

# Diving Supervisors CPD App

The time for all IMCA qualified diving supervisors to maintain Continuing Professional Development (CPD) records on an ongoing basis is fast approaching. These are safety critical roles and all supervisors who wish to maintain the validity of their certificates will need to undertake appropriate CPD going forward. IMCA has developed a user-friendly App to facilitate the process.

By way of background, IMCA started developing the App in 2018 and conducted extensive industry trials in 2019. In April 2020 we launched the system to the industry worldwide on a voluntary basis. The feedback has been extremely encouraging and we are now moving to the next stage which will make CPD mandatory for all IMCA diving supervisors. We have communicated and promoted these plans to our member companies and industry stakeholders extensively over the last three years.

## 2021 onwards

From Q1 2021, all IMCA Diving Supervisors must complete the following actions:

1. Register for the IMCA Diving Supervisor CPD Scheme on our website and download the App from the Apple or Google App stores.
2. Complete (if not already completed) the quarterly knowledge Units issued during 2020. Each Unit has a short test before moving to the next Unit.
3. Complete any knowledge Units already released during 2021.

The Scheme is open to all qualified IMCA and AODC Diving Supervisors plus qualified diving supervisors from the Australian Diver Accreditation Scheme (ADAS) and the Diver Certification Board of Canada (DCBC).

Supervisors can register to join the CPD App programme at any time.

IMCA encourages all Supervisors to register and start using it before the CPD programme becomes mandatory in 2021.

IMCA Supervisors who fail to keep up-to-date in the manner required by the scheme will invalidate their certificates. A verification system will be in place for diving contractors and client companies. IMCA plans to replace all "in-date" supervisor certificates with new qualification cards in a phased way.

This is a significant step forward for the industry, which will enhance the qualification's standing and help ensure that all supervisors keep up-to-date with the latest developments in IMCA guidance, undoubtedly leading to long term improvements in diver safety.

To cover running costs, there will be a nominal £100 annual fee per person for 2021 for the scheme.

For more information visit our website.

