

Advanced Instructor Practical Examination (AIE/P)



AIM

To assess that Open Water Instructors, who have passed the AI Theory Examination, are competent in teaching all practical skills associated with diver training, and classroom teaching techniques, at any level within BSAC.

ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Hold as a minimum the qualification of BSAC Advanced Diver.
2. Hold the qualification of BSAC Open Water Instructor.
3. Current Full Diving Membership of BSAC on the date of the Examination.
4. Have previously attended a BSAC Advanced Instructor Course (AIC).
5. Have obtained at least a Borderline Pass in the Advanced Instructor Theory Examination.

Candidates are required to submit evidence of the above with their application. In certain circumstances, applicants who do not meet all the requirements may be accepted at the discretion of the Chief Examiner.

THE PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

There are five sections to this exam (excluding the theory paper). The order in which the elements are examined depends on local conditions, so candidates should be prepared to teach each one with relatively short notice. The elements are :

Instructional Dive

The instructional dive represents a typical dive that you might take a club member on, e.g. a wreck dive, and teaching the skills to undertake it safely and enjoyably. You will work with 2 or 3 other candidates to organize a plan. The instructional dive will then be undertaken, in line with the plan, each candidate leading a dive, with the Examiner as a dive buddy.

Project Dive

The project dive planning involves candidates putting a dive together for their group, each undertaking a specific task. Typically a project dive might be a search exercise or a navigation workshop. Each candidate will teach the others in turn, with the Examiner observing.

OWI Critique

The OWI Critique can be incorporated into the Instructional dive or the Project dive. Candidates will be asked to observe the Examiner doing some teaching, and then demonstrate how the lesson may be improved, correcting any errors. Candidates should provide a comprehensive debrief.

Surface Teaching

Surface teaching is about teaching opportunities that arise throughout the exam. Opportunities can occur on both the Project and the Instructional dive. Appropriate subjects are ones that actually need doing, e.g. chart work, dive planning.

Classroom Presentation

Teach a 15-minute practical lesson to others in your candidate group whilst the Examiner observes. The lesson will be sent to you about 2 weeks in advance of the exam.

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APPLYING FOR A PLACE ON AN AI PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

Before completing and returning the attached Application Form, please ensure that you meet all the entry requirements given above. The completed Application Form should be sent to **Central Bookings** at BSAC Headquarters, **to arrive no later than six weeks before the Examination**, together with **all** of the following:

- Photocopies of your:
 - Advanced Diver and Open Water Instructor certificate
 - Current BSAC membership card or receipt.
 - Evidence of a successful pass in the AI Theory Examination
- The current AIE/P Fee by cheque payable to BSAC - or use the credit card payment facility provided.

Many Advanced Instructor Examinations are fully booked months in advance, so early booking is strongly recommended. Dates and venues of AI Practical Examinations and a note of the current AIE/P Fee, are issued with this form, and are published in the BSAC's annual 'Programme of Events' booklet and the 'BSAC Courses' column in Diver magazine. Dates of any additional events, or changes in date and venue, can be obtained from Central Bookings at BSAC HQ or via the website. <http://www.bsac.org/events/poeindex.htm>

ASSESSMENTS & RESULTS

Assessments are made throughout the six sections of the examination and an overall assessment made at the end of the event by the Examiners concerned, and the Senior Examiner who has co-ordinated the event.

Candidates are required to achieve a PASS grade over the whole examination.

Should they receive a BORDERLINE grade in one section only, a MERIT will be required elsewhere to compensate for it.

If a FAIL grade is received in any section of the AIE Practical, the practical examination must be retaken in its entirety.

Finally, two or more BORDERLINE grades constitute a FAIL.

Definitions of Grades

MERIT	All essential criteria present; all or most non- essential criteria present
PASS	All essential criteria present
BORDERLINE	One or some essential criteria weak; all or some non-essential criteria present
FAIL	One or some essential criteria absent; all, some or no non-essential criteria present

