



6. Instructor Trainer

6.1 Introduction

International Training's highest teaching level is the instructor trainer (IT) rating. The IT rating may be obtained at every level ERDI offers but must be earned at each level.

6.2 Student Prerequisites

1. Minimum age 21
2. Provide proof of 300 logged dives
3. Be an active SDI IT Staff Instructor and have conducted a minimum of 1 instructor development course (IDC)

OR

4. Be an active SDI Open Water Scuba Diver Instructor who has assisted with 1 complete instructor development course (IDC)
5. Have issued a minimum of 200 SDI Diver certifications at various levels, or equivalent, suggested levels as define below:
 - a. 150 open water scuba diver
 - b. 20 rescue diver
 - c. 25 specialty diver
 - d. 5 divemaster or assistant instructor

*A minimum of 50 of the required student certifications must be SDI unless authorized in writing by SDI Training Department prior to course commencement

6. Provide proof of current CPR, first aid and oxygen provider, where local law permits
7. Have a current medical examination for scuba diving signed by a licensed physician

6.3 Qualifications of Graduates

Upon successful completion of the course, graduates may teach ERDI Instructor level courses for the ratings they are qualified to teach at the diver level

6.4 Who May Teach

1. This course may be taught by personnel assigned by ERDI World Headquarters
2. Upon completion of the course, candidates must apply for the rating through ERDI World Headquarters

6.5 Required Subject

In addition to all the topics included in the IDC, refer to ERDI Open Water Instructor Standards, instructor trainers are required to evaluate the candidate's comprehension and ability to convey the following topics:

1. ERDI Standards and Procedures
2. History of ERDI



3. Risk Management
 - a. Waivers and Releases
 - b. Liability and insurance
 - c. Filling out an accident report
4. Methods of Instruction
 - a. Teaching theory, methods and oral communications
 - b. Lesson preparation
 - i. In classroom
 - ii. In confined water
 - iii. In open water
 - c. Use of training aids
 - d. ERDI traditional classroom training versus computer assisted training; CD-ROM and online academics
5. Successfully Selling Scuba
 - a. Budgeting courses
 - b. Recruiting students
 - c. Organizing and scheduling a course
 - d. Retail sales
6. ERDI Online Training; e-learning
7. Using www.tdisdi.com
8. Professional Ethics
9. Use of the SDI Lesson Plan Forms
 - a. Drawing up a lesson plan
 - b. Using a lesson plan
10. Evaluation Techniques
 - a. Academic presentations
 - b. Confined water presentations
 - c. Open water presentations
11. Counseling Techniques

6.6 Required Skill and Performance and Graduation Requirements

Pool/ Confined water

1. Perform, to demonstration quality, one complete rescue scenario
2. Perform a 10 minute survival-float, without the use of swimming aids
3. 400 metre swim on the surface, non-stop, any stroke, without the use of swimming aids, in less than 10 minutes; swim goggles permitted
4. 800 metre swim with mask, snorkel, and fins non-stop without the use of arms in less than 17 minutes
5. Bring a diver, simulating unconsciousness, up from depth, not greater than 6 metres / 20 feet; at the surface swim them 100 metres in less than 4 minutes
6. Candidates must perform , to demonstration quality, all skills listed in the ERDI Level 1 Diver Course



7. Pool/confined water problem solving

Open Water

1. In open water candidates must perform, to demonstration quality, all skills listed in the ERDI Level 1 Diver Course
2. Open water problem solving
3. Demonstrate mature and sound judgment concerning student coaching and evaluating

6.7 Policies for ERDI Instructor Trainers

1. The student must be registered with ERDI World Headquarters and respective ERDI Regional Office in their country of residence
2. Authorization to make instructor trainers must be obtained directly from ERDI World Headquarters
3. Upon completion of an instructor trainer program, instructor trainers may upgrade to other instructor trainer levels without attending another instructor trainer program provided they have remained actively teaching instructor courses
4. Within ERDI, all of the courses require a minimum number of certifications and some require a minimum number of dives before ERDI Instructors may obtain the instructor trainer level for that course.
5. Instructors are required to teach a course at their highest certified level every 2 years

Level	Students Required	Dives Required
Instructor Trainer	200 total / 50 ERD	100
Confined Space Ops	10	30
Dry Suit Ops	10	25
Full Face Mask Ops	10	25
Hull Inspection Ops	20	35
Ice Diving Ops	25	50
Ice/Surface Rescue Ops	10	N/A
Night Ops	10	25
Rapid Water Ops	20	35
Small Boat Ops	10	N/A
U/W Crime Investigation	15	25
U/W Explosives Recovery Ops	40	50
U/W Threat Assessment Ops	10	35



Note: Unless otherwise specified, a minimum of 10 students must be certified at that level, before and individual may request an upgrade the IT level