



## **Theory Instructor Exam (TIE)**

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### **AIM**

To assess that candidates are competent to teach diving in the classroom, and possess an appropriate level of theoretical knowledge.

### **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. 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**

The two elements of the Theory Instructor Exam can each be taken separately. However the Classroom and Theory Assessments will be offered at the same venue on the same day as the THEORY INSTRUCTOR EXAM (TIE).

#### ***Classroom Lesson***

About two weeks before the examination, candidates will be told the subject area of a diving related topic on which they are to give a 10 minute classroom lesson to a group of 12 students. The students are at a stage in their training where it would be appropriate for them to receive this lesson.

Candidates are advised to plan and prepare this lesson in advance and to provide visual and/or other teaching aids where appropriate. Rather than attempting to cover the entire subject area in 10 minutes, candidates should select and include sufficient material from within the subject area to adequately fill this time. During the lesson, examiners will be assessing:

Teaching ability	Knowledge
Accuracy of information	Lesson structure
Suitability and use of any teaching aid	Class involvement
Timing	

Candidates should not assume that equipment such as overhead projectors and screens will be available at the examination centre. If these are required, they should be provided by the candidate.

#### ***Written Examination***

A one hour multiple choice question paper is used to determine a candidate's knowledge of diving theory up to Dive Leader level. Questions use metric (SI) units where appropriate and cover these areas of knowledge:

Diving physics and physiology	Diving first aid and medicine
BSAC '88 Decompression Tables, Levels 1 - 4	Diving equipment
Dive organisation	Boat handling and seamanship
Dive Instruction theory	

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## NOTES

### ***Recommended study for the Assessments***

BSAC Diving Manuals - *Sport Diving, Teaching Scuba Diving, Seamanship for Divers, Safety and Rescue for Divers, Snorkelling for All*  
BSAC Instructor Handbook  
BSAC Student Workbooks  
BSAC '88 Decompression Tables, Levels 1 - 4

### ***Equipment required for the relevant Assessments***

Candidates must provide:

#### **Classroom Presentation**

All materials and equipment needed for the classroom lesson. You should not assume that Overhead projectors or other equipment will be available and you should check with the Local Organiser what equipment will be available at the venue.

#### **Theory Exam**

Writing materials and a copy of the BSAC '88 Decompression Tables Levels 1 - 4 for the written examination. The use of a calculator is permitted.

### ***Examination results***

Examination of candidates is carried out by Examining Instructors who assess each candidate's performance, mark the written papers, and produce individual 'Candidate's Assessment' Reports. Candidates are informed of their result by post as soon as possible after the examination and are sent a copy of their Assessment Report for further guidance. Candidates who are successful in both elements will qualify as a Classroom Instructor and receive a logbook sticker for their Qualification Record Book.

On successful completion of all three elements (theory, classroom and practical) candidates will qualify for the award of Open Water Instructor and receive a logbook sticker, a wetsuit badge and presentation certificate.

### ***International recognition***

The BSAC Open Water Instructor qualification is equivalent to a CMAS Two Star Instructor.

## **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 the following:

Photocopies of your:

- Dive Leader certificate page from your qualification record book.
- Your ITC/IFC Attendance Sticker
- Current BSAC membership card or receipt.
- The Assessment Fee. Cheques should be made payable to BSAC - or use the credit card payment facility provided.

**It should be noted that many Assessment Events are fully booked months in advance, so early booking is strongly recommended.** Dates and venues of Assessments (**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. The online booking facility on the Website is kept regularly updated and provides a speedy and reliable booking method. It should be noted however that **such bookings cannot be confirmed** if we cannot confirm your diving qualifications or membership from the HQ database.

