

Verification of Diver Qualifications

This information note supersedes IMCA D 02/18 which is now withdrawn.

This information note has been produced to help IMCA Members and others verify the validity of diving certificates recognised by IMCA for the purpose of demonstrating the basic competence of those seeking employment as commercial divers within:

- ◆ the offshore commercial diving sector (the class of offshore diving); and
- ◆ the inland/inshore commercial diving sector (the class of inland/inshore diving).

This information note should be read in conjunction with IMCA Information Note [1610 – IMCA Position Statement on Offshore & Inland/Inshore Commercial Diving Qualifications](#).

Verification of Offshore Diver Qualifications

The offshore commercial diver training certificates listed in the current version of IMCA Information Note [1394 – Diver and Diving Supervisor Certification](#) are recognised by IMCA as suitable qualifications for those seeking employment as commercial divers in the offshore diving sector and for those seeking employment as commercial divers in the inland/inshore diving sector.

Those wishing to check the validity of such commercial diver training certificates should contact the relevant certifying authority. Contact details are provided below.

Australia – Australian Diver Accreditation Scheme (ADAS)

526 Duncan Road
Dunoon, NSW 2480 Australia
www.adas.org.au

Contact: Amanda Sordes
Tel: +61 2 6689 5656
Mob: +61 4 0934 2464
E-mail: enquiries@adas.org.au

Canada – Diver Certification Board of Canada

208-5209 St Margaret's Bay Road
Upper Tantallon Nova Scotia
B3Z 1E3 Canada
www.divercertification.com

Contact: Tracy Childs
Tel: +1 902 826 2190
Fax: +1 902 826 2191
E-mail: tchilds@divercertification.com

Netherlands – Netherlands Diving Centre/Nationaal Duikcentrum (NDC)

Buitenhofdreef 280
2625 RE Delft The
Netherlands
www.ndc.nl and www.ndcci.nl

Contact: ASK BackOffice (Director Mrs Carin Bot)
Tel: +31 15 251 2024
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E-mail: post@ndc.nl or post@ndcci.nl

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United Kingdom – Health & Safety Executive (HSE)

Diving Operations Strategy Team
Diving Operations Strategy Team Rosebery Court
St Andrews Business Park Central Avenue
Norwich NR7 0HS
www.hse.gov.uk/diving

Contact: Diving Administrative Support Team
Tel: +44 (0)23 028 2741
E-mail: diving@hse.gov.uk

United States of America – Association of Diving Contractors International (ADCI)

5206 FM 1960 West, Suite 202
Houston, TX 77079 United States of
America www.adc-int.org

Contact: Nancy Vu
Tel: +1 281 893 8388
E-mail: nancy@adc-int.org

IMCA – Air and Bell Diving Supervisor and Life Support Technician certificates only

66 Buckingham Gate
London SW1E 6AU
www.imca-int.com

Contact: Membership Services Group
Tel: +44 (0)20 7824 5524
E-mail: certification@imca-int.com
Certificate Verification

Other Certificates

In the case of the following, certificates are issued directly by the schools listed and contact should be made with the school directly to verify their validity:

- ◆ India – Commercial Surface Supply Course, Kochi (*issued between September 2002 and January 2013*);
- ◆ ACDE certificates issued since 1993 by the following US training schools, recognised by the Association of Commercial Diving Educators (ACDE) in respect of training/assessment performed in accordance with US Standard ANSI/ACDE-01-1993 and its successor standard ANSI/ACDE-01-1998:
 - ACDE – e-mail: info@acde.us / website www.acde.us;
- ◆ IMCA Surface Supplied: Certificates issued with the approval of IMCA, following competence assessment of experienced surface supplied divers in accordance with IMCA Information Note [799 – Competence assessment of experienced surface supplied divers](#), by:
 - Diving Diseases Research Centre
 - KB Associates Pte Ltd
 - Interdive Services Ltd
 - National Hyperbaric Centre
- ◆ IMCA Surface Supplied and Bell Diver: Certificates issued under the ‘Verification of experienced ACDE surface supplied and bell divers’ undertaken by The Ocean Corporation and KB Associates (Europe) with the approval of IMCA.

Verification of Inland/Inshore Diver Qualifications

Inland/inshore commercial diver training certificates issued by the certifying authorities listed in Section 1 above are also recognised by IMCA as suitable qualifications for those seeking employment as commercial divers in the inland/inshore diving sector only. Those wishing to check the validity of such commercial diver training certificates should contact the relevant certifying authority using the details provided in Section 1.

In addition to the certifying authorities listed in Section 1, IMCA also recognises the inland/inshore commercial diver training certificates issued by the following certifying authority:

Singapore – Diver Certification Authority (Workplace Safety and Health Council)

1500 Bendemeer Road,
Singapore 339946
www.tal.sg/wshc

Tel: +65 6438 5122
E-mail: wsh_training@wshc.sg

NOTE: Inland/inshore commercial diving training certificates are not recognised by IMCA for offshore commercial diving activities.

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