

# Summary of PADI Membership Level Courses and Programs

See instructor guides for complete standards.

Membership Level	Min. Age	Prerequisite Certification	Ratio	Min. Instructor Rating	Rec. Hours
Divemaster	18	Advanced Open Water Diver and Rescue Diver	8:1	Open Water Scuba Instructor	50
EFR Instructor	18	EFR provider-level training	12:1:1*	EFR Instructor Trainer	16
Assistant Instructor	18	Divemaster	8:1	IDC Staff Instructor	40
Open Water Scuba Instructor	18	Divemaster	8:1	Course Director	90
Specialty Instructor	18	Assistant Instructor	—	Course Director*	—
Master Scuba Diver Trainer (MSDT)	18	Instructor with 5 PADI Specialty Instructor ratings**	—	*	—
Gas Blender Instructor	18	Instructor with Enriched Air Specialty Instructor rating and Gas Blender	—	Gas Blender Instructor Trainer	—
Trimix Blender Instructor	18	Instructor with Enriched Air Specialty Instructor rating, and Trimix Blender	—	Trimix Blender Instructor Trainer	—
Rebreather Instructor	18	Instructor with Enriched Air and Deep Specialty Instructor ratings; Advanced Rebreather Diver+	—	Rebreather Instructor Trainer	—
Tec Sidemount Instructor	18	Instructor with Enriched Air and Deep Specialty Instructor ratings; Tec 45 Diver	—	Tec Sidemount Instructor Trainer	—
Tec Instructor	18	Instructor with Enriched Air and Deep Specialty Instructor ratings	—	Tec Deep Instructor Trainer	—
Tec Deep Instructor	18	Instructor with Enriched Air and Deep Specialty Instructor ratings	—	Tec Deep Instructor Trainer	—
Tec Trimix Deep Instructor	18	MSDT with Tec Deep Instructor rating	—	Tec Trimix Instructor Trainer	—
Tec 40 CCR Instructor	18	MSDT with Enriched Air and Deep Specialty Instructor ratings; Tec 40 CCR Diver+	—	Tec 40 CCR Instructor Trainer+	—
Tec 60 CCR Instructor	18	Tec 40 CCR Instructor+ and Tec 60 CCR Diver+	—	Tec 60 CCR Instructor Trainer+	—
Tec 100 CCR Instructor	18	Tec 60 CCR Instructor+ and Tec 100 CCR Diver+	—	Tec 100 CCR Instructor Trainer+	—
Freediver Instructor	18	Master Freediver (Advanced Freediver with experience)	—	Freediver Instructor Trainer	—
Advanced Freediver Instructor	18	Freediver Instructor with teaching experience	—	*	—
Master Freediver Instructor	18	Advanced Freediver Instructor with teaching experience	—	*	—
Basic Mermaid Instructor	18	Advanced Mermaid	—	Mermaid Instructor	—
Mermaid Instructor	18	Advanced Mermaid	4:1	Mermaid Instructor Trainer	—
IDC Staff Instructor	18	Master Scuba Diver Trainer	—	Course Director	18
Master Instructor	20	IDC Staff Instructor and EFR Instructor	—	*	—
PADI Alumni	18	Divemaster, Assistant Instructor or Instructor	—	*	—

\* 12 students to 1 instructor and 1 mannequin

\* By application approved, or training conducted through PADI Office

+ Trained on specific Rebreather/CCR unit

\*\* Excludes Peak Performance Buoyancy, Project AWARE and Coral Conservation Specialty Instructor ratings. One PADI Freediver Instructor rating may credit.