

**DEEPBLUE**  
SCUBA



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## **PADI SPECIALITY & MASTER SCUBA DIVER COURSE INFORMATION**

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The PADI speciality courses allow you to learn more about areas of diving that interest you. If you hold a PADI Open Water Diver certification, or higher (or hold an equivalent certification from another training organisation) you can complete speciality courses.

## What dives interest you?

Underwater Photography so you can capture your underwater memories, Wreck Diver so you can explore our underwater history, Enriched Air Diver so you can extend your bottom time. These are just a few of the Speciality courses that you can complete, but there are many more exciting courses available.



When you complete your course you will receive a new certification card denoting the speciality that you have achieved and you will have new dive skills.

If you have completed an Adventure Dive, either as part of your Advanced Open Water course or as an independent dive, in the area of the Speciality that you plan to complete you can choose to count this dive towards the Speciality. The first dive in each Speciality is the same as the Adventure Dive, in that area of diving. This allows you to complete the Speciality in a shorter time. However, to gain as much experience as possible, under the direction of your instructor, Deep Blue Scuba suggests that you complete all dives in each Speciality, including the first dive.

Why not take the Master Scuba Diver challenge? The Master Scuba Diver qualification is the highest non-professional rating in the PADI system of diver education. This qualification makes you stand out as an experienced and committed diver, with a broad range of dive knowledge and skills. To become a Master Scuba Diver you must be a Rescue Diver, hold 5 Specialities and have completed 50 logged dives.

The PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) certification is the most popular in the world and allows you to hire or purchase diving equipment, arrange diving and enrol on further training courses.

Deep Blue Scuba organises a number of UK and overseas dive trips and runs an active dive club (Deep Blue Scuba Adventures) to help you continue diving, after your course.



## Course Structure

### Predives

With many of the courses you start by working through your manual, in your own time. This means that you can work at your own pace and fit the knowledge development around your existing schedule. Some of the courses do not require any home study.

Special help is available for our younger students or if you would like a little extra assistance.

The course starts with the class meeting, with the instructors, to go over the material and discuss any queries or areas of particular interest. If you have not been diving for a while or if you have not dived with Deep Blue Scuba you may also complete a brief session in the swimming pool.

### Dives

Most of the courses require open water dives, although not all. On these dives you must demonstrate your ability to perform the dive specific skills and you will get the opportunity to explore underwater.

You will complete all of your dives in the sea so you will be guaranteed to see some of the diverse marine life that Scotland boasts. You will also complete all of your dives in dry suits to make sure that you are warm and comfortable.

## Which Speciality courses can I complete?

With Deep Blue Scuba you can complete speciality courses in:

**Boat Diver, AWARE –Coral Reef Conservation, Deep Diver, Drift Diver, Dry Suit Diver, Enriched Air Diver, Equipment Specialist, AWARE – Fish Identification Diver, Multilevel Diver, Night Diver, Peak Performance Buoyancy, Project AWARE, Search & Recovery Diver, Underwater Naturalist, Underwater Navigator, Digital Underwater Photographer and Wreck Diver.**

→ **For information on what each speciality entails please ask.**

## How old do I need to be to complete a PADI Speciality course?

You need to be at least 10 years old to complete the Boat Diver, Dry Suit Diver, Equipment Specialist, AWARE - Fish Identification Diver, Peak Performance Buoyancy, Underwater Naturalist, Underwater Navigator and Digital Underwater Photographer courses.

You need to be at least 12 years old to complete the Drift Diver, Multilevel Diver, Night Diver and Search & Recovery Diver courses.

You need to be at least 15 years old to complete the Deep Diver, Enriched Air Diver, and Wreck Diver courses.

There is no minimum age requirement to complete the AWARE – Coral Reef Conservation and Project AWARE courses.



## What certification do I need to hold to complete a PADI Speciality course?

You need to be a (junior) PADI Open Water Diver or hold an equivalent certification from another organisation to complete the Boat Diver, Drift Diver, Dry Suit Diver, Enriched Air Diver, Equipment Specialist, AWARE – Fish Identification Diver, Multilevel Diver, Night Diver, Peak Performance Buoyancy, Underwater Naturalist, Underwater Navigator and Digital Underwater Photographer.

You need to be a (junior) PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or hold an equivalent certification from another organisation to complete the Deep Diver, Search and Recovery Diver and Wreck Diver.

There is no minimum certification requirement to complete the AWARE – Coral Reef Conservation and Project AWARE courses. These courses can be completed by both divers and non divers.

## How many open water dives will I need to complete?

You will complete 2 open water dives for the Boat Diver, Drift Diver, Dry Suit Diver, AWARE - Fish Identification Diver, Multilevel Diver, Peak Performance Buoyancy, Underwater Naturalist and Digital Underwater Photographer courses.

You will complete 3 open water dives for the Night Diver and Underwater Navigator courses.

You will complete 4 open water dives for the Deep Diver, Search & Recovery Diver and Wreck Diver courses.

You do not need to complete any open water dives for the AWARE – Coral Reef Conservation, Enriched Air Diver (2 optional open water dives can be completed), Equipment Specialist and Project AWARE courses.

## Can I complete my course on a Deep Blue Scuba trip?

Many of the Speciality courses are very well suited to completion on a UK or overseas trip. Imagine completing your Wreck Diver course on the WW2 battleships of Scapa Flow or your Deep Diver course on the majestic wrecks and beautiful wall dives of the Sound of Mull. If you would like to complete your Speciality on a trip please discuss this with us, so we can advise you on a suitable trip.

## When can I complete a speciality course?

You can complete the Dry Suit Diver course each month. All other specialities course are run as they are requested, so you can complete your speciality course as it suits you.

## Is equipment hire included in the price?

Full SCUBA equipment hire, including a dry suit, is included in the course price. All you need to have is a swimming suit and t-shirt, if you will complete a pool dive, and thermals or jogging trousers and sweat shirt/fleece top to wear under your dry suit, for the open water dives.

How much do PADI Speciality courses cost?

Courses involving:

2 open water dives cost £140 (exception - Enriched Air Diver course with the 2 optional dives costs £200)

3 open water dives cost £170

4 open water dives cost £200

Courses that do not involve open water dives cost £95 except AWARE – Coral Reef Conservation and Project AWARE which cost £50, with the proceeds being donated to the Project AWARE Foundation.

Prices include your own set of materials (where applicable) to keep after the course, full SCUBA equipment hire (where applicable), instruction and certification fees.

## If I decide to complete a package of PADI Speciality courses is there a discount?

If you decide to complete 5 PADI Speciality courses, for example to become a Master Scuba Diver, you will receive the cheapest course free. This discount will be applied on completion of the final course and cannot be used in conjunction with any other discount.

To qualify for this discount you must complete all 5 PADI Speciality courses within 12 months.

## What is a Master Scuba Diver?

A Master Scuba Diver is a diver who has shown great commitment by becoming experienced in many areas of diving. This certification is the highest non-professional level that can be achieved within the PADI system of diver education and some call it the 'black-belt of diving'.

By becoming a Master Scuba Diver you will have the expertise to dive in differing environments and conditions and you will be equipped to care for yourself and others.

To become a Master Scuba Diver you must complete 5 speciality courses, the rescue diver course and have completed a minimum of 50 dives.

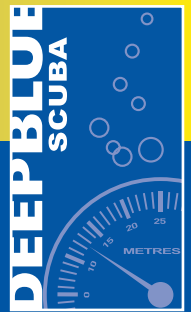
Complete your Master Scuba Diver in 2009 and you will be entered into a prize draw to win £500 of diving, courtesy of PADI.

## How much does the PADI Master Scuba Diver rating cost?

The application fee, payable directly to PADI, is currently £27.60.



# ABOUT DEEP BLUE SCUBA



Deep Blue Scuba is a 5 Star PADI IDC (Instructor Development Course) dive centre, meaning that we meet PADI's stringent requirements in the courses and experiences that we offer. We offer taster experiences through formative dive courses (Open Water, Advanced Open Water, Speciality Diver and Rescue Diver) to leadership level (Divemaster) and Instructor level courses.

We have a wealth of experience and have taught hundreds of people from diverse backgrounds and ability levels, to dive. We have experience working with children, young adults and those with physical restrictions. All of the staff, working with children, are Disclosure Scotland checked.

The staff are passionate divers and truly enjoy the opportunity to introduce people to the underwater world.

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## DEEP BLUE ADVENTURES

Deep Blue Scuba Adventures is a PADI Diving Society affiliated dive club. Through the club you will have the opportunity to meet new people, do new things and go new places. We meet monthly and throughout the year have social events including: beach clean ups, beach BBQs, shark dives, hyperbaric chamber visits and marine mammal awareness courses. The club also organises a number of UK and Overseas dive trips, so you can put your new skills into practice and explore the various wonders of the underwater world.

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