

32. Instructor Trainer

32.1 Introduction

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

32.2 Qualification of Graduates

Upon successful completion of this course, graduates may teach instructor level courses for all approved levels

1. TDI Instructor Trainers may staff TDI Instructor Trainer workshops
2. Upon completion of the course candidates must apply for the rating through TDI World Headquarters

32.3 Who May Teach

This course may be taught by personnel assigned by TDI World Headquarters

32.4 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

1. Be an active SDI Open Water Scuba Diver Instructor who has assisted with 1 complete instructor development course (IDC)
2. Have issued a minimum of 200 SDI Diver certifications at various levels, or equivalent, suggested levels as define below:
 1. 150 open water scuba diver
 2. 20 rescue diver
 3. 25 specialty diver
 4. 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
5. Provide proof of current CPR, first aid and oxygen provider, *where local law permits*
6. Have a current medical examination for scuba diving signed by a licensed physician

32.5 Course Structure and Duration

The candidate must

1. Present, to instructor trainer quality, 2-academic presentations, 2-pool/confined water presentations, 2-open water presentations

2. Evaluate a minimum of 3 presentations 1-academic, 1-confined water, 1-open water

Duration

1. Candidates shall complete at least 100 hours of training

32.6 Administrative Requirements

Administrative tasks:

1. All course fees must be paid in full 30 days prior to the start of the course
2. Candidates must have the proper equipment for confined/pool training and open water
3. Have the trainer candidates:
 - a. Complete the *TDI Liability Release and Express Assumption of Risk* form
 - b. Submit the *TDI Medical Statement* form signed by a licensed physician

Upon successful completion of the course TDI World Headquarters will issue all approved certification cards.

32.7 Required Equipment

Basic open water scuba equipment for diving leaders as described in the divemaster section of this manual

32.8 Required Subject Areas

Instructor trainer certifiers will use the current TDI Instructor manuals and the current *TDI Instructor Trainer Manual*

1. Welcome and Staff Introductions
2. Organization and staff roles at TDI Headquarters
3. Workshop Overview
4. Diving Industry Status: Growth and Future
5. History and Evolution of TDI
6. Expansion and Future of TDI
7. TDI Worldwide Operations
8. Procedures for International Instructor Registrations
9. TDI Training Philosophy/Competitive Positioning
10. Defining the Role of Instructor Trainer
11. Standards, Procedures, Hard Rules, Obligations
12. Code of Ethics/ Instructor Ethics
13. Qualities of the Professional Instructor
14. Evaluation System and Protocols.
15. Review of TDI Diver Standards
16. Review of TDI Leadership Standards
17. TDI Products and Training Material
18. Doing Business with TDI Headquarters or Regional Office



19. Student/Instructor Registrations
20. Products
21. Insurance
22. Renewals
23. Instructor Trainer Fees
24. TDI Web-site
25. Risk Management
26. Liability Issues and Insurance
27. Waivers and Releases, Medical Forms
28. Accident Reporting
29. Marketing and Budgeting an Instructor Course
30. Selling Nitrox Programs
31. TDI Course Pricing Recommendations

32.9 Required Skill Performance and Graduation Requirements

Required academic performance, topics to include: equipment, physics, medical problems related to diving, use of dive computers, dive environment, continuing education, instructor level continuing education, pool/confined water skills teaching, etc.

1. Present a minimum of:
 - a. 2 diver-level academic presentations
 - b. 3 instructor-level academic presentations
 - c. 2 diver-level pool/confined water presentations
 - d. 2 diver-level open water presentations
2. Evaluate a minimum of:
 - a. 2 instructor-level academic presentations
 - b. 2 instructor-level pool/confined water presentations
 - c. 2 instructor-level open water presentations
3. Practice instructor counseling techniques

Required in-water skill performance, skills to include: equipment assembly and disassembly, entries and exits, underwater swimming, underwater problem solving, out of air emergencies, etc.

1. Demonstrate to instructor trainer quality, in confined water and open water, all skills defined in a basic open water diver course outline
2. Snorkel ditch and recovery
3. Demonstrate to instructor trainer quality one complete rescue scenario
4. Staff a minimum of 1 instructor course
5. Perform, to demonstration quality, one complete rescue scenario
6. Perform a 10 minute survival-float, without the use of swimming aids
7. 400 metre swim on the surface, non-stop, any stroke, without the use of swimming aids, in less than 10 minutes; swim goggles permitted



8. 800 metre swim with mask, snorkel, and fins non-stop without the use of arms in less than 17 minutes
9. 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
10. Pool/confined water problem solving

32.10 Policies for All Instructor Trainers

1. The student must be registered with TDI World Headquarters and respective TDI Regional Office in their country of residence
2. The instructor trainer workshop (ITW) is conducted by TDI World Headquarters Staff only
3. Upon completion of the instructor trainer program, instructor trainers may upgrade to other instructor trainer levels without attending another instructor trainer program provided they have remained actively teaching TDI Instructor courses
4. All TDI courses require a minimum number of student certifications at that level before instructors may obtain the instructor trainer status for that course.

They are as follows:

TDI Level	Students	Dives
Nitrox	10	25
Advanced Nitrox	10	50
Decompression	10	25
Extended Range	25	100
Helitrox	15	50
Advanced Trimix *	30 at any level	100
Semi-Closed Rebreather	15	50
Nitrox Blender	10	n/a
Advanced Blender	10	n/a
O ₂ Service Technician	10	n/a
CCR Air Diluent	25 at any level	200 hours
CCR Mixed Gas	10 (+Air Diluent IT)	300 Hours
CCR Advanced Mixed Gas	10 (+Air Diluent IT and Mixed Gas IT)	350 Hours

**Advanced Trimix IT rating covers both Trimix and Advanced Trimix levels*

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