 1: A beginner demonstration lesson in open water including briefing, organization under water, dealing with problems and debriefing; grading must be at least a “3”.
- Dive No. 2: Organize and perform a try scuba dive.
- Dive No. 3: Lead a dive group with incidents and an accident. Demonstrate a partner rescue with a controlled ascent from a depth of 10m to the surface by using all available parts of the equipment; emergency signal at the surface; transport to the shore or a boat (about 50m); immediate first aid measures and initiation of further measures.
- Dive No. 4: Leading a dive group with navigation tasks. Setting a descent and ascent buoy using a bowline.
- Dive No. 5: Demonstration lesson AOWD course. Teach the exercise “shooting a buoy” and buoyancy control in perfection (hovering for at least one (1) minute without using arms or legs).
- Dive No. 6: Deep diving: Prior to the dive an air consumption calculation and the planning with decompression table must be performed.
- No. 7: (optional) Night diving:
- Snorkeling with a group in entire dive equipment: The candidate must perform as a group leader and is responsible for safety and keeping the group together.

Entitlement

Brevets:

- Try SCUBA Dives
- Junior Diver 1 - Flipper 1 (upon workshop diving with children)
- Junior Diver 2 - Flipper 2 (upon workshop diving with children)
- Junior Open Water Diver (upon workshop diving with children)
- Junior Advanced Open Diver (upon workshop diving with children)
- Skin Diver 1
- Skin Diver 2
- IDA Basic Pool Diver
- IDA Basic Diver
- IDA* / Open Water Diver
- AOWD
- IDA Apnea*

Special Courses:

- SC UW Navigation
- SC Group Leading
- SC Night Divining
- SC Buoyancy in Perfection
- SC CPR-Course

Upon successful participation in the relevant IDA-DI-Seminar also:

- SC Sport Diving in Marine Cavern
- SC Deep Diving
- SC Wreck Diving
- SC Drysuit Diving
- SC Nitrox
- SC Gas Blender
- SC Search and Recovery
- SC O2-Provider
- SC Danger Management
- SC TSR
- SC Side Mount Diving
- SC Tec Fundamental
- SC Solo Diving
- SC UW Scooter
- SC UW Photography
- Rebreather-Diving
- RC-Diving
- Assistant Instructor (upon workshop or presentation Assistant Instructor education at IDA)

Commitment

The IDA-DI is committed to an education and certification of dive students according to the IDA regulations.

He / she must use the recommended education material and perform (at least) two (2) courses per year.

The IDA-DI must use diving equipment being “state of the art”. With missing or insufficient standard abroad, the German standard must be used.

The IDA-DI must care for a personal further education by participating in e.g. online-seminars, workshops and the IDA Instructor College for diving instructors.

Also, he / she is committed to enlarge his / her personal knowledge about recreational diving in every field and pass it on to others.

Diving Instructor (DI2)**

Prerequisites

- Minimum age: 20 years.
- IDA-Membership (License holder).
- Valid dive medical certificate according to the IDA guidelines, less than two (2) years old, with applicants above the age of 40 less than one (1) year.
- A valid IDA-diving instructor 1 license with an active, at least one (1) yearlong training period as an IDA diving instructor 1, including the complete certification of minimum one diver 1 star course, with a successful certification of the apnea exercises for DIA if required.
- IDA SC „Medicine-Practice“
- A total of 250 dives, with 150 dives after IDA***, with at least 30 dives within the 12 month prior to the application date. From those six dives must have been between 35 to 40m in sweet or salt water.
- A participation as assistant (Referent and „Examiner“) in an IDA* course including an exam in theory and practice verified by an IDA DI**.
- By an IDA-DI** verified participation (at least DI2) in the following courses:
 - IDA **/**.
 - or a SC, including the exam in theory and practice.
the exam will be graded by the DI.
- The participation in the following preparing seminars:
 - Seamanship (to be skipped for the bearer of the small boat license sea).
- Recommended is a participation in a training sequence about the preparation and organization of seminars.
- IDA DI-start set with the actual IDA-education material and the knowledge of the same.
- Participation in an ITC of the International Diving Association.
- Proof of liability insurance for diving instructors.

Registration

The IDA-DI* must self-register in time.

DI Examination (ITC)

Within five (5) consecutive days (ocean/lake) an ITC must occur with at least two (2) dives from a boat. The exam is divided into three (3) parts, theory, further education training, practical test further education courses and diving instructor assistant training.

If one (1) part is not successfully completed the content can be repeated within six (6) month. If a candidate fails in two (2) parts the ITC must be repeated.

Examination Content

According to the actual Instructor Examination Protocol

- The DI** candidate must prepare him-/herself about the theme diving safety especially (safety prior to a dive, during, after and while boat diving). He/she shall hold an abstract on the scene.
- Theoretical test covering every aspect of recreational diving (answering a written questionnaire).
- Demonstration of first aid measures after dive accidents including the use of a common O₂-systems. The candidate must be able to realize fast a correct diagnosis and apply the needed first aid. He / she must also be able to answer specific questions about physiology and dive medicine.
- Giving an abstract at the scene lasting 10-15min. The examiner will chose a theme from any field of recreational diving; -practice, physics, medicine, physiology, equipment or diving and environment. The candidate must be prepared for two different of those.
- Participating in the DI* exchange breathing exercise (is part of the DIA exam!!!).
- Safety on board.
- Assisting the DI*** candidate in organizing the examination
- Show the beginner skills in a pool or under pool like conditions; grading must be at least „2“.
- Demonstration lesson for a beginner in a pool or under pool like conditions including briefing, organization under water, dealing with problems and debriefing; grading must be at least a “2” (diving instructor assistant training).
- Dive No. 1: A demonstration lesson for a D** education in open water including briefing, organization under water, dealing with problems and debriefing; grading must be at least a “3”.
- Dive No. 2: A demonstration lesson for a D*** education in open water including briefing, organization under water, dealing with problems and debriefing; grading must be at least a “3”.
- Dive No. 3: Lead a dive group with incidents and an accident. Demonstrate a partner rescue with a controlled ascent from a depth of 10m to the surface by using all available parts of the equipment; emergency signal at the surface; transport to the shore or a boat (about 50m); immediate first aid measures and initiation of further measures.
- Dive No. 4: Assistant education in a special course. The examiner will announce the process (night dive, orienteering, group leading).
- Dive No. 5: Demonstration lesson AOWD course. Teach the exercise “shooting a buoy” and buoyancy control in perfection (hovering for at least one (1) minute without using arms or legs, fin techniques).
- Dive No. 6: Deep diving: Prior to the dive an air consumption calculation and the planning with decompression table must be performed.

Entitlement

Brevets:

- Discover Scuba Diving
- Junior Diver 1 - Flipper 1 (upon workshop diving with children)
- Junior Diver 2 - Flipper 2 (upon workshop diving with children)
- Junior Open Water Diver (upon workshop diving with children)
- Junior Advanced Open Diver (upon workshop diving with children)
- Skin Diver 1
- Skin Diver 2
- IDA Basic Pool Diver
- IDA Basic Diver
- IDA* / Open Water Diver
- AOWD • IDA**
- Master Diver
- IDA***
- IDA Apnea*
- IDA diveguide
- Assistant Instructor (upon workshop or presentation Assistant Instructor education at IDA)

Special Courses:

- SC UW-Navigation
- SC Group Leading • SC Night
Divining
- SC Buoyancy in Perfection
- SC CPR-Course
- SC Diving Safety and Rescue
- SC Seamanship
- SC Medicine Practice (together with a MD having knowledge in
emergency and dive medicine)
- SC O₂

Upon successful participation in the relevant IDA-DI-Seminar also:

- SC Sport Diving in Marine Cavern
- SC Deep Diving
- SC Wreck Diving
- SC Drysuit Diving
- SC Ice Diving • SC Nitrox
- SC Nitrox Advanced
- SC Gas Blender
- SC Search and Recovery • SC O2-Provider
- SC Danger Management • SC TSR
- SC Side Mount Diving
- SC Tec Fundamental
- SC Solo Diving
- SC UW Scooter
- SC UW Photography
- SC Cave Diving
- Technical Diving (see standards technical diving)
- Rebreather-Diving (see standards Rebreather diving)
- RC-Diving (see standards RC-Diving)

Special Regulation

IDA-CMAS diving instructors**/**/*/*, having received their IDA-CMAS DI** license prior to the 01st June 2007 are entitled to certification SC Drysuit Diving, Wreck Diving and Sport Diving in Marine

Cavern witut the special IDA seminar.

Diving Instructor*** (DI3/ Scuba Instructor Trainer)

Prerequisites

- Minimum age: 21 years.
- IDA-Membership (License holder).
- Valid dive medical certificate according to the IDA guidelines, less than 6 month old.
- Valid IDA Diving Instructor** licence with at least 3 years of active training work as an IDA Diving Instructor** (at least 100 hours specialized training/evaluation under the direction of a qualified instructor trainer oder instructor examiner) including - confirmed by the diving club or diving school or member association (training department) - responsible leadership of a course for IDA diver** or IDA diver*** or equivalent. The requirement of 3 years of active training work can, on application, be shortened to 2 years if the candidate can prove that he is/was daily active in diving training in a commercial diving school (written confirmation of the base manager). Participation in a Instructor 3 star examination is possible beforehand, the Instructor 3 star is then, after passing the examination, considered as a temporary Instructor 3 star. The final licence, however, is only awarded and confirmed by the association after the expiry of at least 2 or at least 3 years.
- More than 250 logged dives
- The applicant must have a scuba system representing the general state of actual technic (state-of the art).
- If verified quality assurance complaints accure within the last 12 months, the candidate can not take part on the corresponding Examination course.
- Training certificate of a first aid seminar with CPR less than one 6 month old.
- The candidate must prove that he/she has trained a minimum of 150 students (prove is given if the head of the diving club/diving school is certifying it or if the IDA Registration office has the prove based on the certified students). The training experiece has to be broad based (alle levels, beginner, advanced, leadership, special courses).
- Twice the certification of all practical exercises for IDA D***.
- The participation in the seminar "Seamanship" (to be skipped for the bearer of the small boat license sea).
- A several years long active education work for the association (to be verified by the IDA BEE). The candidate shall have demonstrated support of his/her training organization by conducting training and imparting philosophy consistent with that organization's standards and methodology as outlined in the organization's instructor manual/guidelines. The candidate has to take part as an Co-Examiner on at least three complete Instructor Examination courses, confirmed by the IDA Instructor Examiner. In addition, the candidate shall have used his/her training organization's complete system of diver education, which includes the use of that organization's training materials. He must have trained at least 2 diving instructor assistants and passed them to an IDA Instructor examination course. The quality of these Assistant Instructors is crucial whether the candidate can take part in the Instructor examination course. If the assistant Instructors are not well trained, the candidate can not take part in the Instructor examination course. If the assistant Instructors are not well trained the IDA HQ deprives the candidate of the possibility to train assistant Instructors.
- IDA DI-start set with the actual IDA-education material/ IDA Standards and guielines and the knowledge of the same.
- Participation as an instructor or staff in at least 3 instructor training courses.
- Good Knowledge of IDA standards and requirements for diving courses (certification requirements, Contents of the courses and limitations, equipment and material requirements, course procedures.

- Participation in an ITC of the International Diving Association.
- Two weeks long education work at a dive base (only for ideal diving instructors).
- Registration

The IDA-DI** must self-register in time.

DI Examination (ITC)

All parts of the exam must be performed in the sequence „theory – practice within the period of 24 month.

The DI3 candidate ensures a flawless conduct and a correct planning of the entire diving instructor examination at the scene. This is true not only for the organization, but also for any professional theoretical and professional practical matters.

The IDA-DI3 is a figurehead/role model for the association. IDA expects from an IDA-DI3 as a group leader, while in this ITC, a high amount of individual initiative and responsibility. A corresponding appearance is expected.

To become an IDA Recreational Scuba Instructor Trainer the candidate has to take part in an IDA Instructor Examination course. (As a prerequisite, he/she has to help to manage the whole course (3 courses of 5 days each) and so he/she knows exactly how an Instructor Examination course runs and can prepare). He/she is the right hand of the Instructor examiner and has to prepare all the topics in theory and practice and has to hold at least two theory lessons and two practice lessons. The other courses attendees shall ask him all questions they have on behalf of the whole theory or practice. At the end of the examination the other attendees are allowed to evaluate the candidate. The examiner includes this evaluation in his judgement. The candidate has to fit in the following topics and has to be experienced in imparting knowledge.

Equipment

Physics of Diving

Medical problems related to diving

Use of diving tables, decompression theory, dive computers

Dive environment

Dive planning

- a. Planning and preparation, with emphasis on the prevention of out-of-air situations and emergencies.
- b. Emergency procedures
- c. Accident management/prevention

Communications, both underwater and on the surface

Diver assistance (self/buddy)

Recommended safe diving practices

Boat diving procedures

In addition, the candidate shall demonstrate to a qualified instructor trainer evaluator lesson preparation, planning and delivery of at least three lecture teaching presentations from instructor training course topics as required by the training organization and as outlined in this section.

Instructor-level continuing education (IDA colleges offers courses)

Diving industry overview (IDA offers courses for technique)

Entry-level course overview

Continuing education courses overview

Dive tables, decompression theory, and dive computers

Academic lessons planning (IDA offers courses for rhetoric, methodology and didactics of training)

Pool/confined water skills teaching workshop (IDA offers courses and events)

Open water skills teaching workshop (IDA offers courses and events)

Standards and procedures, quality assurance (IDA offers courses and events and IDA has a

Quality Assurance program which asks student divers about their experiences with IDA

Instructors.)

Examination Content

According to the actual Instructor Trainer Examination Protocol

- The Instructor Trainer Candidate candidate must prepare him-/herself about the theme diving safety (especially Rescue Skill Circuit). She/he has to perform a complete diver rescue skill incl. transport to shore or boat, first aid and cpr. Demonstration of first aid measures after dive accident including the use of a common O₂-systems. The candidate must be able to realize fast a correct diagnosis and apply the needed first aid. He / she must also be able to answer specific questions about physiology and dive medicine.
- Theoretical test covering every aspect of recreational diving (answering a written questionnaire), incl. IDA Standards and Guidelines.
- The candidate must evaluate each lecture and each exercise of the instructor candidates in written form (evaluation sheet IEC).
- The candidate shall demonstrate to the examiner Instructor Trainer-quality lesson preparation, planning and delivery of at least two lecture teaching presentations. Topics see protocol appendix A. The examiner chooses the topics.
- The candidate shall demonstrate to the examiner lesson preparation, planning and delivery of at least three lecture teaching presentations from instructor training course topics. Topics see protocol appendix B. The examiner chooses the topics.
- The candidate shall demonstrate to the examiner Instructor Trainer-quality personal diving skills, in addition to Instructor Trainer quality lesson preparation, planning and delivery (including briefing and debriefing), group control and supervision and problem solving for at least two pool/confined water skills teaching presentations from the course topics. Topics see protocol appendix C. The examiner chooses the topics.
- The candidate, wearing an instructor trainer diving system (state-of-the-art-equipment), shall demonstrate to the examiner in the open water, Instructor Trainer-quality lesson preparation, planning and delivery (including briefing and debriefing), group control and supervision, and problem solving for at least two open water skills teaching presentations. Topics see protocol appendix D. The examiner chooses the topics.
- Organization and supervision of the alternate breathing exercises of the DI* and DI** candidates.
- The candidate is responsible for ensuring that all necessary safety measures are observed during the instructor examination (on board and ashore). He/she may delegate individual measures and also preparatory measures for the individual examinations to the other examination participants. The candidate is responsible for the safe performance of all exercises. The candidate is responsible for ensuring that the timetable is adhered to.
- Preparing and leading a deep dive (max. 40 m): Prior to the dive an air consumption calculation and the planning with decompression table must be performed. Any safety precautions must be observed.
- As a Co-examiner evaluate and grade the DI* and DI** candidates. The results may only

Entitlement

- Like IDA-Diving Instructor**.
- The DI*** may be instructed to perform as an examiner in an ITC.
- Performing organizational tasks.

Course Director / Diving Instructor** (DI4)**

Appointment

The appointment to course director will take place by the IDA head office.

Area of Responsibility

The field of responsibility for IDA-Course Directors / DI**** encloses all parts of education and further education of divers and diving instructors on a national and international level. A course director may, by invitation of the IDA-BEE, be part of an examination conference in IDA diving instructor examinations (ITC) and in crossover exams. Next to this a Course Director has mainly representative tasks.

Period of Validity

The appointment to IDA-Course Director/Diving Instructor**** is indefinite. A recognition withdrawal will be announced by the IDA head office after a recommendation by the BEE.

With a failed further recognition of examiner the diving instructor will keep his / her original DI*** title. The IDA head office may award the title "Honor Course Director" for life time. This title is solemnly a representative title with no tasks connected.

Examiner / Head of the Examination Board

Prerequisites

- Minimum age 30 years
- IDA-Membership
- Valid IDA-Diving Instructor**** License
- Active educational work as IDA-Diving Instructor**** for several years
- Participation in a three (3) day long management seminar at an IDA-College (if not already passed as DI****)

Appointment

A DI****, having proved him-/herself in the field of diving instructor education, further education and as an assistant examiner in ITCs may be recommended by the BEE to the IDA head office for the position of examiner.

The appointment to examiner will take place after intense evaluation by the IDA head office.

Area of Responsibility

The field of responsibility for IDA-Examiners encloses all parts of an IDA-Diving Instructor Examination (ITC) and IDA-Crossover-Examinations.

The examiner is directing the diving instructor examination. He / she may assemble the examination conference and is responsible for the result of the ITC. The examiner must plan, organize and conduct an ITC at least once a year. The diving instructor examination can only be conducted with at least four (4) candidates. If an ITC cannot be carried out due to a lack of participants or for other reasons the IDA head office must be informed immediately (in general not later than four (4) weeks prior to the examination start).

An IDA-Examiner with Nitrox-Diving Instructor examination license is entitled to conduct a crossover for a candidate with the relevant qualifications on hand.

For any other examination certifications from the fields of diving with Nitrox, Trimix and Rebreather the IDA head office will name an examiner after a rigorous individual case check.

Period of Validity

The period of appointment to IDA-Examiner is three (3) years. The IDA head office will decide about an extension if required.

With a failed further recognition of examiner the diving instructor will keep his / her original DI-title.