



**The INTERNATIONAL DIVING SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION (IDSA)**

**INFORMATION CARD : DIVER TRAINING STANDARDS**

IDSA was formed in 1982, and is an Association of Commercial Diving Schools with members from all over the World. It's aim is to improve the safety and quality of Diving Training. The International qualifications listed below have been established and they can be equated to National Standards by using the Association's Table of Equivalence which is available from the Administrator at info@idsaworldwide.org, or from the Association's website: www.idsaworldwide.org.

This system of equivalence provides details of the minimum levels of ability an employer can expect from a newly trained diver holding an IDSA Certificate whatever his Nationality.

<b>IDSA STANDARDS</b>	<b>DETAIL</b>	<b>Note 1</b>
<b>IDSA Level 1 (Commercial SCUBA Diver)</b>	Competent to dive safely using open circuit self-contained air breathing equipment. Has a working knowledge of the following tasks :- , Elementary rigging, the Use of Lifting Bags, Diver Search Techniques, the Use of Hand Tools and Visual Inspection - see Note 2	30msw
<b>IDSA Level 2 (Surface Supplied Inshore Air Diver)</b>	Competent to dive safely both inland & inshore using open circuit self-contained air breathing equipment and surface orientated air diving equipment. Has a working knowledge of the Level 1 tasks plus Chamber Operations, the use of Power Tools, thermal Arc Cutting equipment, Air Lifts and Jetting equipment, simple Underwater Construction tasks - see Note 2. The principles of the following subjects are also taught, but in-water experience is not mandatory :- Bolt Guns, Explosives, Wet Welding, Diving in Polluted Waters	30msw

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<b>IDSA Level 3 : Surface Supplied Offshore Air Diver)</b>	Competent to dive both inland, inshore & offshore using, open circuit self-contained air breathing equipment, surface orientated air diving equipment, and from an open bell. Able to use a hot-water suit. Has a working knowledge of the work tasks listed in Levels 1 & 2.	50msw
<b>IDSA Level 4 (Closed Bell/Mixed Gas)</b>	A level 3 diver who is competent to take part in closed bell operations, acting as Bellman and Diver, using the appropriate breathing gas mixture	100msw

**NOTES:-**

**1. DEPTH LIMITS:** The depths shown in the right hand column of the tables above are those which a diver is competent to achieve on successful completion of training. He/she may go deeper with further experience and/or training as assessed by a Diving Contractor and allowed by National Legislation.

**2. TASK TRAINING:** The Task training will provide the trainee with a general appreciation of the techniques and problems involved in carrying out the specified underwater work. For the diver to be considered a competent worker it will generally be necessary for **further specialist training to be undertaken**, especially for cutting, welding, explosives, NDT and offshore air diving.