

The PADI Instructor Development Course is comprised of two components, which can be taken either separately or together in one course,

The first component is the Assistant Instructor portion and builds upon your Divemaster training. AI is a four-day programme that introduces you to the role of an instructional assistant, both in academic teaching, confined and open water training.

As an AI, you immediately improve your employability with the global dive industry and increase your earning potential!

This programme gives credits towards the PADI Instructor Development Course and allows you to gain experience before deciding to commit to the full IDC.

The AI course can be conducted as part of the PADI IDC or as a standalone programme.

The second component of the IDC is the Open Water Scuba Instructor programme. The OWSI develops a candidate's abilities to prepare academic, confident water and open water teaching presentations.

As an instructor candidate, you will learn about business principles, teaching, risk management and other important topics relevant to the dive profession.

When you enroll in the IDC, you will receive, in advance by email, a mock exam. This will let both us and you understand your level of diving theory knowledge and any areas you need to remediate before starting the course.

Bear in mind, the IDC does not cover dive theory knowledge, which is part of the Divemaster course. You will need revise through the Dive Theory online or by studying the Encyclopedia of Diving and Diving Knowledge Workbook. Your Course Director will guide you through any remediation.

To enroll on a PADI IDC, you must have been certified as a PADI Open Water Diver (or equivalent) for longer than six months and be at least a PADI Divemaster (or equivalent from another organisation). You will also need to show proof of CPR/First Aid training in the past 24 months. You need to be at least 18 years old with 60 dives logged, (including deep, night and navigation experience), though you need to have at least 100 dives to be certified as a PADI Instructor.

### **PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS:**

1. If possible, when enrolling please bring with you all previous certification information. If you hold any non-PADI certifications, please also bring a copy of each certification. This will ensure prompt processing of your instructor application and avoid unnecessary delays.
2. A medical statement issued within the past 12 months, dated and signed by a physician, stating you are fit for diving.
3. Two passport-sized photos
4. Your logbook with at least 60 dives for AI/IDC enrolment and 100 to be certified as a PADI Instructor.
5. Payment: PADI does not accept cash, but accepts Visa/Mastercard/American Express. Your payment for the course should be made 50 per cent before the start and can be done with either cash or credit card Visa/Mastercard

### **MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT:**

When enrolling on an IDC with us, we offer the IDC Crewpak and all the PADI materials at cost. All the material is available at Divers Down and you can buy them online from our website: [www.diversdownuae.com](http://www.diversdownuae.com)

Buy your materials in advance, so you can start your IDC online soon and study at your own pace.

## **EQUIPMENT:**

You must have a full equipment, including a dive computer, compass, weight belt, wetsuit (if appropriate) dive-table, e-RDPml, calculator.

As an IDC candidate with Divers Down, you will have access to special discount in our shops.

## **PREPARATION:**

— Begin your online IDC lesson by clicking the PADI link you receive when purchasing the IDC Crewpak Deluxe. Upon completion, you will be instructed to print out the results. Bring this to your first day of class. Most candidates complete the online sections in a few sittings, so allow approximately one week to comfortably complete the sections.

— Be completely familiar with the Diving Knowledge Workbook. This is the theory you mastered in your Divemaster training, therefore you are expected to be ready for exams in five areas: Physics, Physiology, Equipment, Skills and Environment, and the RDP (table and e-RDPml). This is important! You can also take the optional Dive Theory online. This option costs GBP85 and is both a tutorial and a practice exam. This will ensure your dive theory knowledge is up to date AND you fulfil the dive theory exam requirement during your IDC.

— Know how to use the e-RDPml.

— Know how to tie the following knots: a bowline, sheet-bend and two half-hitches. For tips, look in the Advanced manual, Adventures in Diving, Search & Recovery section

— Be proficient in your diving skills. You are expected to have demonstration-quality skills. Revise the video of the skills of the Open Water Diver video

— Know how to perform a rescue of an unconscious diver at the surface – both using a pocket mask and without. We will practice this several times during the IDC.

— Practice in the same gear you plan to use during the course. Your gear should be in great working order and be a complete set, including signaling devices.

If it's been a while since you completed your Divemaster course, or it has been a while since you have been diving, you can enroll in an IDC preparation course. This course lasts two days and includes a review of your demonstration-quality skills, rescue skills, a retest of Divemaster theory plus preparation for the IDC. The earlier you can prepare for the IDC, the easier you will find the course and the more you will benefit from it. It is much better to spend a small amount of time a day revising a few weeks before the course than cramming it all in just before the IDC starts!

## **IDC SCHEDULE**

Every day throughout the course, we start at 8am and finish at 6pm, with a lunch break of one hour. During the evening, you might need to prepare knowledge, confined water or open water presentations for the following day. You will get to know your assignment on the first day of the course. We encourage all the candidates to stick together and work as a team.

The location for the IDC is Divers Down, Ghantoot Marina, Dubai. The diving centre is 20 minutes south of Dubai or 30 mins north of Abu Dhabi. It is a very peaceful place with classroom, plus confined water and open Water sites. There is the Golden Tulip hotel just next to it and restaurants nearby.

## **THE INSTRUCTOR EXAMINATIONS:**

The IE is conducted over two days with PADI Examiners from PADI overseeing.

The IE includes an evaluation of Dive Theory, Standard and Procedures, Academic, Confined and Open Water presentations and a Rescue Assessment. All of this will be “drilled” during your IDC.

## **THE MSDT CHALLENGE:**

The best job tends to go to the best applicants. This is why it is important to be a cut above the rest if you are going to make diving your career. After the IDC you can start your five PADI specialty instructor certifications. Once processed you will be able to start teaching specialty courses alongside your recreational courses. Then, upon certifying 25 students, you can apply for the Master Scuba Diver Trainer rating. This rating is the next step up the professional ladder and is a prerequisite for IDC Staff Instructor as well as for many TecRec Instructor ratings.

At Divers Down UAE, we offer specialty packages and also custom-made specialties packages.

### **PACKAGES:**

#### Conservation:

EAN, O2 Provider, Dive Against Debris, Shark Awareness, Turtle Awareness. Price: Dh2,500.

#### Adrenaline:

Deep, Wreck, DPV, EAN, O2 Provider. Price: Dh3,500

#### Dubai special:

Wreck, DPV, Drysuit, EAN, O2 provider. Price: Dh3,000

#### The Explorer:

Sidemount, Self reliant, Deep, Wreck, Ean. Price: Dh4,000

## **CONTACT US:**

If you have any questions, please get in contact with your Course Directors Michela Colella and Dave Griffiths.

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