

Induction of Instructors

The current Instructor Training Scheme (ITS) requires members, who wish to become instructors, to complete the following courses and exams:

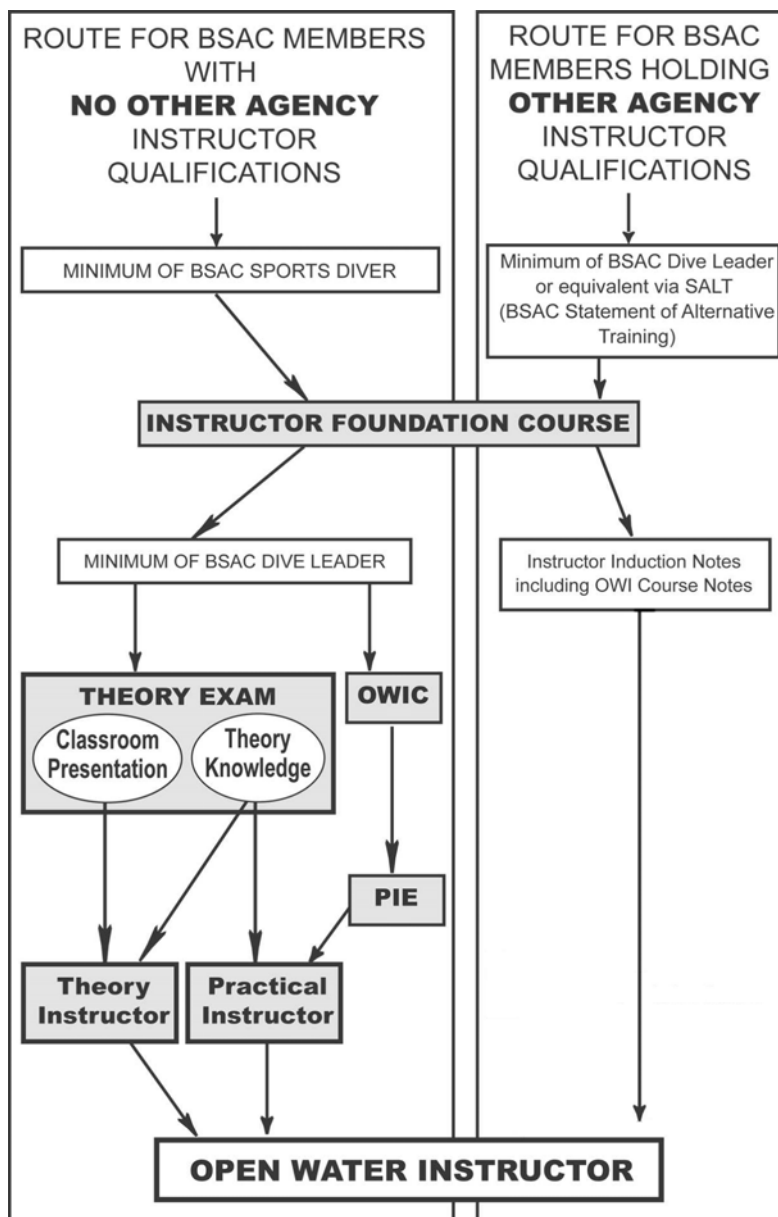
- The Instructor Foundation Course (IFC),
- Theory Instructor Exam (TIE),
- Open Water Instructor Course (OWIC)
- Practical Instructor Exam (PIE)

Awarded Open Water Instructor (OWI) qualification.

Other-agency trained Open Water Instructors

The BSAC recognises the qualifications of divers trained by other organisations and also Instructor grades awarded by most agencies. There can really be little reason to question the validity of an existing, other-agency diving instructor qualification. Indeed the majority of instructors have been ASSESSED not only in the classroom and the pool but also on their teaching ability in the Open Water. However, we do need to ensure that any instructors teaching the BSAC syllabus are familiar with the system we use to train our divers and instructors. Consequently BSAC members, who hold instructor qualifications from other organisations, can apply for the Instructor Induction Programme, which will involve:

- Being a Member of the BSAC
- Attending an Instructor Foundation Course (IFC)
- Send evidence of other-agency instructor grade
- Receive the 'Instructor Induction Pack', which includes the OWIC Student Notes
- Awarded BSAC Open Water Instructor (OWI) qualification.



This process can apply both to volunteers in Branches and also staff Instructors at commercial Centres. This is an alternative process to the Centre Crossover Events.

BSAC Club Instructors or similar

Note: Instructors with grades similar to BSAC Club Instructor (CI) will follow a slightly different process.

Branch members, as volunteers, must log 12 hours of Open Water Instruction conducted within a BSAC Branch, teaching the current BSAC Diver Training Programme and be verified by the Branch Diving Officer and a BSAC Nationally Qualified Instructor (NQI).

The Instructor Induction process is aimed at the smooth acceptance and integration of existing Instructors within BSAC Branches and to further enhance the acceptance and understanding of other agency qualifications.

This process is NOT applicable to Instructors working in BSAC Diver Training Centres.