



The IDSA TABLE of EQUIVALENCE

A List of Schools teaching the IDSA Standards together with their National equivalent

COUNTRY/SCHOOL	IDSA LEVEL 1 Commercial SCUBA Diver	IDSA LEVEL 2 Surface Supplied Inshore Air Diver	IDSA LEVEL 3 Surface Supplied Offshore Air Diver	IDSA LEVEL 4 Closed Bell Mixed Gas Diver
AUSTRALIA				
Equivalent National Standard See Note 4	Part 1		Part 3	Part 4
BELGIUM / SYNTRA				
IDSA Level; taught	Combined with Level 2 See Note 1	YES		
Equivalent National Standard		OOW - SYNTRA		
BELGIUM / CFPME				
IDSA Level; taught	Combined with Level 2 See Note 1	YES		
Equivalent National Standard		OTS - CFPME		
CANADA				
Equivalent National Standard See Note 4	Unrestricted SCUBA	Unrestricted SCUBA Plus Restricted Surface Supplied Diver	Unrestricted Surface Supplied Diver to 50m + Unrestricted SCUBA	Bell Diver
DENMARK / Royal Danish Navy Diving School				
IDSA Level; taught	YES	Combined with Level 3 See Note 1	YES	
Equivalent National Standard	National SCUBA Diver		Surface Supplied Diver to 50m	
FINLAND/Luksia				
IDSA Level; taught	Combined with Level 2 See Note 1	YES		
Equivalent National Standard	National SCUBA Diver	National Surface Supply Diver – 50m		
FRANCE				
Equivalent National Standard	Class 1 Mention A or B	Class 1 Mention A	Class 2 Mention A	Class 3 Mention A
INDIA / The YAK Diving Academy				
IDSA Level; taught	Combined with Level 3 See Note 1	Combined with Level 3 See Note 1	YES	
ITALY / CEDIFOP				
IDSA Level; taught	Combined with Level 2 See Note 1	YES		
MOROCCO/Centre Mediterranee de Plongee Professionnelle (CMPP)				
IDSA Level; taught	Combined with Level 3 See Note 1	Combined with Level 3 See Note 1	YES	
Equivalent National Standard	Class 1 Mention A or B	Class 1 Mention A	Class 2 Mention A	
NETHERLANDS / The National Diving Centre				
IDSA Level; taught	Combined with Level 3 See Note 1	Combined with Level 3 See Note 1	YES	
Equivalent National Standard	Certificate A		Certificate B	
NEW ZEALAND				
Equivalent National Standard See Note 4	Part 1		Part 3	Part 4

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NORWAY/ Norwegian Commercial Diving School (NYD)				
IDSA Level; taught	YES	Combined with Level 3 See Note 1	YES	
Equivalent National Standard	Labour Inspection Authority (LIA) Level A Inshore SCUBA		Petroleum Safety Authority (PSA) Part 1 : Surface orientated Diver North Sea Offshore LIA Level B : Surface Orientated Diver Inshore	NPD Bell Diver
SOUTH AFRICA				
Equivalent National Standard See Note 4	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1
SWEDEN/Farjenas Diving School				
IDSA Level; taught	YES	YES		
Equivalent National Standard	Diver Certificate A	Diver Certificate B	Diver Certificate C Wet Bell 60m	
SWEDEN/Armed Forces Diving & Naval medicine Centre				
IDSA Level; taught	Combined with Level 2 See Note 1	YES		
Equivalent National Standard	Diver Certificate A	Diver Certificate B	Diver Certificate C Wet Bell 60m	
UK – PRE APRIL 1998				
Equivalent National Standard See Note 3	HSE Part 4	HSE Part 3 Plus Task Training module	HSE Part 1	HSE Part 2
UK – Post April 1998				
Equivalent National Standard See Note 3	HSE SCUBA	HSE SCUBA Plus HSE Surface Supply Plus Tools Training module.	HSE SCUBA Plus HSE Surface Supply Plus Tools Training module Plus Surface Supplied Top Up	HSE Closed Bell
USA / Divers Academy				
IDSA Level; taught See Note 2				
Equivalent National Standard		American National Standard for Divers - ANSI/ACDE-01-2009 (USA)		
USA / Ocean Corporation				
IDSA Level; taught See Note 2				
Equivalent National Standard		American National Standard for Divers - ANSI/ACDE-01-2009 (USA)		

Notes :

1. Not taught as a separate course.
2. Currently the Training Programmes of the members of the Association of Commercial Diving Educators (ACDE) meet the ANSI Standards, and students are eligible for IDSA certification once they have achieved the necessary authenticated in-water experience.
3. The Task Training Module must cover the requirements for Task Training contained in the IDSA Level 2 Standard.
4. Subject to confirmation
5. Generally the high standards cover all those below, i.e. the award of IDSA Level 3 is conditional upon the diver having qualified Levels 1 & 2 previously.