

Tec Instructor Information Handout

Requirements to Qualify as a Tec Instructor through a Tec Instructor Training Course

To enrol in a Tec Instructor training course, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a renewed PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor (or a PADI Instructor with a higher rating).
- Be a PADI Enriched Air Diver or have a qualifying certification from another training organization. For this program, a qualifying certification is proof of certification in enriched air nitrox diving with training that includes gas analysis, cylinder labelling, oxygen toxicity, oxygen exposure, maximum depth limits and planning enriched air dives with different enriched air blends (not just EANx32 and EANx36).
- Be a PADI Enriched Air Instructor, or have successfully completed a PADI Enriched Air Instructor training course.
- Be a PADI Deep Diver Specialty Instructor, or have successfully completed a PADI Deep Diver Specialty Instructor training course.
- Have a minimum of 100 logged dives, where at least 20 dives were made with enriched air nitrox, 25 dives were deeper than 18 metres/60 feet and at least 15 dives were deeper than 30 metres/ 100 feet.

Upon successfully completing the Tec Instructor training course, before sending your application to PADI, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a renewed PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer or PADI Instructor with a higher rating.
- Be a PADI Enriched Air Instructor.
- Be a PADI Deep Diver Specialty Instructor.
- Be certified as a Tec 45 Diver or have a qualifying certification from another training organization. For the purposes of this level, a qualifying certification is one that qualifies you to make decompression dives to 45 metres/145 feet using air, EANx and oxygen using double cylinder, open circuit scuba equipment. The PADI Course Director conducting the Tec Instructor training

course may include the Tec 45 diver level training and certification in the program, issuing the certification when you successfully complete the DSAT Tec Instructor training course.

- Have a minimum of 20 stage decompression dives.
- Have successfully completed the Tec Instructor Exam.

Your application may need to include documentation/proof of meeting these requirements by including photocopies of certifications, qualifications, etc. Log entry copies or print outs must specify dates, depths, locations, times and gases used. Verification and signatures provided by witnesses (divers and instructors of courses assisted) must provide the same information. See the Tec Instructor Application in the Appendix for details on documentation requirements.

Requirements to Qualify as a Tec Instructor by Applying Directly to your PADI Office

To apply directly to your PADI Office for certification as a Tec Instructor, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a renewed PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer or PADI Instructor with a higher rating.
- Be a PADI Enriched Air Instructor.
- Be a PADI Deep Diver Specialty Instructor.
- Be certified as a DSAT Tec 45 diver or have a qualifying certification from another training organization. For the purposes of this level, a qualifying certification is one that qualifies you to make decompression dives to 45 metres/145 feet using air, EANx and oxygen using double cylinder, open circuit scuba equipment.
- Have a certification from another training organization that qualifies as a Tec Instructor or higher. For the purposes of this certification, a qualifying certification is qualification to teach open circuit decompression diving using air and enriched air to a depth of 40 metres/130 feet.
- Have a minimum of 20 stage decompression dives in doubles.
- Have successfully completed the Tec Instructor Exam.
- Have taught or assisted with *two* courses that qualify as meeting the requirements of the DSAT Tec 40 courses, or have assisted with *one* Tec 40 course.

Your application may need to include documentation/proof of meeting these requirements by including photocopies of certifications, qualifications, etc. Log entry copies or print outs must specify dates, depths, locations, times and gases used. Verification and signatures provided by witnesses (divers and instructors of courses assisted) must provide the same information.