

ISO Compliant Educational Standards

All PADI/Sea Experience programs, [entry-level](#) through [scuba instructor training](#), fall under strict educational standards monitored for worldwide consistency and quality. PADI takes a proactive approach to quality management and randomly surveys PADI Divers to confirm that their courses met PADI's high standards as well as the divers' expectations. No other diver training organization works to maintain this level of professional reliability and integrity. PADI's commitment to a quality assurance process helps continually improve customer satisfaction.

PADI courses globally are [certified as compliant](#) with International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standards for Recreational Diving Services by an independent auditor, the European Underwater Federation and the Austrian Standards Institute. The **ISO** standards (see chart below) relate to five levels of diver, two levels of instructor and a service provider or dive centre. Each of these standards [equates to a PADI certification](#) or member level, which means that in effect, a diver or member holding one of these qualifications can also be said to have met the requirements of the relevant **ISO** standard – as though they had gained two credentials at once.

ISO Title	ISO Reference	PADI Equivalent
Introductory training programs to scuba diving	ISO 11121	Discover Scuba Diving
Diver Level 1 - Supervised Diver	ISO 24801-1	PADI Scuba Diver
Diver Level 2 - Autonomous Diver	ISO 24801-2	Open Water Diver
Diver Level 3 - Dive Leader	ISO 24801-3	Divemaster
Training programs on enriched air nitrox diving	ISO 11107	Enriched Air Diver
Instructor Level 1	ISO 24802-1	Assistant Instructor
Instructor Level 2	ISO 24802-2	Open Water Scuba Instructor
Recreational scuba diving service providers	ISO 24803	Dive Center or Resort