

BECOMING A PADI OPEN WATER SCUBA INSTRUCTOR: A GUIDE FOR DIVEMASTERS



REVOLUTIONIZING IDC TRAINING FOR DIVEMASTERS.

TEACHING DIVING **VIRTUALLY**. CHANGING LIVES **LITERALLY**.



INTRODUCING THE MOST FLEXIBLE PADI IDC IN THE WORLD.

Do you remember the exhilaration of your first breaths underwater? Imagine passing that feeling on to others and turning your passion for diving into a career. PADI Open Water Scuba Instructors are among the most sought-after professionals in the dive industry, with opportunities in 186 countries and over 6,600 PADI dive centres worldwide.

If you are a Divemaster, becoming a PADI Instructor is the next step in your professional diving journey. This guide outlines how Scuba Dive Online's flexible PADI Instructor Development Course (IDC) can help you achieve that goal. We offer not only the classic 14 day in-person IDC (at our Koh Tao partner centres) but also a unique "half and half" hybrid schedule. Our hybrid programme is perfect for both Divemasters who wish to continue working and diving during the day, and those who are living elsewhere and have limited vacation time, saving both time and money!

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MEET OUR TEAM

We want you to learn from the best! Our owners are all award-winning PADI Course Directors. We have collectively taught over 20,000 student divers and collectively bring 90+ years of professional experience in the industry. Most importantly we genuinely like what we do and we care about our divers.



Tim Hunt

- PADI Course Director
- PADI Examiner
- 10 years experience as Director of PADI Asia-Pacific
- Specialist in tourism and business management



Natalie Hunt

- PADI Course Director
- 24+ Years in Resort Management
- Resort, retail and liveaboard working experience
- Award-winning conservationist



Monique Richards

- PADI Course Director
- 23 years as a PADI Instructor
- Global teaching experience across three continents
- Our IDC LIVE online expert



Neil Richards

- PADI Course Director
- PADI Examiner
- 7 years experience as PADI Regional Manager
- Passionate Tec, cave and wreck diver

WHY CHOOSE SCUBA DIVE ONLINE?

By choosing Scuba Dive Online, you will benefit in multiple ways:



Expert Course Directors – Our team includes some of the most experienced and highest qualified, award-winning PADI Course Directors in the world, guaranteeing a dynamic learning experience.



Flexible Scheduling – Start your IDC online and complete the in-water section at your convenience. Alternatively attend a classic 14 day IDC in-person. (At our Koh Tao partner centres)



Global Training Locations – Choose from one of our 12, hand-picked PADI 5 Star IDC and CDC partner centres in paradise destinations around the world to complete your in-water training.



Cost & Time Efficient – Complete the theory and classroom section online before you travel. Perfect if you are a working Divemaster or have limited vacation time, saving both time and money!

THE PADI INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT COURSE (IDC)

The PADI IDC is designed to help you "think like an instructor" from day one. Scuba Dive online offers flexible IDC programmes to suit you. The hybrid programme consists of four steps:

Step 1

Complete PADI IDC eLearning – Purchase and complete the PADI IDC eLearning. We will also provide our "[Digital Instructor's eBundle](#)", a drive full of valuable, downloadable study materials including our Dive Theory Revision eBook, recordings of live dive theory presentations and much more. Plus unlimited access to our digital exam classrooms.

Step 2

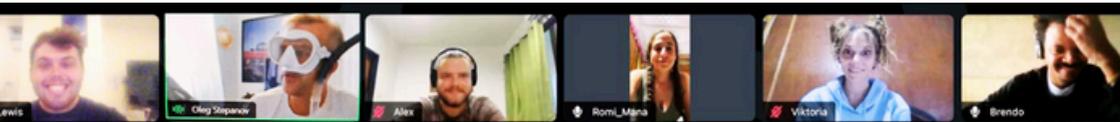
Attend IDC LIVE Online Virtual Classroom – Over 7 days (3-hour sessions), you will complete all the required [classroom curriculum sessions online](#), guided by one of our online expert PADI Course Directors. During this time, we send daily digital exams which we can monitor live and give you remedial assistance where needed.

Step 3

In-Water IDC Training – Choose from our [network of hand-picked PADI 5 Star IDC and CDC partner centres](#) to complete your in-water training (8-10 days) with either one of the [Scuba Dive Online team](#) of Course Directors, or one of our partner centre Course Directors.

Step 4

Instructor Examination (IE) – Conclude your journey by attending the 2-day PADI Instructor Examination (IE).



Instructor Development Course



Learning & Teaching – PADI Systems

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SCUBA DIVE ONLINE PADI INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT COURSE (IDC) SCHEDULE

7-Day example **Online** IDC Schedule

- Day 1: Orientation, schedule overview, expectations, IDC Systems Workshop, standards navigating the PADI Instructor manual.
- Day 2: DSD Workshop, Knowledge Development Workshop, first teaching assignment.
- Day 3: Present your own Knowledge Development question, Open Water Course standards and setup. Create your own Open Water schedule using virtual whiteboards.
- Day 4: Confined Water Skill Briefing, Confined Water Training/Teaching Workshop. Student control and management workshop using virtual whiteboard.
- Day 5: Advanced Open Water Course standards. Continuing Education & Leadership workshop. Advanced and Specialties scheduling using virtual whiteboard.
- Day 6: Risk Management workshop, Rescue course standards, Learning and Teaching workshop.
- Day 7: Open Water Training Workshop, Divemaster Course overview, Business of Diving Workshop, Dive Theory Workshop.

Before In-Water IDC: Complete EFR Instructor eLearning, practice exams, and ensure all required certifications, documents, and medicals are submitted.



SCUBA DIVE ONLINE PADI INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT COURSE (IDC) SCHEDULE

8 day example **in-water** schedule

- **Day 1:** Orientation, paperwork, swim test, 24-skill circuit, DSD and confined workshops #1, rescue exercise #7 demo.
- **Day 2:** Confined water presentations #2 & #3, rescue practice, knowledge development presentation #2.
- **Day 3:** Confined water presentations #4 & #5, rescue workshops, dry workshop (descents, lift bag, CESA), open water presentation dry run.
- **Day 4:** Open water presentation #1, descent/CESA positioning, DSD workshop in open water, rescue #7 practice, knowledge development presentation #3.
- **Day 5:** Open water presentation #2, business and sales workshop, emergency O2 knowledge review/EFRI exams, optional night dive.
- **Day 6:** Open water presentation #3 (rescue & search & recovery), deep assessment and adventure dive workshop, rescue assessment, knowledge development presentation #4.
- **Day 7:** Open water presentation #4 and rescue assessments, confined water presentations #6 & #7, knowledge development presentation #5.
- **Day 8:** Confined water presentations #8 & #9, mini skills circuit, close and IE preparation.
- **PADI Instructor Examination (IE) – 2 Days.** Dive Theory and Standards exams, confined water presentation, mini skills circuit, knowledge development presentation, open water presentation, and rescue exercise 7.



SCUBA DIVE ONLINE PADI INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT COURSE (IDC) SCHEDULE

14 day classic IDC schedule example (Koh Tao IDCs)

Day 1 – Classroom and Pool

- AM: Orientation & paperwork, PADI Systems and standards overview.
- PM: Skill Development Workshop (24 skills), 400m swim, 10-minute tread. (*Homework: dive theory exams.*)

Day 2 – Classroom & Pool

- AM: DSD workshop & standards, Bubblemaker & Seal Team, Knowledge Development Presentation (KDP) workshop & demo.
- PM: Confined Water Training & Teaching workshops. (*Homework: standards exam, prep KDP #1, prep Confined Skills 1–2.*)

Day 3 – Classroom & Pool

- AM: KDP #1 (candidate presents), Open Water course setup & scheduling workshop.
- PM: Confined Skill Presentations #1 & 2 plus DSD confined, Rescue skill practice. (*Homework: prep Confined Skills 3–4, dive theory exam.*)

Day 4 – Classroom & Pool

- AM: Advanced course standards & specialties, Continuing Education workshop, Rescue standards.
- PM: Confined Skills #3 & 4, Rescue workshop (skills 2, 4, 6, 7) (*Homework: standards exam, prep KDP #2 from Rescue/DM*)

Day 5 – Classroom

- AM: KDP #2 (Rescue/DM), Divemaster Course Standards, PADI Learning & Teaching.
- PM: Open Water Training workshop, dry run (CESA, descents, ascents, knots, navigation, lift bag). (*Homework: prep OW Presentations 1–2. standards exam.*)

Day 6 – Boat & Classroom

- AM: Dive briefings, OW Presentation #1 (2 skills) + DSD Open Water.
- PM: Risk Management workshop, dive theory and standards exams. (*Homework: finish EFRI eLearning*)

Day 7 – Off or Study

- Rest day or optional pool practice/study.

Day 8 – Classroom

- AM:EFR Instructor & Oxygen Provider training. (*Homework: prep Confined Presentations #5–6, prep KDP #3*)

Day 9 – Classroom & Pool

- AM: Standards exam, KDP #3.
- PM: Confined Presentations #5 & 6, dive theory exam (*Homework: prep OW Presentation #2 (2 skills).*)

SCUBA DIVE ONLINE PADI INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT COURSE (IDC) SCHEDULE

14 day classic IDC schedule example (Koh Tao IDCs)

Day 10 – Boat & Classroom

- AM: Dive briefings, OW Presentation #2 (2 skills), Deep/Adventure Dive workshop + Rescue #7.
- PM: Standards exam. (Homework: *prep Confined Presentations #4-5, prep KDP #4, O2 Provider/EANX*).

Day 11 – Boat & Classroom

- AM: Dive briefings, OW Presentation #3 (2 skills).
- PM: KDP #4 (O2 Provider/EANX), PADI AWARE presentation. (Homework: *prep Mock IE OW #4, prep KDP #5 if needed*)

Day 12 – Boat - Mock IE

- AM: , Dive briefings, OW Presentation #4 (2 skills). Rescue workshop/assessment
- PM: KDP #5 if required. (Homework: *prep Confined Presentation #6*)

Day 13 – Pool & Classroom - Mock IE

- AM: Dive Theory and Standards exams.
- PM: Confined #6, mini skills circuit/make-up, Business & Sales workshop with course close & paperwork

Day 14 – Rest

- Rest day or optional remedial practice.
- Days 15-16 – PADI Instructor Examination (IE)
- IE PARTY TO CELEBRATE!



PREREQUISITES

Be at least 18 years of age. Be certified as a Divemaster or equivalent. Be certified as a diver for a minimum of six months. Have 100 logged dives (before the IE) that include experience in night, deep and navigation. Be fit for diving and submit a medical statement signed by a physician within the last 12 months. Have proof of CPR and First Aid training within the last 24 months (PADI EFR course meets this requirement).

FLEXIBILITY AND LOCATION OPTIONS

- You can complete the online IDC section before selecting your in-water training location.
- The Scuba Dive Online team is based in Thailand but offers in-water training globally through our PADI 5 Star IDC and CDC partner centres.
- We provide unlimited online training access until you are ready to proceed with the in-water section.

READY TO START?

By taking your PADI IDC with Scuba Dive Online, you become part of a global network committed to delivering the highest quality dive training available.

The Scuba Dive Online team have lived and worked all over the world, at some of the highest respected PADI 5 Star IDC and CDC Dive Centres. We help our PADI Pro level candidates find work, with our [Employment in the Dive Industry workshops](#). We can help with your CV, interview techniques and connect you with dive centres looking for PADI Instructors.

If you're ready to take the next step in your dive career, contact Scuba Dive Online today!

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