List of Acceptable Commercial Diving Certifications

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Country / Accreditation	CSCUBA (30m)	CSSDE (30m)	Offshore (50m)	Remarks
Divers				
Australia (ADAS)* Training schools' certificates are not acceptable unless trainees also received an ADAS card upon completion	Occupational SCUBA to 30m (previously, ADAS Part 1)	Occupational SSBA to 30m (previously, ADAS Part 2)	Occupational SSBA to 50m (previously ADAS Part 3)	
Canada (DCBC)*	Unrestricted SCUBA	Restricted Surface Supply Diver	Unrestricted Surface Supply Diver & above	
France (INPP)*	Class I Mention A – (SCUBA and Surface Supply to 40m) Certificates issued before 15 June 2024	Class 1 Mention A – (SCUBA and Surface Supply to 40m) Certificates issued before 15 June 2024	Class 2 Mention A – (SCUBA and Surface Supply to 50m) Certificates issued before 15 June 2024	INPP has ceased operations from 15 June 2024, hence only certificates which are issued before 15 June 2024 are acceptable
Malaysia (CIDB)*	Construction Diver Level 1 Certificates issued before 1 October 2023	Construction Diver Level 2 Certificates issued before 1 October 2023	N/A	Relevant CIDB-accredited courses have ended in September 2023.
Norwegian Ocean Industry Authority (Havtil), previously PSA*	N/A	Diving Certificate Class III – Advanced Underwater Work (Dykkersertifikat Klasse III – Anleggsdykking)	Havtil Class 1 Surface Oriented Diver (formerly PSA Class 1 Surface Oriented Diver)	Updating of accrediting authority and certification nomenclature to be consistent with current international recognition frameworks

Singapore (MOM)	Level 1 CSCUBA Diver	Level 2 SSDE Diver	N/A	
South Africa (DEL)*	Class IV Diver (SCUBA)	Class III Diver (SSDE)	Class II Diver (SSDE)	Updating of accrediting authority nomenclature to be consistent with international recognition frameworks
United Kingdom (HSE) pre 1998*	HSE part 4	HSE part 3	HSE part 1 & HSE part 2	
United Kingdom (HSE) post 1998*	HSE SCUBA	HSE Surface Supply	HSE Surface Supply with Top Up & above	
ADCI*	N/A	N/A	ADCI surface supplied diver certificates bearing the words “INTERNATIONAL ENDORSEMENT”	
IMCA* approved training member	N/A	N/A	IMCA Experienced Surface Supplied Diver Assessment	

Diving Supervisors				**Remarks**
Country / Accreditation	**CSCUBA (30m)**	**CSSDE (30m)**	**Offshore (50m)**	
Australia (ADAS)* Training schools' certificates are not acceptable unless trainees also received an ADAS card upon completion	Onshore Diving Supervision SCUBA to 30m (previously, ADAS Part 1)	Onshore Diving Supervision SSDE to 30m (previously, ADAS Part 2)	ADAS Offshore Air Diving Supervisor & ADAS Closed Bell Diving Supervisor (previously, Offshore Air/Bell)	
Canada (DCBC)*	Onshore Supervisor		Offshore Air/Saturation Diving Supervisor	
Malaysia (CIDB)*	Onshore SCUBA Supervisor Certificates issued before 1 October 2023	Onshore SSBA Supervisor Certificates issued before 1 October 2023	N/A	Relevant CIDB-accredited courses have ended in September 2023.
Singapore (MOM)	CSCUBA Supervisor	SSDE Supervisor	N/A	
IMCA*	N/A	N/A	IMCA Offshore Air Diving Supervisor & Mix Gas Bell Diving Supervisor	

NOTE*: The WSH Act requires employers and principals to ensure that workers performing commercial diving activities are provided with sufficient instructions, information, training and supervision as is necessary for them to perform their work. Where divers possess overseas diving qualifications listed as acceptable in this document, the employer/principal needs to ensure that local requirements in the WSH Act, relevant industry standards such as the SS511 Code of Practice for Diving at Work are complied with. Some of these local requirements are referenced in section 2.1.1 Legislation and Standards (CD-CCD-100A-0) of the Commercial Diving Competency Standard (Link).

In addition, all commercial divers engaged in diving operations must possess a valid commercial diving medical assessment conducted in accordance with the applicable requirements to confirm that they are medically fit to undertake commercial diving duties.

We encourage commercial divers to also obtain the Commercial Diving Association (Singapore)'s Competency Card, as an additional industry-led credential, that provides greater assurance of competency.

Disclaimer: This list includes only commercial diving certifications that are officially approved or accredited by the relevant authorities or recognised accreditation bodies in the issuing countries. Certifications issued by overseas individual training providers without official approval or accreditation, are not acceptable. Some overseas certifications have been rejected by the Ministry of Manpower due to a lack of official approval or accreditation. Individuals holding or planning to obtain overseas certifications should verify that their qualifications are approved or accredited by the appropriate authority or accreditation body. Additionally, they must ensure that any certificates with expiry dates are valid or have been duly renewed by the issuing authority.

Abbreviations:

ADAS	Australian Diver Accreditation Scheme	**CTAG**	Curriculum, Training and Assessment Guide
DCBC	Diver Certification Board of Canada	**CSCUBA**	Commercial Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus
DEL	Department of Employment and Labour	**SSDE**	Surface Supplied Diving Equipment
INPP	Institut National de Plongée Professionnelle	**MOM**	Ministry of Manpower
HSE UK	Health and Safety Executive (United Kingdom)	**PSA**	Petroleum Safety Authority
ADCI	Association of Diving Contractors International	**CIDB**	Construction Industry Development Board
IMCA	International Marine Contractors Association	**CDA(S)**	Commercial Diving Association (Singapore)