

FAQs

These are some questions are Course Director Rob Scammell is asked commonly about IDC's and also some we think you should ask before enrolling on the program.

How long is the course?

The course can be complete either in a 7 day format – IDC. Or two separate sections the AI ran over a minimum of three days then at a subsequent date the OWSI program minimum of four days.

Who teaches the program?

A PADI Course Director must conduct the full IDC or the OWSI program. However a PADI staff instructor can conduct the AI portion of the program should you choose to do this separately.

How fit do I need to be?

You certainly need to be dive fit and have a current medical signed by a doctor

Many advertisers claim a 100% pass rate at the IE, do you?

Beware of the false advertiser. Many centres claim this but do not say which IE the candidates all pass on the first, second or....

Also many will also claim this with the get out being that if you fail on theory its not their responsibility.

Successfully completing the IE is a logical conclusion of your preparation and subsequent development on the IDC program. Just as you would never put a student in the water you did not think was ready for it likewise Rob will not recommend you attend the IE until both you and he feel you are ready for it.

How experienced is Rob Scammell at training Instructors ?

Rob has several years experience training PADI Instructors, DAN Instructors and DAN Instructors Trainers, EMP Instructors , Staff Instructors and EFR Instructors. Rob also trains commercially through colleges training professional Educators for various roles in adult education and is also involved in the development of many learning programs.

Rob currently works with many major dive centres in the UK offering IDC programs and averages 12-18 OWSI programs per year alone.

What materials do I require?

PADI have recently launched the IDC crewpack which is a rucksack containing most of the materials for the IDC we recommend you purchase this from DiverCity to ensure you have all the materials you require.

What preparation do I need to do?

You will need to complete all the knowledge reviews contained in the candidate workbook prior to attending either the IDC or AI program.

Our advice is also to practise your skill circuit, and revise your theory in particular Physics, Physiology, Equipment, Skill & Environment and RDP using the knowledge workbook and practising on the Divemaster exams on these topics.

Also make sure you are familiar with skills from the Adventures in Diving Program, for example sheet bend, half-hitch and bow line along with rescue techniques using both mouth to mouth and pocket mask.

Many centres advertise the cheapest IDC why don't you?

With price brings quality, those that can't compete on quality compete on price. What would you like us to remove from the program to be able to do this? The experience of the Course Director and staff, quality, knowledge, professionalism, experience, patience, time, safety or.....

I have heard the course is very stressful & intense is that true ?

The course is certainly very fast moving; however we will do our best to provide you with a relaxed low stress comfortable learning environment.

After completing the course how long have I got before I have to attend an IE?

You have up to 12 months to attend an IE before having to repeat training; we can provide you with a full list of exams local to you.

What happens if I can't complete the program?

We will work, within reason, with you to help you subsequently reach any performance requirements for the program not met during the normal course schedule.

I have heard the HSE has very strong regulations in the UK does the program cover these?

Rob works as an expert witness for the HSE and so is able to give you invaluable insight into starting to establish the paperwork and procedures to help you follow these regulations.

Can AIs trained in the old program simply take the 4-day OWSI program?

Yes-but remember it is up to the CD to evaluate candidates suitability so some may be asked to attend the whole program.

What if candidates do not have the opportunity to complete the independent study section?

Then the IDC must be extended by 2 days to allow for this study in class.

Where can the AI course be conducted?

This can now only be conducted at a 5 star IDC centre.