

The Dive Shop

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Dive Professional Courses

- Advanced Sea Adventurer
- Master Diver
- Professional Instructor

Beginner Open Water Dive Courses



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Dive Guide in Fiji... Instructor in Barbados... Commercial Pearl Diver... Personal Chef/Dive guide on Yacht... Underwater Welder... Scallop Diver... Marine Biologist... Underwater Photographer... Instructor on a Cruise Ship... Dive Guide in the Sounds...

Your adventure starts here....

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Experience the difference ...

WHO WE ARE

The Dive Shop Wellington Ltd was established in 2005 to provide a retail and training facility for the Hutt Valley and Greater Wellington area.

As an SSI Career Development Centre we offer courses from Open Water (beginner) to Advanced Open Water Instructor programmes (professional). Currently we are the only government approved SCUBA training provider between Nelson and Napier, and are subject to NZQA audits. We operate through two private tertiary education entities, the Adventure Sports Institute (ASI) and Adventure Education (AE).

The Owner/Director, Instructor Trainer, Benjamin Awa, has been teaching since 1998 and has certified over 2,500 students. Formerly the Training Manager at another Adventure Education site in the Hutt Valley, Ben has managed training programmes for over 70 full-time students per year.



WHAT WE DO

In addition to the Tertiary Programmes set out by TEC, ASI and AE, we also incorporate other aspects of our own Dive Shop business into the students training to make them more attractive to prospective employers. The majority of our students go on to work in both the commercial diving industry or as Dive Instructors throughout the world, so we provide them with 'apprenticeship time' in the following areas:



Retail

We have been finalists in the Top Shop awards for the last 3 years running, and are also the top selling Aquanaut dealer for 2008 in the Wellington Area. We incorporate our focus on customer service and retail sales in the Professional Dive Instructor course which has a retail component to give our students real-life experience in their field. This also includes scuba tank filling, gear sizing for rental, cash handling, organizing and running club dives and answering all customer service enquiries in

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regards to our dive courses. These skills are in high demand and are not currently taught in Dive Industry component of the NZQA curriculum.

Dive Charters

We own and operate a separate Dive Charter business. Each one of our students has to complete the Trailer Boat Skipper course which involves learning about Maritime Safety and Boat Operations as part of their AE/ASI courses. We also offer the Master of Small Dive Boat Commercial qualification, which allows the operator to drive boats in a commercial capacity (this is offered separately to the tertiary courses described in this prospectus).



Recreational Dive Training

The biggest hurdle to any job seeker is not having enough experience to get their first job, especially in a tightening labour market. To selected students, we offer apprenticeship time as Dive Controllers / Assistant Instructors and Open Water Instructors during and after their training has finished. We are then able to assist them with supplying personal references to other dive centres and commercial operators around the world.



NON TERTIARY/TERTIARY PROGRAMMES OFFERED BY THE DIVE SHOP

Open Water Dive Course (beginner)	Advanced Sea Adventurer (ASA)	Master Diver (MD) RPL	Professional Dive Instructor (PDI) and Advanced Open Water Instructor (AOWI)
<p>Provider: The Dive Shop</p> <p>Duration: 2 wks Start date: Variable</p> <p>Learn to scuba dive and attain Open Water certification. This is really useful when you want to participate in social dives and gives you a good preparatory grounding for diving at overseas holiday resorts.</p> <p>The programme comprises of classroom and pool sessions plus 5 Open Water sea dives</p>	<p>Provider: ASI Levels: 2-3 Total NZQA credits: 75</p> <p>Duration: Full-time for 15 wks (part-time options available) Start date: Variable Prog code: NC1321</p> <p>Learn to scuba dive (Open Water certified) and then complete 7 additional dive specialties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Night • Deep • Navigation • Boat • Search & Recovery • Shore Diving • Rescue Diver <p>You will also attain the following certifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Aid Provider • Oxygen Provider <p>All dive gear is provided and you will attain 24 logged dives.</p>	<p>Provider: AE Levels: 2-5 Total NZQA credits: 100</p> <p>Duration: Full-time for 20 wks (part-time options available) Start date: Variable Prog code: PC2610</p> <p>Build on your skills attained from the ASA course, and turn from a Diver to a Diving Leader. You will learn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunt & Collect specialty • Wreck Diver specialty • Tank Filler certification • Group management techniques • Physics • Physiology • Recognize diver related problems • Supervise Dive Operations • Assist in Adventure-based learning activities • Marine Identification Specialty <p>All scuba equipment is provided. You will complete an additional 36 logged dives (to total 60 by the end of the course in conjunction with the ASA).</p>	<p>Provider: AE Levels: 3-6 Total NZQA Credits: 65</p> <p>Duration: Full-time for 16 wks Start date: Variable Prog code: NC1323</p> <p>This will take you from an Assistant Instructor/Dive Controller to Open water Instructor, who is certified to teach people how to scuba dive. Then you will learn how to deliver/teach all 6 specialties + Rescue Diver as taught in the ASA course, with you as the Advanced Open Water Instructor.</p> <p>In addition, you will be certified in teaching/instructing the following specialties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer • Marine Identification <p>This is an extremely demanding course in that the student must take into consideration all of the safety aspects of teaching scuba, and overall safety in the ocean. Scuba equipment is provided, and a total of 100 logged dives are required by the end of the course.</p>
<p>Entry Requirements: None, but basic literacy and numeracy skills preferred. You must not have a fear of water and also pass a Dive Medical.</p>	<p>Entry Requirements: None, but basic literacy and numeracy skills preferred. You must not have a fear of water and also pass a Dive Medical.</p> <p>Applicants will also be required to attend an interview.</p>	<p>Entry requirements: Completion of ASA or Advanced Open Water Dive + Rescue Diver (SSI certification only) and 40 logged dives. Must have a Dive Medical</p>	<p>Entry requirements: Completion and attainment of Master Diver and ASA. At least 60 logged scuba dives, with 20 being in the last 12 months and a Dive Medical completed in this time. Entry subject to interview.</p>
Cost NZ\$590	Cost NZ\$6,373	Cost NZ\$4,406	Cost NZ\$7,973

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OUTCOMES

We have had an exceptional placement rate with our current and former students. Testimonials are available upon request, but below is a summary of some of our most recent students:

Nick, aged 28: Currently employed in Honduras as an Advanced Open Water Instructor (AOWI). Nick was a qualified chef when he commenced training, and has worked on charter boats in Cairns as a Chef/Dive Instructor. He also worked as a commercial diver in Western Australia, gathering pearls and sea cucumbers.
Programmes completed: Master Diver (MD), Professional Dive Instructor (PDI), AOWI

Corri, aged 29: Also working in Honduras as an AOWI. Of Scottish descent, she came to us by referral from working as an instructor in Cairns, and completed her AOWI.
Programmes completed: AOWI

Uesa, aged 20: Working as a commercial diver on a Salmon farm for King Salmon in the Marlborough Sounds.
Programmes completed: Advanced Sea Adventurer (ASA,) MD, PDI, AOWI

Caleb, aged 26: Also working on King Salmon as an Engineer/Commercial Diver in the Marlborough Sounds.
Programmes completed: MD

Jason, aged 21: Working in Fiji as a Senior Scuba Instructor.
Programmes completed: ASA, MD, PDI, AOWI

Merryl, aged 22: Working in Fiji as Senior Scuba Instructor.
Programmes completed: ASA, MD, PDI, AOWI

Annelise, aged 24: Manager of women's only gym, and part-time Dive Controller.
Programmes completed: MD

Amy, aged 30: Assistant Manager of the The Dive Shop and Finance Manager, Part-time Dive Instructor.
Programmes completed, MD, PDI

Harold, aged 43: Fitter/Turner for Charta Packaging and Part-time Instructor for The Dive Shop. *Programmes completed: MD, PDI, AOWI*

Dean, aged 21: Carpenter and Part-time Dive Controller for The Dive Shop.
Programmes completed: MD

Jonothan, aged 28: Stockman on Dairy farm and Deckhand providing guided scuba dives on commercial boats.
Programmes completed MD, PDI

WHAT WE CAN OFFER

We have a reputation for providing exceptional training in a supportive environment, with safety being paramount. Due to the involvement of current and previous students and instructors in the industry, we have the ability to source work and employment opportunities around the world which are not always advertised or available to outsiders.

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We have two PTE's (Adventure Sports Institute and Adventure Education) that we are able to obtain Unit Standards under, and also the students receive dual qualifications from SSI and NZQA.

This means that our certifications are not only recognized within NZ but also internationally – Scuba Schools International (SSI) is the leading training agency in Australasia, and is the fastest- growing training agency in the world. NZ dive leaders are extremely sought after, as the environment they learn and train in is very challenging due to the diversity of our weather conditions and coastal areas.

We are also able to put our students in real-life situations such as working in our retail centre, running the dive club, filling dive tanks, working on our charter boat, taking guided dives and instructing people how to scuba dive.

We have access to all the equipment needed to deliver our programmes, from scuba equipment to our dive compressor to our own boat. Our training equipment is modern and is serviced regularly, with full service records available. All our staff are qualified and monitored in all aspects of their training.

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