

## ONLY

FULL MEMBERS (DIVER TRAINING)

are authorised to award

IDSA Diver Qualifications;

they do so having successfully completed an

On-site audit to IDSA Standards.

## **ABOUT IDSA**

The Association was formed in 1982 as a result of a meeting between Schools attending the American Diving Contractors Conference (Now 'Underwater Intervention') in New Orleans.

he aims of the Association were then, and are now

To implement common International Standards of Diver Training

To provide a means of effective communication between schools.

To improve the quality of commercial diving education

To work towards improved standards of safety, emergency drills and procedures.

To provide a common and collective voice to government industrial agencies on any matter affecting members.

To co-operate on matters which may improve placement opportunities for graduates from member schools.

To promote any activity, idea or subject which furthers the international operations of the Association.

The Association is concerned with all divers - Offshore, Inshore and Inland - as well as non diving qualifications e.g. Supervisor, DMT and LST. The Association has established International Diver Training Standards based on the consensus opinion of its many members, they are available in a separate publication. The Standards provide both a yardstick for those responsible for either administering existing National Standards or creating new ones, and a guide for Clients, Diving

Contractors and Divers themselves. It is considered that the introduction of these Internationally agreed diver training standard will have the effect of;

Equating Standards Internationally.

Providing Guidance to Organisations setting Standards for the first time.

Improving Safety.

Providing Contractors with a direct input to the Diver Training Syllabus.

Enabling Contractors to bid across National Borders on a more even playing field.

Improving Diver quality.

Providing Divers with greater Job Opportunities.

Some governments have and will, set their own National Diver Training Standards. The IDSA programme provides a means of equating them by maintaining a Table of Equivalence - see the Publications section of the Association's Website.



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