

29. TDI Instructor Trainer

29.1 Introduction

The instructor trainer workshop (ITW), trains candidates as full evaluators, to conduct the SDI Instructor Evaluation Course (IEC) independently. A corresponding, current instructor level rating must be held for all IT levels, along with minimum student certifications as detailed in this outline.

29.2 Qualification of Graduates

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

1. Instructor Trainers may staff Instructor Trainer Workshops
2. Conduct administrative crossover programs for SDI and TDI Professionals
3. Conduct the SDI Course Director program

29.3 Who May Teach

This workshop may only be taught by instructor trainer evaluators authorized by SDI Training World Headquarters.

29.4 Student to Instructor Ratio

Candidate to IT ratio is unlimited so long as adequate facility, supplies and time are provided to ensure comprehensive and complete training of subject matter

29.5 Student Prerequisites

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

OR

4. Be an active SDI OWSDI or Equivalent, for a minimum of 2 years with no verified quality assurance complaints within the past 12 months
5. Have issued a minimum of 200 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

6. Candidate must show verification of using SDI/TDI/ERDI standards and materials to conduct or assist at least 5 full SDI/TDI/ERDI courses
7. Provide proof of current CPR, first aid and oxygen provider, where local law permits
8. Have a current medical examination for scuba diving signed by a licensed physician

29.6 Course Structure and Duration

Course Structure:

1. Conducting staff may structure courses according to the number of candidates participating
2. The instructor trainer program may be taught in conjunction with the Course Director course by SDI Headquarters appointed staff

Duration:

1. The instructor trainer candidate must complete 100 hours under the direction and supervision of SDI Headquarters.

29.7 Administrative Requirements

Administrative Tasks:

1. All course fees must be paid in full two weeks prior to the start of the course
2. Candidates must have the proper equipment for confined/pool training and open water
3. Communicate the schedule and course content to the candidate(s)
4. Have the students:
 - a. Complete the *SDI Liability Release and Express Assumption of Risk Form*
 - b. Submit the *SDI Medical Statement Form* signed by a licensed physician

Upon complete of the program the instructor trainer must:

1. Issue the appropriate SDI certification by submitting the appropriate SDI Dive Leader Registration form and other required paperwork to SDI Headquarters

29.8 Required Material

Required materials for the IT candidate:

1. *SDI Standards and Procedures*
2. *SDI Training Materials* as required
3. *SDI Instructor Trainer Manual*

For the Instructor Trainer:

1. *SDI Instructor Trainer Manual*
2. *SDI Standard and Procedures*
3. *SDI Training Materials* as required
4. IT evaluation form
5. ITW written exam

29.9 Required Subject Areas

In addition to a review of all subject areas required for the Course Director course, the following subjects must be covered during the instructor trainer program at the discretion of conducting staff:

1. Documentation required for Instructor/Course Director courses
2. How to conduct instructor course, instructor evaluation and Course Director courses
3. Regional/Cultural factors/laws affecting dive professionals, ie State, Country
4. Diving Emergency Management
5. Advanced Learning Techniques
6. How Headquarters Determines Equivalency of Standards with other Agencies

29.10 Required Skill Performance and Graduation Requirements

Candidates are required to successfully complete the following, using SDI Training Material, where applicable:

1. Present, to instructor trainer quality, a minimum of:
 - a. One classroom presentation on the regional and/or cultural factors/laws which affect the business of scuba diving in their own region.
 - b. One classroom presentation on a subject relating to their highest SDI Specialty instructor rating held
 - c. One classroom presentation on a subject relating to Diving Emergency Management
2. Evaluate a minimum of 3 classroom presentations.
3. Participate in a minimum of 3 further class discussions related to required subject areas
4. Successfully pass the ITW written examination with a minimum score of 80 percent, with 100 percent remediation by the conducting staff
5. Certify a total of at least 200 divers, 50 of which must be SDI/TDI/ERDI certifications
6. Show verification of staffing 1 complete TDI Instructor Course (any level within TDI)

Note: In addition to the above items all IT candidates must complete all requirements listed in the Course Director confined and open water required skill performance and graduation

29.11 Policies for All Instructor Trainers

1. Instructor Trainers must be registered with SDI World Headquarters, and respective SDI Regional Office in their country of residence
2. Upon completion of the instructor trainer program, instructor trainers may upgrade to other instructor level without attending another instructor trainer program provided they have remained actively teaching instructor courses
3. 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 Trimix or Advanced Trimix; must be Advanced Trimix instructor	100
Semi-Closed Rebreather	15	50
Nitrox Blender	10	n/a
Advanced Gas 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; there is no Trimix IT rating*

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