



Practical Instructor Exam (PIE)

AIM

To assess that candidates are competent to teach diving in an open water training area.

ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

For ALL elements

1. Hold as a minimum the BSAC diving qualification of Dive Leader.
2. Current Full Diving Membership of BSAC on the date of the Examination.
3. Have previously attended a BSAC Instructor Training Course/Instructor Foundation Course (ITC or IFC).
- 4. Have attended the Open Water Instructor Course**
5. Be at least 18 years old on the date of the final assessment.

Candidates are required to submit evidence of the above with their application.

EXAMINATION SYLLABUS

Important Note: this Exam can **ONLY** be booked once the **OWIC has been completed**.

A practical open water lesson is used to determine a candidate's ability to instruct a small class in a designated surface or underwater diving skill. At the commencement of this part of the examination, the examiner will brief the candidates, assign each a lesson and provide any other relevant information. Each candidate will then be expected to give appropriate instruction for a period of about 40 minutes. The student group will normally comprise of two of their fellow candidates on the examination. Candidates should note that they are under examination during all practical lessons, not just while they are acting as the instructor.

NOTES

Recommended study for the Assessments

Student Notes for IFC/ITC and Open Water Instructor Course.
Teaching Scuba Diving

Equipment required for the relevant Assessments

Candidates must provide:

- Their own equipment for the practical examination - basic equipment, suitable protective suit, weightbelt, BC, cylinder (full), regulator and alternative air source.
- A slate, waterproof notebook or other aid for Brief/Debrief
- Other equipment necessary to aid the teaching process as described in the OWIC (e.g. reels, SMB, compass).

Examination results

Examination of candidates is carried out by Examining Instructors who assess each candidate's performance and produce individual 'Candidate's Assessment' Reports. Candidates are informed of their result as soon as possible after the examination and are sent a copy of their Assessment Report for further guidance. Successful candidates who hold a pass in the written Theory Exam will be recognised as a Practical instructor and receive a logbook sticker.

APPLYING FOR A PLACE ON AN EXAM

Before completing and returning the attached Application Form, please ensure that you meet all the relevant entry requirements given above. The completed Application Form should be sent to **Central Bookings** at BSAC Headquarters, together with any necessary photocopies.

It should be noted that many Exam Events are fully booked months in advance, so early booking is strongly recommended. Dates and venues of Exams (and a note of the current Fee) are issued with this form, and are published in the BSAC's annual 'Programme of Events' booklet and the 'BSAC Courses' column in Dive magazine and on the BSAC Website and online Booking facility. Dates of any additional events, or changes in date and venue, can be obtained by Central Bookings at BSAC HQ or the Website.

