

**M.O., 2002****Order number M.O., 2002-01 of the minister responsible for Youth, Tourism, Recreation and Sport dated 5 February 2002**

Approval of the By-law respecting qualifications for recreational underwater diving

CONSIDERING section 46.15 of the Act respecting safety in sports (R.S.Q., c. S-3.1) which enacts that the Minister may designate a non-profit organization, established in particular for the purpose of ensuring the safety of underwater divers, to make by-laws determining standards with respect to the qualification of the persons who practise and teach the sport;

CONSIDERING that the Fédération québécoise des activités subaquatiques, a non-profit organization formed as a legal person under Part III of the Companies Act (R.S.Q., c. C-38) in particular for the purpose of ensuring the safety of underwater divers, is designated to exercise the power provided for in section 46.15 of the Act respecting safety in sports by Minister's Order published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 30 June 1999 on page 1692;

CONSIDERING sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1) and the publication of the Regulation made by the Fédération with a view to its approval by the Minister in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 29 March 2000, on page 1402;

CONSIDERING that, following that publication, amendments were made to the Regulation by the Fédération;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to approve the said By-law as amended;

THEREFORE, the Minister responsible for Youth, Tourism, Recreation and Sport order:

THAT the By-law respecting qualifications for recreational underwater diving made by the Fédération québécoise des activités subaquatiques and attached to this Minister's Order be approved.

RICHARD LEGENDRE,  
*Minister responsible for Youth,  
Tourism, Recreation and Sport*

**By-law respecting qualifications for recreational underwater diving**

An Act respecting safety in sports  
(R.S.Q., c. S-3.1, s. 46.15)

**CHAPTER I  
LEVELS OF QUALIFICATION**

**1.** The levels of qualification for a diver are: Class A, Class B and Class C. The holder of a certificate may practise recreational underwater diving using compressed breathing gas on the following conditions in accordance with his level of qualification:

(1) Class A diver:

- (a) the dive must be made during daytime;
- (b) the dive site must allow direct access to the surface;
- (c) the dive site must have markers allowing the diver to find his bearings; and
- (d) the dive must not exceed a depth of 18 metres and comply with no-decompression limits;

(2) Class B diver:

- (a) the dive may be made at any time;
- (b) the dive site must allow direct access to the surface; and
- (c) the dive must not exceed a depth of 30 metres and comply with no-decompression limits;

(3) Class C diver:

- (a) the dive may be made at any time;
- (b) the dive site must allow direct access to the surface; and
- (c) the dive must not exceed a depth of 40 metres and comply with no-decompression limits.

**2.** Notwithstanding section 1, a Class A diver may make an underwater dive in the same conditions as a Class B diver provided that a Class C diver holding a Divemaster certificate referred to in paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 accompanies him or that the dive is supervised by the holder of an instructor certificate.

The holder of a Class A, B or C diver certificate who also holds a certificate referred to in Schedule 1 may also make specialty dives as stipulated on the certificate.

**3.** The levels of qualification for instructors are : Class A and Class B.

The Class A instructor qualification allows the holder of the certificate to make recreational underwater dives using compressed breathing gas in the same conditions as a Class C diver and teach persons seeking a Class A, B or C diver certificate of qualification.

The Class B instructor allows the holder of the certificate to make underwater dives in the same conditions as a Class A instructor and teach persons seeking a Class A, B or C diver certificate of qualification or a Class A or B instructor certificate of qualification.

## CHAPTER II CONTENT OF EXAMINATIONS

**4.** Examinations to qualify for a Class A, B or C diver certificate shall focus on the contents listed in Schedules 2, 3 or 4 respectively.

**5.** Examinations to qualify for a Class A or B instructor certificate shall focus on the contents listed in Schedules 5 and 6 respectively.

## CHAPTER III TERM, VALIDITY AND RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATES

**6.** A certificate of qualification shall be awarded to a person who passes the examinations for the level of qualification concerned.

The certificate of qualification must contain the following information:

(1) the last name, given names and birth date of the holder;

(2) the level of qualification for which the certificate was awarded;

(3) the certificate number, the date it was awarded and its date of expiry; and

(4) the last name, given names and, where applicable, the registration number of the instructor who conducted the examination.

**7.** The diver and instructor certificates are valid for three years and one year respectively; they may be renewed upon expiry for the same period.

**8.** A person who wishes to renew his diver certificate shall meet one of the following conditions:

(1) prove, by means of his diver's log, that he has made at least ten recreational underwater dives using compressed breathing gas in the last three years;

(2) prove that he took part in a knowledge and skills refresher course during a dive supervised by a qualified instructor; or

(3) pass the qualifying examinations for a Class A, B or C diver certificate, as the case may be.

For the purposes of subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph, the refresher course must include a practical review in open water of the content of the practical examination in open water referred to in Schedules 2, 3 or 4, as the case may be.

**9.** A person who wishes to renew his instructor certificate shall:

(1) be an instructor member in good standing of one of the diving instructor associations listed in Schedule 7;

(2) prove that during the period of validity of his certificate he took part in at least one improvement workshop.

For the purposes of subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph, an improvement workshop must last at least four hours and focus on at least one of the topics listed in Schedules 5 and 6.

## CHAPTER IV EQUIVALENCY

**10.** An attestation of equivalency as a Class A, B or C diver shall be granted to a person who holds one of the certificates listed in Schedules 8 to 10 that has been awarded in Québec, as the case may be.

**11.** An attestation of equivalency as a Class A or B instructor shall be granted to a person who holds one of the certificates listed in Schedule 11 that has been awarded in Québec and who is an instructor member in good standing of one of the diving instructor associations listed in Schedule 7.

**12.** An attestation of equivalency as a Class A, B or C diver shall be granted to a person who holds one of the certificates listed in Schedules 8 to 10 that has been awarded outside Québec and who can prove, by means of his diver's log, that he has made an underwater dive in water requiring him to wear a full diving suit, including hood and gloves, and using compressed breathing gas.

**13.** An attestation of equivalency as a Class A or B instructor shall be granted to a person who holds one of the certificates listed in Schedule 11 that has been awarded outside Québec and who signs a statement that during the previous 12 months he made at least three underwater dives and supervised at least three others in water requiring him to wear a full diving suit, including hood and gloves, and using compressed breathing gas.

**14.** The attestation of equivalency referred to in sections 10 and 11 shall be valid until the first anniversary of the coming into force of this By-law and its holder may, during that period of validity, obtain a diver certificate or an instructor certificate corresponding to the attestation by complying with the requirements of section 8 or 9.

**15.** The attestation of equivalency referred to in sections 12 and 13 shall be valid for one month and may be renewed upon its expiry for the same term.

## CHAPTER V FEES

**16.** The fees for the diver and instructor certificates are, respectively :

(1) \$10 and \$20 to take the theoretical and practical examinations;

(2) \$15 and \$25 for the certificate ; and

(3) \$15 and \$25 for the renewal.

**17.** The fee for the issue or renewal of a diver or instructor attestation of equivalency is \$5.

**18.** This By-law comes into force on the date of coming into force of sections 46.17 and 46.18 of the Act respecting safety in sports (R.S.Q., c. S-3.1).

## SCHEDULE 1

(s. 2)

### SPECIALTY CERTIFICATES

(1) The holder of a Class A diver certificate of qualification who also holds one of the following certificates may dive at night.

- ACUC – Night Diver
- CMAS – Night Diver
- CSAC – Plongeur de nuit
- FIAS – Night diver
- NAUI – Night Diver
- PADI – Night Diver
- PDIC – Night Diver
- YMCA – Night Diver

(2) The holder of a Class A, B or C diver certificate of qualification who also holds one of the following certificates may ice dive.

- ACUC – Ice Diver.
- AMCQ – Plongeur Sous Glace.
- CSAC – Plongeur Sous Glace.
- NASDS – Ice Diver.
- NAUI – Ice Diver.
- PADI – Ice Diver.
- PDIC – Ice Diver.
- YMCA – Ice Diver.

(3) The holder of a Class B diver certificate of qualification who also holds one of the following certificates may dive to a maximum depth of 40 metres while observing no-decompression limits.

- ACUC – Deep Diver.
- CSAC – Spécialiste en plongée profonde.
- IANTD – Deep Diver.
- NAUI – Deep Diver.
- PADI – Deep Diver.
- PDIC – Deep Diver.

(4) The holder of a Class B or C diver certificate of qualification who also holds one of the following certificates may dive with wreck penetration.

- ACUC – Wreck Diver.
- CSAC – Plongeur sur épave.
- IANTD – Wreck and Cavern Diver.
- NAUI – Wreck Diver.
- PADI – Wreck Diver.
- PDIC – Wreck Diver.
- SDI / TDI – Advanced Wreck Diver.

(5) The holder of a Class B or C diver certificate of qualification who also holds one of the following certificates may dive with penetration into a cave or a cavern.

- ACUC – Cave Diver.
- CSAC – Plongeur en caverne.
- GUE – Cave 1 Diver
- GUE – Cave 2 Course
- GUE – Cave 3 Course
- IANTD – Introductory Cave Diver.
- IANTD – Wreck and Cavern Diver.
- IANTD – Cave Diver.
- NACD – Introductory Cave Diver.
- NAUI – Cave Diver.
- NSS-CDS – Introductory Cave Diver.
- PDIC – Cave Diver.
- SDI / TDI – Cavern Diver.
- SDI / TDI – Introduction to Cave Diving.
- SDI / TDI – Cave Diver.

(6) The holder of a Class A, B or C diver certificate of qualification who also holds one of the following certificates may dive using a NITROX type compressed breathing gas mixture.

- CMAS – Basic Nitrox Diver.
- CSAC – Plongeur avec NITROX (niveau de base).
- FIAS — Miscele respiratorie ossigeno-azoto
- IANTD – Open Water NITROX Diver.
- IANTD – Open Water Rebreather Diver.
- IANTD – EANx Diver.
- IANTD – Rebreather Diver.
- NAUI – NITROX Diver.
- PADI – Enriched Air Diver (NITROX).
- PDIC – NITROX SCUBA Diver.
- SDI / TDI – NITROX Diver.
- SDI / TDI – Advanced nitrox Diver.
- SDI / TDI – Semi-Closed Rebreather Diver.

(7) The holder of a Class C diver certificate of qualification who also holds one of the following certificates may dive to the maximum depth specified in the applicable certificate.

- CSAC – Spécialiste en technique de décompression.
- IANTD – Advanced Deep Air Diver.
- NAUI – Staged Deco Diver.
- PDIC – Basic Technical Diver.
- SDI / TDI – Decompression Procedures.
- SDI / TDI – Extended Range Diver.

(8) The holder of a Class C diver certificate of qualification who also holds one of the following certificates may dive to the maximum depth specified in the applicable standard using a TRIMIX type compressed breathing gas mixture.

- CSAC – Plongeur Trimix
- GUE – Tech 1 Course.
- GUE – Tech 2 Course
- GUE – Tech 3 Course
- GUE – Rebreather 1 Course
- GUE – Rebreather 2 Course
- IANTD – Normoxic Trimix Diver OC & Rebreather.
- IANTD – Trimix Diver Open Circuit.
- IANTD – Trimix Rebreather Diver
- NAUI – Trimix Diver.
- SDI / TDI – Entry Level Trimix Diver
- SDI / TDI – Advanced Trimix Diver.

(9) The holder of a Class C diver certificate who also holds one of the following certificates may accompany a Class A diver to allow him to make an underwater dive in the same conditions as a Class B diver.

- ACUC – Divemaster.
- CSAS – Chef de plongée.
- IANTD – Divemaster.
- NAUI – Divemaster.
- PADI – Divemaster.
- PDIC – Divemaster.
- SDI / TDI – Divemaster.

## SCHEDULE 2

(ss. 4 and 8)

### CONTENT OF EXAMINATIONS — CLASS A DIVER

#### THEORETICAL EXAMINATION

— Functions of the various equipment required for recreational underwater diving at the Class A diver level including mask, snorkel, fins, buoyancy compensator, exposure suit (dry suit and wet suit), weight belt, dive flag, compressed breathing gas cylinder, backpack, regulator, submersible pressure gauge, alternate compressed breathing gas source, diving watch and underwater timer, compass, depth gauge, digital decompression device (dive computer) and diving knife.

— Appropriate selection and use of the various equipment required for recreational underwater diving.

— Basic theory on the use of a dry suit and the skills required.

— Principles of physics related to recreational underwater diving and effects on the diver.

— Preventive measures and causes of accidents in recreational underwater diving.

— Reading and using of a decompression table in recreational underwater diving (no-decompression limits and maximum bottom time for repetitive dives without decompression stops).

— Environmental conditions and their effects on the diver.

— Effective communication with a diving partner under water and at the surface.

— Basic principles of self rescue and assistance to a partner in difficulty.

— Basic principles related to the planning and practice of safe recreational underwater diving.

— Safety procedures for boat diving.

— Use of a diver's log.

— Safety requirements for recreational underwater diving.

— Code of ethics and the diver's responsibilities.

— Québec legislation with regard to underwater diving.

— Benefits of taking part in activities supervised by diving clubs and dive professionals.

## PRACTICAL EXAMINATION IN OPEN WATER

— Ability to assemble and disassemble the equipment required for recreational underwater diving in cold water.

— Ability to appropriately inspect the underwater diving equipment and identify malfunctions.

— Ability to appropriately select, following observation of the environment, safe water entry and exit.

— Ability to choose the proper weighting required for safe diving according to environmental conditions and the equipment used.

— Ability to correctly use and store the diving equipment.

— Ability to correctly clear the snorkel and the regulator mouthpiece.

— Ability to switch from the snorkel to the regulator at the surface.

— Ability to carry out controlled descents and ascents at safe speeds.

— Ability to move correctly under water without tiring.

— Ability to effectively clear the mask under water.

— Ability to work with a diving partner.

— Ability to control buoyancy at the surface and under water.

— Ability to assist a diver in difficulty.

— Ability to swim at the surface, with full diving equipment, while breathing with the snorkel.

— Ability to remove the weight belt at the surface.

— Ability to remove the scuba system at the surface.

— Ability to solve the problem of a lack of compressed breathing gas during diving.

— Ability to find one's bearings without a compass under water.

## SCHEDULE 3

(ss. 4 and 8)

### CONTENT OF EXAMINATIONS — CLASS B DIVER

#### THEORETICAL EXAMINATION

— Content listed in Schedule 2 under the heading "Theoretical examination".

— Appropriate selection and use of the various specialized equipment required for recreational underwater diving at the Class B diver level including compass, dive light and digital decompression device (dive computer).

— Environmental phenomena that may influence a dive including currents and tides.

— Principles of underwater navigation, including the use of a compass and the use of natural references at the bottom.

— Principles of compressed breathing gas consumption, including the calculation of the volume of compressed breathing gas available to a diver according to the planned dive.

— Basic principles related to the planning and practice of night diving, current diving, limited visibility diving and deep diving.

— Safety requirements in various conditions of recreational underwater diving at the Class B diver level, including a description of the required equipment and precautionary measures.

— Principles underlying the action to take in case of emergency decompression.

— Reading and using of a decompression table in recreational underwater diving.

— Basic knowledge and precautions with respect to specialty diving including ice diving, wreck diving (with penetration), diving with compressed breathing gas other than air, diving using a closed circuit or semi-closed circuit scuba system, cave and cavern diving and other types of more technical diving.

## PRACTICAL EXAMINATION IN OPEN WATER

— Ability to correctly and efficiently display all the diving skills referred to in Schedule 2 under the heading "Practical examination in open water", adapted to Class B diver conditions for night diving, deep diving, limited visibility diving and current diving.

— Ability to plan a night dive, a limited visibility dive and a current dive and to observe the safety requirements for these dives.

— Ability to plan an exploration dive using underwater navigation skills, demonstrate the use of a compass and navigation techniques using natural references.

— Ability to plan a dive observing no-decompression limits to a depth of between 18 and 30 metres, with a decompression stop simulation at a depth of 5 metres during the ascent.

## SCHEDULE 4

(ss. 4 and 8)

### CONTENT OF EXAMINATIONS — CLASS C DIVER

#### THEORETICAL EXAMINATION

— Principles of physics applying to recreational underwater diving and solving problems related to the application of these principles.

— Principal systems of the human body and the various physiology principles applying to recreational underwater diving.

— Understanding of the necessity of being in good physical condition to practise safe recreational underwater diving.

— Preventive measures and causes of accidents in recreational underwater diving.

— Ability to correctly select, check, adjust and maintain the equipment and make minor repairs to certain equipment.

— Brief description of the operation of a two-stage regulator, submersible pressure gauge, depth gauge, digital decompression device (dive computer) and a compressor with air storage cylinders.

— Reading and using a nautical chart in the planning of a dive.

— Basic knowledge of seamanship and piloting of small boats.

— Safety procedures for boat diving.

— Basic knowledge of marine animal-life and flora in fresh water and salt water in Québec.

— Environmental phenomena that may influence a dive, including currents and tides.

— Safety requirements for various recreational underwater diving conditions.

— Basic principles of self rescue, assisting a distressed diver and a complete rescue.

— Principles of underwater navigation, including the use of a compass and the use of natural references at the bottom.

— Principles of compressed breathing gas consumption, including the calculation of the volume of compressed breathing gas available to the diver according to the planned dive.

— Organizing and carrying out a night dive, current dive, limited visibility dive and deep dive, including a description of the required equipment and precautionary measures.

— Principles underlying the action to take in case of emergency decompression.

— Reading and using a decompression table in recreational underwater diving.

— Using digital decompression device (dive computer) in recreational underwater diving.

— Basic knowledge and precautions with respect to certain types of specialty diving including ice diving, wreck diving (with penetration), diving with compressed breathing gas other than air, diving using a closed circuit or semi-closed circuit scuba system, cave and cavern diving and certain other types of technical diving.

— Knowledge of usual methods of non-verbal communication.

— Principles of ethics and diver's responsibilities.

— Using a diver's log.

— Québec legislation with regard to recreational underwater diving and other legal aspects related to diving in Québec.

## PRACTICAL EXAMINATION IN OPEN WATER

— Ability to correctly and efficiently display the diving skills referred to in Schedule 2 under the heading "Practical examination in open water", adapted to a Class C diver conditions for night diving, deep diving, limited visibility diving and current diving.

— Scuba self-rescue skills and techniques; efficient and correct use of rescue techniques to assist or rescue a diver simulating distress.

— Ability to appropriately simulate first aid that must be given to a diver in the following conditions: unconsciousness, near-drowning, pulmonary barotrauma, perforation of the tympanic membrane, cold shock, decompression sickness.

— Ability to plan and organize a night dive, a limited visibility dive and a current dive and to observe the safety requirements for these dives.

— Ability to plan and organize an exploration dive using underwater navigation, demonstrate the use of a compass and navigation techniques using natural references.

— Ability to plan and organize a dive observing no-decompression limits to a depth of between 18 and 40 metres, with a decompression stop simulation at a depth of 5 metres during the ascent.

## SCHEDULE 5

(ss. 5 and 9)

### CONTENT OF EXAMINATIONS — CLASS A INSTRUCTOR

#### THEORETICAL EXAMINATION

— Content listed in Schedule 4 under the heading "Theoretical examination".

— Ability to explain oral presentation techniques, to plan a lesson, to establish learning objectives and to use training aids.

— Basic educational principles and the psychology of teaching.

— Ability to explain the structure, by-laws and services of the designated organization.

— Ability to explain the principles of planning and organizing a dive, the operation of clubs and other group activities.

— Safety requirements during swimming pool and open water lessons.

— Water supervision techniques specific to diving.

— Appropriate rescue techniques to assist a swimmer or a diver in difficulty and the first aid to be given.

— Planning a lesson in open water, identify potentially dangerous situations and emergency and cardiopulmonary resuscitation procedures.

— The instructor's ethical and civil responsibility.

**PRACTICAL EXAMINATION IN CLASSROOM**

— Ability to teach at least three prepared lessons, lasting at least 60 minutes total, and to react appropriately to different situations that may arise.

**PRACTICAL EXAMINATION IN SWIMMING POOL**

— Scuba self-rescue skills and techniques and efficient and correct use of rescue techniques to assist or rescue a diver simulating distress.

— Ability to teach at least three prepared lessons lasting at least 30 minutes total and to react appropriately to different situations that may arise.

**PRACTICAL EXAMINATION IN SWIMMING POOL OR IN OPEN WATER**

— With no diving equipment, swim underwater 25 metres without surfacing, with no dive or push-off.

— With no diving equipment, swim freestyle 400 metres nonstop in less than 10 minutes.

— With no diving equipment, tread water for 20 minutes.

— With no diving equipment, tow another person of equal weight 50 metres nonstop.

— Ability to correctly and efficiently display all of the diving skills listed in Schedule 2 under the heading “Practical examination in open water”.

— Ability to appropriately simulate first aid that must be given to a swimmer or a diver in the following conditions: unconsciousness, near-drowning, pulmonary barotrauma, perforation of the tympanic membrane, cold shock, marine animal bites and stings, injury to the vertebral column, decompression sickness.

— With snorkelling equipment, swim 800 metres nonstop, in less than 18 minutes, without using hands.

**PRACTICAL EXAMINATION IN OPEN WATER**

— Buoyancy control at the surface and under water while scuba diving.

— Using a scuba system, tow a diver wearing a scuba system 100 metres.

— Organizing a dive, evaluating a site and outlining a diving plan, checking diving equipment, installing a dive flag to mark out a site and making a check-up dive.

— Diving rescue skills and techniques, including the complete rescue of a diver over a distance of 100 metres, assistance to a diver simulating distress and towing a diver in difficulty to shore.

— Ability to teach at least three prepared lessons lasting at least 30 minutes total and react appropriately to different situations that may arise.

**SCHEDULE 6**

(ss. 5 and 9)

**CONTENT OF EXAMINATION — CLASS B INSTRUCTOR****THEORETICAL EXAMINATION**

— State and explain the selection and evaluation criteria and the administrative procedures for the qualification of Class A instructors.

— State and explain the ethical, legal and financial responsibilities of an instructor.

— State and explain the principles and psychology of teaching at the instructor training level.

— Explain the structure and by-laws of the designated organization and the services it provides.

— Describe the instructor evaluation techniques in a classroom, in a swimming pool and in open water.

— Describe the evaluation techniques of rescue at the instructor level.

**PRACTICAL EXAMINATION**

— Demonstrate maintenance of the skills required of a Class A instructor, as listed in Schedule 5 under the headings “Practical examination in classroom”, “Practical examination in swimming pool”, “Practical examination in swimming pool or in open water” and “Practical examination in open water”.

— Ability to evaluate the instruction given by instructors in a classroom, in a swimming pool and in open water and to solve problems that may arise.

— Ability to supervise underwater diving instructors.

**SCHEDULE 7**

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**DIVING INSTRUCTOR ASSOCIATIONS**

— American and Canadian Underwater Certifications (ACUC)

— Association des moniteurs de la Confédération mondiale des activités subaquatiques du Québec (AMCQ)

— American Nitrox Divers International (ANDI)

— British Sub-Aqua Club (BSAC)

— Certification Sub-Aquatique Continentale (CSAC)

— Federazione Italiana Attivita' Subacquee (Italian Underwater Activities Federation) (FIAS)

— Global Underwater Explorer (GUE)

— International Association of Nitrox and Technical Divers (IANTD)

— International Diving Educators Association (IDEA)

- National Association of Cave Diving (NACD)
- National Association of Scuba Diving Schools (NASDS)
- National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI)
- National Speleological Society – Cave Diving Section (NSS-CDS)
- Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI)
- Professional Diving Instructors Corporation (PDIC)
- Scuba Schools International (SSI)
- Scuba Diving International / Technical Diving International (SDI / TDI)
- Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA)

**SCHEDULE 8**

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**CLASS A DIVER EQUIVALENCIES**

- ACUC – Junior Open Water Diver
- ACUC – Open Water Scuba Diver
- AMCQ – Plongeur Élémentaire
- CMAS – Plongeur 1 étoile
- CSAC – Plongeur Autonome
- FIAS – Brevet Base
- GUE – DIR Recreational Diver
- IANTD – Open water Diver
- IDEA – Open Water Diver
- NASDS – Open Water Diver
- NAUI – Junior Scuba Diver
- NAUI – Open Water Scuba Diver
- PADI – Junior Open Water Diver
- PADI – Open Water Diver
- PDIC – Junior Scuba Diver
- PDIC – Open Water Diver
- SDI / TDI – Open Water Scuba Diver.
- SSI – Junior Scuba Diver
- SSI – Open Water Diver
- YMCA – Junior Open Water Diver
- YMCA – Open Water Diver

**SCHEDULE 9**

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**CLASS B DIVER EQUIVALENCIES**

- ACUC – Advanced Open Water Diver
- ACUC – Rescue Diver
- AMCQ – Plongeur Intermédiaire
- CMAS – Plongeur 2 étoiles
- CSAC – Plongeur Avancé
- FIAS – Brevet Ara
- IANTD – Advanced Open Water Diver.
- IDEA – Advanced Open Water Diver
- NASDS – Advanced Open Water Diver
- NASDS – Rescue Diver
- NAUI – Advanced Scuba Diver
- NAUI – Scuba Rescue Diver
- PADI – Advanced Open Water Diver
- PADI – Rescue Diver
- PDIC – Advanced Diver
- SDI / TDI – Advanced Open Water Diver.
- SSI – Advanced Open Water Diver
- YMCA – Advanced Diver

**SCHEDULE 10**

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**CLASS C DIVER EQUIVALENCIES**

- ACUC – Master Diver
- ACUC – Dive Master
- ACUC – Teaching Assistant
- ACUC – Open Water Assistant Instructor
- AMCQ – Plongeur Supérieur
- AMCQ – Certifiant
- CMAS – Plongeur 3 étoiles
- CMAS – Moniteur 1 étoile
- CSAC – Maître plongeur
- CSAC – Chef de plongée
- CSAC – Moniteur Club



- FIAS – Brevetto Ara Estensione.
- FIAS – Brevetto Allievo Istruttore Federale

- GUE – Cave 1 Course
- GUE – Tech 1 Course
- GUE – Rebreather 1 Course

- IANTD – Divemaster.
- IANTD – Technical Diver.
- IANTD – Technical Diver Supervisor.

- IDEA – Advanced Open Water Diver II
- IDEA – Dive Master
- IDEA – Basic Instructor

- NASDS – Master Diver

- NAUI – Master Scuba Diver
- NAUI – Dive Master
- NAUI – Assistant Instructor

- PADI – Master Scuba Diver
- PADI – Dive Master
- PADI – Assistant Instructor

- PDIC – Dive Supervisor
- PDIC – Assistant Instructor

- SDI / TDI – Divemaster.
- SDI / TDI – Assistant instructor.
- SDI / TDI – Technical Diver.

- SSI – Master Diver
- SSI – Dive Control Specialist
- SSI – Associate Instructor

- YMCA – Dive Master
- YMCA – Assistant Instructor

## SCHEDULE 11

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### INSTRUCTOR EQUIVALENCIES

#### Class A instructor equivalency

- ACUC – Open Water Instructor
- ACUC – Advanced Open Water Instructor
- AMCQ – Moniteur
- AMCQ – Moniteur National
- CMAS – Moniteur 2 étoiles
- CSAC – Moniteur National

- FIAS – Brevetto Istruttore Federale ARA

- GUE – Recreational Instructor
- GUE – Technical 1 Instructor
- GUE – Technical 2 Instructor
- GUE – Technical 3 Instructor
- GUE – Cave 1 Instructor
- GUE – Cave 2 Instructor
- GUE – Cave 3 Instructor
- GUE – Rebreather 1 Instructor
- GUE – Rebreather 2 Instructor

- IANTD – Technical Instructor

- IDEA – Instructor

- NAUI – Instructor

- PADI – Open Water Scuba Instructor
- PADI – Specialty Instructor
- PADI – Master Instructor

- PDIC – Instructor
- PDIC – Specialty Instructor

- SDI / TDI – S.D.I. Instructor.
- SDI / TDI – T.D.I. Instructor.

- SSI – Open Water Instructor
- SSI – Specialty Instructor
- SSI – Advanced Open Water Instructor
- SSI – Master Instructor

- YMCA – Scuba Instructor

#### Class B instructor equivalency

- ACUC – Instructor Trainer
- ACUC – Master Instructor

- AMCQ – Moniteur Fédéré

- CMAS – Moniteur 3 étoiles

- CSAS – Moniteur Formateur
- CSAS – Directeur de cours

- FIAS – Brevetto Maestro Istruttore

- IANTD – Technical Instructor Trainer (for the appropriate level)

- NAUI – Instructor Trainer
- NAUI – Course Director

- PADI – Course Director
- PDIC – Instructor Trainer

— SDI / TDI – S.D.I. Technical Instructor Trainer  
(for the appropriate level)

— SDI / TDI – T.D.I. Technical Instructor Trainer  
(for the appropriate level)

- SSI – Instructor Trainer

- YMCA – Institute Director

## TERMINOLOGY

### Abbreviations

ACUC	American and Canadian Underwater Certifications
AMCQ	Association des moniteurs de la Confédération mondiale des activités subaquatiques du Québec
ANDI	American Nitrox Divers International
BSAC	British Sub-Aqua Club
CMAS	Confédération mondiale des activités subaquatiques (World Underwater Federation)
CSAC	Certification Sub-Aquatique Continentale
FIAS	Federazione Italiana Attivita' Subacquee (Italian Underwater Activities Federation)
GUE	Global Underwater Explorers
IANTD	International Association of Nitrox and Technical Divers
IDEA	International Diving Educators Association
NACD	National Association for Cave Diving
NASDS	National Association of Scuba Diving Schools
NAUI	National Association of Underwater Instructors
NSS-CDS	National Speleological Society-Cave Diving Section
PADI	Professional Association of Diving Instructors
PDIC	Professional Diving Instructors Corporation
SDI	Scuba Diving International
SSI	Scuba Schools International
SDI / TDI	Scuba Diving International / Technical Diving International
YMCA	Young Men's Christian Association

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### Order of the Minister responsible for Wildlife and Parks dated 15 February 2002

An Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife  
(R.S.Q., c. C-61.1)

Respecting the repealing of the Regulation on the Plaisance Wildlife Sanctuary

THE MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR WILDLIFE AND PARKS,

CONSIDERING the adoption, under section 111 of the Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife (R.S.Q., c. C-61.1); of the Regulation on the Plaisance Wildlife Sanctuary adopted by Order in Council 1315-85 dated 26 June, 1985, as amended by Orders in Council 495-92 dated 1 April, 1992 and 859-99 dated 28 July, 1999;

CONSIDERING that under section 111 of the Act respecting the Conservation and the Development of Wildlife, amended by section 85 of chapter 40 of the Acts of 1999, and by section 21 of chapter 48 of the Acts of 2000, the Minister may establish, after consultation with the Minister of Natural Resources, wildlife sanctuaries on the land in the domain of the State dedicated to the conservation, the development and the utilisation of wildlife and accessorially, to the practice of recreational activities;

CONSIDERING that under section 191.1 of the Act respecting the Conservation and the Development of Wildlife, amended by section 124 of chapter 36 of the Acts of 1999, regulations made by the Government under section 111 of this Act, before January 1, 1987, continue to be in force until, as of June 17, 1998, they are repealed or replaced by Order of the Minister responsible for Wildlife and Parks;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to repeal the Regulation on the Plaisance Wildlife Sanctuary;

### ORDERS THAT:

The Regulation respecting the Plaisance Wildlife Sanctuary adopted by Order in Council 1315-85 dated 26 June, 1985 be repealed;

The present Order comes into force on the fifteenth day following its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

Québec, 15 February 2002

RICHARD LEGENDRE,  
*Minister responsible  
for Wildlife and Parks*

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