

# 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
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>				
Equivalent National Standard See Note 4	<b>Part 1</b>		<b>Part 3</b>	<b>Part 4</b>
<b>BELGIUM/SYNTRA</b>				
IDSA Level taught:	Combined with Level 2 See Note 1	YES		
Equivalent National Standard		OOW - SYNTRA		
<b>BELGIUM/CFPME</b>				
IDSA Level taught:	Combined with Level 2 See Note 1	YES		
Equivalent National Standard		OTS-CFPME		
<b>CANADA</b>				
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
<b>DENMARK / Royal Danish Navy Diving School</b>				
IDSA Level taught:	YES	Combined with Level 3 See Note1	YES	
Equivalent National Standard	National SCUBA Diver		Surface Supply Diver – 50m	
<b>FINLAND/Luksia</b>				
IDSA Level taught:	Combined with Level 2 See Note 1	YES		
Equivalent National Standard	National SCUBA Diver	National Surface Supply Diver-50m		
<b>FRANCE</b>				
Equivalent National Standard	Class 1 Mention A or B	Class 1 Mention A	Class 2 Mention A	Class 3 Mention A
<b>INDIA/The YAK Diving Academy</b>				
IDSA Level taught:	Combined with Level 3 See Note1	Combined with Level 3 See Note1	YES	
<b>ITALY/CEDIFOP</b>				
IDSA Level taught:	Combined with Level 2 See Note1	YES		
<b>MOROCCO/Centre Mediterranee de Plongee Professionnelle (CMPP)</b>				
IDSA Level taught:	Combined with Level 3 See Note1	Combined with Level 3 See Note1	YES	
	Class 1 Mention A or B	Class 1 Mention A	Class Mention A	
<b>NETHERLANDS/The National Diving Centre</b>				
IDSA Level taught:	Combined with Level 3 See Note1	Combined with Level 3 See Note1	YES	
	Certificate A		Certificate B	
<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>				
Equivalent National Standard. See Note 4	Part 1		Part 3	Part 4

<b>COUNTRY/SCHOOL</b>	<b>IDSA LEVEL 1</b> Commercial SCUBA Diver	<b>IDSA LEVEL 2</b> Surface Supplied Inshore Air Diver	<b>IDSA LEVEL 3</b> Surface Supplied Offshore Air Diver	<b>IDSA LEVEL 4</b> Closed Bell Mixed Gas Diver
<b>NORWAY/Norwegian Commercial Diving School (NYD)</b>				
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
<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>				
Equivalent National Standard See Note 4	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1
<b>SWEDEN/Farjenas Diving School</b>				
IDSA Level taught:	YES	YES		
Equivalent National Standard	Diver Certificate A	Diver Certificate B	Diver Certificate C Wet Bell 60m	
<b>SWEDEN/Armed Forces Diving and Naval Medical Centre</b>				
IDSA Level taught:	Combined with Level 2 See Note	YES		
Equivalent National Standard	Diver Certificate A	Diver Certificate B	Diver Certificate C Wet Bell 60m	
<b>UK-Pre April 1998</b>				
Equivalent National Standard See Note 3	HSE Part 4	HSE Part 3 Plus Task Training module	HSE Part 1	HSE Part 2
<b>UK-Post April 1998</b>				
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
<b>USA DIVERS ACADEMY</b>				
IDSA Level taught: See Note 2				
Equivalent National Standard		American National Standard for Divers - ANSI/ACDE-01-2009 (USA)		
<b>USA/Ocean Corporation</b>				
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.