



A Club Diver is one who having passed the Club Diver Exam is proficient in the safe use of scuba equipment for open water diving with a buddy. He/she is permitted to dive with buddies of the same grade or higher and may lead such dives to a maximum depth of 30 metres. He/she may also, with the D.O.'s permission, lead Trainee Divers (Divers *).

PREREQUISITES:

1. Be 17 years of age and have a current certificate(s) of fitness to dive.
2. Hold a Trainee Diver (Diver *) certificate for a minimum period of three months.
3. Have the Club Diving Officers recommendation to undergo the test.
4. Have logged the following dives in Irish or North European waters - minimum 15 minutes duration:
 - 4 X 10 Metres
 - 4 X 15 Metres
 - 5 X 20 Metres
 - 4 X 25 Metres
 - 3 X 30 MetresAll 30 Metre dives must be lead by at least a Leading Diver and completed only when all previous dives are logged. After the 30 metre dives have been logged, no dive in excess of 25 metres should be undertaken until the Club Diver (Diver **) Test has been passed.
5. Complete the following lecture programme as per the Club Diver (Diver **) Module. (For the purposes of the Club Diver test the Trainee Diver (Diver *) and Club Diver (Diver **) lecture programmes shall be included).

Physics	Physiology	Equipment	Techniques
Gas Laws	Respiration/Circulation	Dive Regulator & Cylinders	Dive Planning
	Ears & Sinus	Dry Suit	Small Boat Diving
	Burst Lung	Dive Computers	The Sea
	Hypothermia		
	Hypoxia, Anoxia & Drowning		

6. Within two weeks of the test and in open water, snorkel 500 metres in basic equipment, and 200 metres in full equipment to the satisfaction of the Club Diving Officer.

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EXAM

1. Assemble scuba equipment and present oneself ready to dive, properly weighted.
2. Demonstrate Buddy Check, Hand Signals, and ditching of weightbelt.
3. Demonstrate on shore use of compass.
4. Discuss a Dive Plan with Examiner. (Depth, Time, Site, Tides, Weather).
5. In 20m of water, submerge with mask in hand. Fit mask below surface and proceed to bottom.
At bottom: Remove mask, give to examiner.
Remove regulator, purge and replace.
Replace mask and clear.
Buddy breathe for 2 minutes.
6. Demonstrate buoyancy control. Slightly inflate jacket, lift one metre from bottom, maintain that elevation for thirty seconds then return to the bottom. Use jacket inflation to accomplish this.
7. Simulate a free ascent. Fin 5m. horizontally along the bottom, breathing out continuously. Regulator retained in mouth.
8. Lead the rest of the dive.
9. Tow fully equipped diver 100m (buoyancy allowed).
10. Snorkel 200m in full equipment.
11. Demonstrate CPR on land.
12. Oral examination in Dive Theory, Safety, Equipment and Tables.

CLUB DIVER TESTING PROCEDURE

CLUB DIVING OFFICER:

Ensure that the candidate has completed the following:-

1. Module I Training schedule.
2. A "dummy run" of the complete test.
3. The prerequisite snorkels in the allocated time.
4. A fully completed No. I logbook to include:
 - (a) Photograph glued or stapled in position and over stamped.
 - (b) Current certificate(s) of fitness to dive properly stamped and signed.
 - (c) All 20 training and prerequisite dives to be logged and signed.
 - (d) All necessary signatures filled in by Club T.O. and D.O.
 - (e) Current C.F.T. Trainee Diver (Diver *) brevet.

If any of the above items are incomplete the test will be cancelled.

Having satisfied yourself that a diver is ready for testing, contact the R.D.O. to arrange an examiner, venue and date. No diver may be examined without the express knowledge of his/her Club D.O.

Make a cover diver or boat available if requested by the examiner or R.D.O.

Oral examination to take no longer than fifteen minutes.

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Guidelines for Examiners

Before commencing the test, ensure that candidates' No. 1 logbooks are fully signed up and completed. Ensure that medicals are in date. Ask for C.F.T. Trainee Diver (Diver *) brevet. NO CARDS, NO TEST. Then proceed with Tests 1-4 before leaving the shore. Tests 5 - 10 are completed in sequence. Test 11 is then demonstrated on shore with basic equipment worn. The oral test (12) is then held after the candidates have changed, and is done indoors.

MAJOR POINTS TO NOTE:

1. Maximum of 2 candidates per examiner.
2. Hand signals used throughout must be noted for clarity and response.
3. No in water incidents. No use of emergency signals unless genuine. The "Test" signal is given before each exercise.
4. The candidate's oral dive plan shall be simple and to the point. Main factors are: Depth, Time, Site, Weather, Tides. Do not spend more than 3 minutes with each candidate in total.
5. Test 5 shall be done as follows: The candidate removes his mask at the surface and at a signal from the examiner, submerges with mask in hand either feet first or in a duck dive. Once the candidate is below the surface he may fit the mask at any depth. The mask must be checked by the examiner before proceeding any further.
6. The "Free Ascent" is done with the regulator in the mouth, the candidate breathing out. The examiner swims with the candidate, along the bottom, slightly ahead and facing towards him/her.
7. Where two or more examiners are being used, candidates are rotated between oral and practical tests.
8. Open Water Training Dives are not part of the prerequisite dives.
9. The oral test is not a marathon. It shall not be longer than 15 minutes duration.
10. Remember that you are looking for competent standards, not brilliance.

Having satisfied yourself that the candidate is of the required standard, inform him/her that they have passed and offer your congratulations. Sign and stamp the candidate's logbook with your Club stamp. Advise the R.D.O. of the successful candidates.