



PADI SCUBA DIVER

2 days

Costs include:
Extra costs:

Equipment, Certification, Manual
Boat Trip (optional)

Overview

The PADI Scuba Diver course is a sub course within the Open Water Diver course. It opens diving to those individuals with time constraints, and those interested in diving in groups and tours guided by a certified divemaster, assistant instructor or instructor. It invites these divers to experience diving and encourages them to continue training to the Open Water Diver level and beyond. (See the previously listed limits and qualifications of the PADI Scuba Diver pre-entry level certification on page 1-1.)

You handle the training and certification of PADI Scuba Divers using the standards, recommendations and materials used in the Open Water Diver course. **Students must use and study with the *Open Water Diver Manual and Video or Multimedia, the PADI Quizzes and the Prescriptive (or Complete System) Lesson Guides* (or all materials available in a language the student diver understands) for the PADI Scuba Diver course.** If no materials exist in a language the student understands, you should elaborate on the necessary information. Students must still complete the Knowledge Reviews and Quizzes (orally is acceptable, with a retained written record in a language the instructor understands). **All standards that apply to student divers in the PADI Open Water Diver course apply to student divers in the PADI Scuba Diver course, with the following exception: Certification as a Scuba Diver requires successful completion of only the first three sections of Knowledge Development (including quizzes), the first three Confined Water Dives and Open Water Dives 1 and 2. PADI Scuba Divers must only complete the 10-minute swim/float demonstrating that they can comfortably maintain themselves in water too deep to stand up in prior to Open Water Dive 2. Student divers must also successfully complete the Dive Flexible Skills, Snorkel and Regulator Exchange, Tired Diver Tow and Cramp Removal. Students must also read and sign the PADI Scuba Diver Statement prior to certification.** All other standards apply. You may certify divers who do not complete all the requirements for the Open Water Diver course, but who meet or exceed the requirements for the Scuba Diver pre-entry level certification, as PADI Scuba Divers. An example of when this might be appropriate is an individual who comes down with a cold after Open Water Dive 3, but before completing Open Water Dive 4 and cannot complete Open Water Diver certification before going on a trip.

Supervising PADI Scuba Divers – Ratios and Depths

PADI Scuba Divers are trained to dive only under the direct inwater supervision of a certified divemaster, assistant instructor or instructor. Although similar to PADI Discover Scuba Diving or other “resort” experience participants, PADI Scuba Divers have more theoretical background and better developed water skills, though they have not been trained for independent diving. Underwater tours (except Discover Local Diving) are not generally PADI programs per se, so no specific standards apply. Divemasters, assistant instructors or instructors leading the tour need to determine appropriate ratios based on the environment, conditions and the PADI Scuba Diver’s experience. PADI Standards do apply if Scuba Divers join a tour of Discover Scuba Diving participants. **In this case, the Discover Scuba Diving ratio of 4:1 applies to the total number of PADI Scuba Divers and DSD participants.*** The PADI Scuba Diver depth qualification is 12 metres/40 feet. It is recommended that guided dives not exceed this depth. In planning guided dives for PADI Scuba Divers, remember they have no formal training in the use of dive tables or computers. The dive leader needs to watch the dive tables and repetitive no stop limits for PADI Scuba Divers.

KEY STANDARDS — Open Water Diver and Scuba Diver Courses

Prerequisite certification: **none**

Minimum age: **15 (10 for Junior Divers)**

Recommended course hours: approximately 31 (19 for Scuba Diver), based on a class of 10 students

Minimum open water training: **4 open water scuba dives (2 for Scuba Diver)**, Optional Skin Dive, Recommended Adventure Dive

Student Diver-Instructor ratio: **8 students to 1 instructor (8:1) or 12 maximum with two certified assistants. ***

Minimum Instructor rating: **Underwater Instructor**

***NOTE:** The maximum student diver-to-instructor ratio is 4:1 during any confined open water or open water training dive that includes children aged 10-11. No more than two children aged 10-11 may be included in the group of four student divers.