

Dive Leadership Syllabus



Who can Certify?

OW Instructor Assessor

Or higher level....
Pro Level Certification
Equal to ISO 24802

Materials Required Dive

Leadership Manual

Course Program Overview

ITDA Dive Leadership International Certification 3 levels

The primary objective for the ITDA Dive Leadership Course Program is to train, educate and assess practical diving skills to professional levels to produce self-confident well educated and competent leaders who can supervise dives, lead dives & certify as ITDA specialist professionals / Entry level Scuba Instructors.

Required ITDA Theory Text / Manual or Workbook

ITDA Dive Leader Manual, *Stephen J. Craig-Murray ITDA Publishing*

Training Facility Associate

Partner Level 2.

Website Portal

<https://www.itda-ihmp.agency>

Flexible Course Options (two-part options or Internship)

You may, if you so wish, complete the theory part of this course program online at: <https://www.itda-ihmp.agency/on-line-learning> or take the Assessor Level.

- Online Course Certificate is valid for 6 months, unless ITDA Member.
- Practical skills are required to be completed within 3 months of theory.

On Course Completion

You will receive an e-certification by e-mail, and you will be registered on our database at your level.

Verify Certification Service

<https://www.itda-ihmp.agency/certificate-validator>

24 hrs./7 Days/365 Days

Resources / Equipment Required (You should have your own!)

You should provide your own equipment, or you may hire them?

- Mask (Scuba), Snorkel and Fins, Open heel, or Full Foot
- Scuba Unit – Cylinder, Regulator Set (with Alternate Air Source and SPG)
- Suitable Environmental Protection – Wet Suit/Dry Suit or other
- Weights and weight belt or integrated BCD system
- BCD / Buoyancy Control Device or Stab – Jacket

Additional / Extras:

- Torch / Light (to bring colours to life!)
- Cutting Tool / Deco Buoy (Inflatable)
- Pocket Mask for CPR
- UW Camera/Video (For last 2 dives to enjoy the experience)

ITDA Dive leaders are unique in the dive industry as a leadership level that are trained and certified to be dive professionals, both as working divers and as diving educators at entry level and specialist instructor levels. ITDA Dive Leaders may take module programs for additional certification levels in:

- **Occupational Diving** – Diving Operations Supervisor – Working Diver Specialist
- **Diving Educator** – Assistant Instructor / Dive Guide / Entry – Specialist Instructor (IHMP Instructor)
- **Direct Upgrade level** to ITDA Open Water Instructor or Advanced / Specialist Instructor

ITDA Dive Leader Course Schedule (10-12 Dives / 10 days)

<u>Timescale</u>	<u>Subject/Skills Required</u>	<u>Practice Problems/Drills</u>
Day 1-2. Theory 1	Dive Leader Theory pt.1 / Dive 1	Assessment Skills Dive
Day 3-5. Theory 2	Complete Manual & Quiz/Dives 2-5	Introduction to Specialist Skills
Day 6-8. Skills Development	Dives 6, 7 and 8. Briefing & Debriefing	Deco Dives with Rescue Skills
Day 9-10. Supervision Dives	9 & 10 Overall Skills Assessment/Grading	All skills reviewed / Tested.

International Certification Standards (Dives maybe added for Additional Specialist Levels)

Competencies of an ITDA dive leader from ITDA standards as a consummate diving professional.

An ITDA Dive Leader at this level shall be trained to have sufficient knowledge, skills, and experience to lead / guide divers without instructor supervision and to train and supervise, certify, or co-certify as a specialist instructor to ISO 24802 / Diving Educator – Instructor Entry Level. (May train & certify divers as supervised)

ITDA Dive Leadership Level – Required Previous Experience / Certification Level

<u>Dives Logged / Experience</u>	<u>Subject/Specialist Skills Required</u>	<u>Specialist Qualifications</u>
80+ (1 Years' experience)	Dive Leader / Pro Guide / Supervisor	Leader Assessor
100+ (2 Years' experience)	Assistant Instructor / Occupational	Certificate in Diving Education
150+ (3 Years' experience)	Entry Level Scuba Instructor / Club Pro	Diploma in Diving Education
150+ (3 Years' experience)	Specialist Instructor / Professional	Diploma in Specialist subjects

International Certification Standards (ITDA Dive Leader minimum) Includes:

Demonstrate competencies and Theory / Skills / Specialist Certifications (x6 Specialist Diver Certification Levels)

1. Buoyancy & Gas Management
2. Decompression Diver to 40m/132ft.
3. Advanced Open Water Nitrox (To 40% Oxygen with decompression at stops ("Air" is Travel Mix))
4. Computer Diving & Advanced Dive Planning – Emergency Planning for Deco Diving
5. Navigation and Limited Visibility
6. Diving First Aid (ITDA-IHMP Certification) To Include Oxygen First Aid & AED.



Restrictions (International ITDA Leadership Certifications)

- Depth Limit of 40m/132ft. (Unless Deep Diver / Deco Specialist) Module is taken & passed.
- Depth Limitations for Deco / Specialist is to certified level. i.e., Deep Air to Max 50m/165ft. etc.
- May train introduction to scuba / day courses ONLY under direct Open Water instructor supervision
- May NOT supervise or train divers in "Overhead Environments" Unless certified & qualified!
- May NOT train or Certify "ITDA Open Water Diver" but may supervise training / class, under supervision.