

# AUSIDIVE OVERVIEW

**AUSIDIVE** is an international diving certification agency offering training, standards, teaching guidelines, course notes, teaching materials and certifications in:

1. **Recreational Snorkelling**, see AUSIDIVE Recreational Snorkelling below,
2. **Recreational Scuba Diving**, see AUSIDIVE Recreational Scuba Diving below, and
3. **Technical Diving** including Free Diving.

There are six autonomous **AUSIDIVE Regions** each managed by an AUSIDIVE Regional Director.

The regions are:

1. Australia & South Pacific,
2. Europe including United Kingdom,
3. Asia including China, Japan and South Korea,
4. North America (USA & Canada),
5. South & Central America including Mexico and the Caribbean, and
6. Middle East, Africa & India.

**AUSIDIVE's Head Office**, based in Australia, is managed by the **Chief Executive Officer** (CEO) who is appointed by the AUSIDIVE Board and is responsible for the day to day business affairs of AUSIDIVE. The CEO acts as directed by and is answerable to the AUSIDIVE Board.

The **AUSIDIVE Board** is made up of the AUSIDIVE Director of Standards and Training and the AUSIDIVE Regional Directors. The AUSIDIVE Board meets regularly to determine AUSIDIVE policy and is chaired by the AUSIDIVE CEO.

**AUSIDIVE Regional Directors** are responsible for implementation and maintenance of AUSIDIVE Standards and Procedures within their region as well as promoting and coordinating the activities of AUSIDIVE Regional Representatives within their region. Regional Directors are answerable to the AUSIDIVE Board.

**AUSIDIVE Regional Representatives** are responsible for implementation and maintenance of AUSIDIVE Standards and Procedures within their area as well as promoting and coordinating the activities of AUSIDIVE Facilities within their specified area. Regional Representatives are answerable to their relevant Regional Director and the AUSIDIVE Board.

**AUSIDIVE Facilities** are responsible for implementation and maintenance of AUSIDIVE Standards and Procedures within their facility. AUSIDIVE Facilities are answerable to their relevant Regional Representative, relevant Regional Director and the AUSIDIVE Board.

There are three levels of AUSIDIVE Facility:

1. **AUSIDIVE Adventure Centre** (Snorkel/Scuba or both) - authorised to conduct AUSIDIVE Activities.
2. **AUSIDIVE Training Facility** (Snorkel/Scuba or both) - authorised to conduct AUSIDIVE Activities and AUSIDIVE Courses ie can issue AUSIDIVE Certifications.
3. **AUSIDIVE Academy** (Snorkel/Scuba or both) - authorised to conduct AUSIDIVE Programs and independently train AUSIDIVE Instructors.

**AUSIDIVE Professionals** are responsible for the maintenance of AUSIDIVE Standards and Procedures when they are conducting AUSIDIVE Programs. AUSIDIVE Professionals are answerable to their AUSIDIVE Facility, where appropriate, and their relevant Regional Representative, relevant Regional Director and AUSIDIVE Board.

***AUSIDIVE: Since 1994 – over 20 years of experience!***

## AUSIDIVE RECREATIONAL SNORKELLING

AUSIDIVE offers the following snorkelling activities and training programs:

### Recreational snorkelling activities:

- Snorkel Swimming
- Snorkel Diving

### Recreational snorkelling courses:

- Snorkel Diver
- Free Diver
- Snorkel Specialties

### Vocational snorkelling courses:

- Snorkel Guide
- Snorkel Instructor
- Snorkel Instructor Trainer

Refer to <http://www.ausidiving.com.au/standards/>

The following table shows the breath hold depth requirements for various levels of AUSIDIVE snorkelling certifications.

Certification Level	Snorkel Diver	Snorkel Professional
Level 1	3 metres (10ft)	6 metres (20ft)
Level 2	6 metres (20ft)	9 metres (30ft)
Level 3	9 metres (30ft)	12 metres (40ft)

- NOTE:** 1.Snorkelling Professionals shall be at the same level or higher than the level of activity or training eg to issue a Level 2 Snorkel Diver certification the instructor must be an Level 2 Snorkel Instructor or higher.
2. For depths greater than nine metres (30 ft) refer to the AUSIDIVE Free Diver Standard.

## AUSIDIVE RECREATIONAL SCUBA DIVING

AUSIDIVE offers the following scuba activities and training programs:

### Recreational scuba diving activities:

- Scuba Experience (*Pool & shallow ocean scuba*)
- Scuba Adventure (*Resort Diving*)
- Certified Scuba Diving
- Area Orientation
- Scuba Refresher

### Recreational scuba courses:

- Level I Scuba Diver (*Supervised Scuba Diver*)
- Level II Scuba Diver (*Open Water Scuba Diver*)
- Level III Scuba Diver (*Advanced Scuba Diver*)
- Level IV Scuba Diver (*Deep Scuba Diver*)
- Level V Scuba Diver (*Rescue + Deep Diver*) - **AUSIDIVE Premier Diver**
- Level VI Scuba Diver - **AUSIDIVE Master Diver**
- Scuba Assistant
- Rescue Diver
- Scuba Specialties

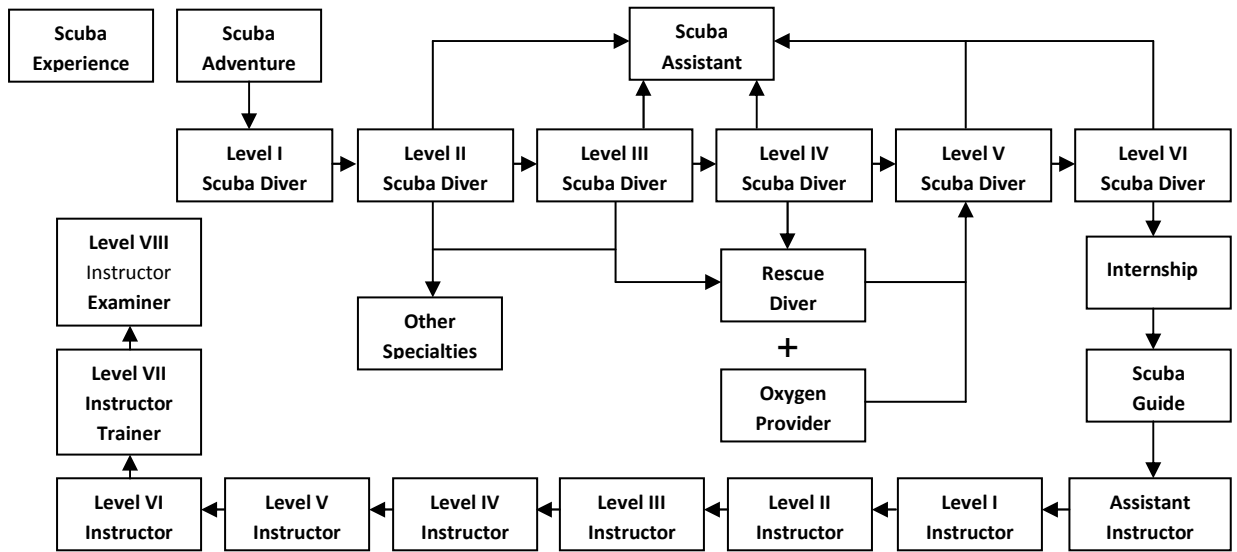
### Vocational scuba courses:

- Scuba Guide (*Dive Master*)
- Assistant Scuba Instructor (*Assistant Instructor*)
- Level I Scuba Instructor (*Resort Diver Instructor*)
- Level II Scuba Instructor (*Open Water Scuba Instructor*)
- Level III Scuba Instructor (*Advanced Scuba Instructor*)
- Level IV Scuba Instructor (*Deep Diver Instructor*)
- Level V Scuba Instructor (*Rescue Instructor*) - **AUSIDIVE Premier Instructor**
- Level VI Scuba Instructor (*Dive Master Instructor*) - **AUSIDIVE Master Instructor**
- Level VII Scuba Instructor (*Scuba Instructor Trainer*)
- Level VIII Scuba Instructor (*Scuba Instructor Examiner*)

Refer to <http://www.ausidiving.com.au/standards/>

## AUSIDIVE RECREATIONAL SCUBA DIVING *continued* (0115)

The following chart below shows the relationship between the various AUSIDIVE Scuba Programs.



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## Summary of AUSIDIVE Age Requirements

Activity or Program:	Entry Age	Certification Age
Snorkel Swimming	8	N/A
Snorkel Diving	8	N/A
Snorkel Diver	10	14
Snorkel Guide	16	18
Snorkel Instructor	16	18
Free Diver	16	16
Scuba Experience	8	N/A
Scuba Adventure (Resort Diving)	12	N/A
Level I Scuba Diver (Supervised Scuba Diver)	12	N/A
Level II Scuba Diver (Open Water Scuba Diver)	14 ( <i>Junior</i> )	18
Level III Scuba Diver (Advanced Scuba Diver)	16 ( <i>Junior</i> )	18
Level IV Scuba Diver (Deep Scuba Diver)	16 ( <i>Junior</i> )	18
Level V Scuba Diver (Rescue & Deep Diver)	16 ( <i>Junior</i> )	18
Level VI Scuba Diver (Master Scuba Diver)	16 ( <i>Junior</i> )	18
Scuba Area Orientation	N/A	N/A
Scuba Refresher	N/A	N/A
Scuba Assistant	16	16
Rescue Diver	14	14
Scuba Guide (Dive Master)	18	18
Assistant Scuba Instructor	18	18
Scuba Instructor	18	18

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### Notes

1. AUSIDIVE Junior Divers must dive with a qualified parent or guardian, or an AUSIDIVE Guide or higher or approved equivalent, and must undergo re-evaluation as per the relevant AUSIDIVE Teaching Guidelines before being issued with a full AUSIDIVE Diver certification.

## Summary of AUSIDIVE Ratios for Ideal Conditions (1214)

Activity or Program:	Student to Instructor Ratios ( <i>with an assistant</i> )			
	Classroom or Briefing	Pool	Enclosed or Sheltered Water	Open Water
Snorkel Swimming, <i>see Note 1 below.</i>	24:1	16:1 (24:1)	16:1 (24:1)	8:1 (16:1)
Snorkel Diving, <i>see Note 1 below.</i>	12:1	8:1 (12:1)	8:1 (12:1)	8:1 (12:1)
Snorkel Diver, <i>see Note 1 below.</i>	12:1	12:1	8:1 (12:1)	8:1 (12:1)
Snorkel Guide	12:1	6:1 (12:1)	6:1 (12:1)	6:1 (12:1)
Snorkel Instructor, <i>see Note 2 below.</i>	12:1	6:1 (8:1)	6:1 (8:1)	6:1 (8:1)
Free Diver	12:1	4:1	4:1	4:1
Scuba Experience, <i>see Note 3 below.</i>	12:1	8:1 (12:1)	4:1 (6:1)	N/A
Scuba Adventure, <i>see Note 4 below.</i>	12:1	6:1 (8:1)	4:1 (6:1)	2:1 (4:1)
Level I Scuba Diver (Supervised Scuba Diver)	12:1	6:1 (8:1)	4:1 (6:1)	4:1 (6:1)
Level II Scuba Diver (Open Water Scuba Diver)	12:1	8:1 (12:1)	4:1 (8:1)	6:1 (8:1)
Level III Scuba Diver (Advanced Scuba Diver)	12:1	8:1 (12:1)	8:1 (12:1)	< 20m (66') 6:1 (8:1) > 20m (66') 4:1 (6:1)
Level IV Scuba Diver (Deep Scuba Diver)	12:1	8:1 (12:1)	8:1 (12:1)	4:1 (6:1)
Level V Scuba Diver (Rescue & Deep Diver)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Level VI Scuba Diver (Master Scuba Diver)	12:1	8:1 (12:1)	6:1 (8:1)	6:1 (8:1)
Scuba Area Orientation, <i>see Note 6 below</i>	12:1	8:1 (12:1)	6:1 (8:1)	As per relevant Level II, III or IV.
Scuba Refresher	12:1	8:1 (12:1)	6:1 (8:1)	As per relevant Level II, III or IV.
Scuba Assistant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rescue Diver	12:1	8:1 (12:1)	6:1 (8:1)	6:1 (8:1)
Scuba Guide (Dive Master)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Assistant Scuba Instructor	12:1	6:1	6:1	4:1
Scuba Instructor	12:1	6:1	6:1	4:1

### Notes:

1. Assistants for snorkel swimming, snorkel diving and AUSIDIVE Snorkel Diver must be an:
  - a. AUSIDIVE Snorkel Guide or higher, or
  - b. Endorsed AUSIDIVE Scuba Guide or higher.
2. Assistants for AUSIDIVE Snorkel Instructor must be an endorsed AUSIDIVE Scuba Instructor or approved equivalent.
3. Assistants for AUSIDIVE Scuba Experience must be AUSIDIVE Scuba Guides or AUSIDIVE Scuba Assistant Instructors or approved equivalent.
4. AUSIDIVE Level I Scuba Instructors conducting AUSIDIVE Scuba Adventure cannot conduct dives in open water nor use an assistant to increase ratios and must decrease ratios to 2:1 when the water temperature is less than 24 degrees Celsius.
5. Assistants on AUSIDIVE Scuba Adventure and AUSIDIVE Scuba Diving Programs must be AUSIDIVE Assistant Scuba Instructors or higher or approved equivalent.
6. AUSIDIVE Scuba Guides conducting AUSIDIVE Scuba Area Orientation are restricted to 2:1 for all phases.