

# PADI DIVEMASTER COURSE INFORMATION BROCHURE

#### GO PRO - YOUR FIRST STEP IN THE PROFESSIONAL DIRECTION

Your adventure into the professional levels of recreational scuba diving begins with the PADI Divemaster programme

#### **DURATION:**

Flexible around your commitments, we have both part-time and full-time options.

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Working closely with a PADI Instructor, in this program you expand your dive knowledge and hone your skills to a professional level. PADI Divemaster training develops your leadership abilities, qualifying you to supervise dive activities and assist instructors with student divers. PADI Divemaster is the prerequisite certification for both the PADI Assistant Instructor and PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor certifications.

#### **Course Structure**

## Theory (eLearning)

Independent online study prior to the course in our digital classroom. You will be presented with videos and slides to teach you all need to know before moving on to the practical skills. We will also have class sessions that will help.

## **Confined Water (Pool)**

In the pool you will develop your demonstration skills and how to supervise divers. Revision on your rescue skills will also be reviewed and you will learn the procedures to instruct courses such as PADI Skin Diver Course. Once these are proficient in the pool, then the ocean beckons.

#### **Open Water Training**

You will learn to supervise in the ocean as well as guiding divers around your local dive sites.

## **PREREQUISITES:**

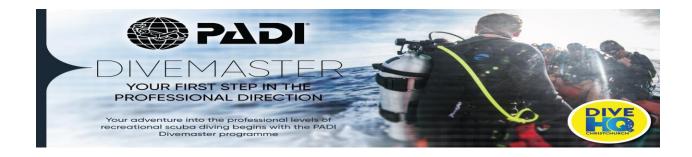
Age: The minimum age is 18 years old for the PADI Divemaster Course.

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Medical History: All student divers complete an RSTC Medical Form that asks about medical conditions that could be a problem while diving. Because this is a professional course you will need to see a 'diving doctor' to have your medical signed off.

Diving Requirements: You are required to have 40 logged dives at the commencement of Divernaster and will need to participate in a preassessment (which can be combined into your first pool session).

Diving Proficiency: If you haven't dived in 6 months + or previously with us then you are required to attend a Preassessment before any ocean dives. This can be incorporated into your first pool day of course in our pool, refreshing/assessing some of your PADI Open Water Diving skills. Any individual who can meet the performance requirements of the course qualifies for certification.

## **EQUIPMENT NEEDED**

You will need to provide all your **own equipment** except for tanks.

This includes Regulator, Octi, Gauges/Computer, BCD, Wetsuit, fins, mask, snorkel, weight belt, gloves, boots, whistle, knife and signal tube.

Equipment Hire Options, as a Divernaster student, you can hire some equipment at a discounted rate.

- \$20 per day for all hardware (usually \$100)
- 20% off all other hire items.

Please Note: We do not hire gloves, boots, signal tubes, pocket masks, timing device, whistle or knives.

## **PRICE**

\$2499 inc GST (This includes your PADI Dive Master e-learning code and your PADI Crewpack)

## THE PADI DIVEMASTER CREWPAK INCLUDES:

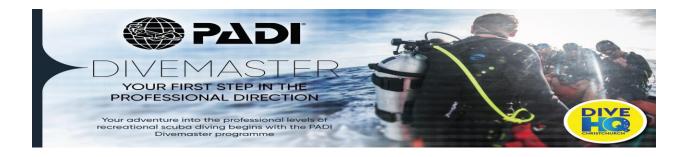
- **PADI Divemaster Manual**
- Divemaster slates
- **PADI Instructor Manual**
- The Encyclopedia of Recreational Diving a comprehensive overview of diving physics, physiology, and equipment
- Scuba Tune-up Guidebook
- PADI Professional Log DSD Cue Cards
- PADI Divemaster Application package

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There are other required materials that a Divemaster Candidate will need but may have received them during other PADI programs, so they have not been included in the Divernaster Crew-Pak. Please ask your PADI Instructor for the full list of required materials that you will need for the program.

#### **HOW WILL I LEARN?**

### **STEP 1 Knowledge Development**

The first step (after you have your medical) is to log into the PADI digital classroom using your PADI eLearning code. It is here you will complete the dive theory at your own pace. Near the beginning of the course, you will have two sessions where the instructor will go over a short presentation and answer any questions you may have, followed by sitting the 2 exams. You will then review the answers to the exam questions and go over anything that you need clarification on. How does it work? After enrolling, PADI's eLearning system presents you with interactive presentations that include videos, audio, graphics and reading. Short quizzes let you gauge your progress and review and correct anything you might happen to miss. This lets you move through the programme efficiently and at your own pace. How long do you have to complete the eLearning course? The eLearning segment of the course is available for one year from the time of course registration. Though you must finish the online portion of the course within that time frame, you will have perpetual access to an online version of the PADI Divemaster manual. It will also need to be completed before the timetabled sessions with your instructor for that exam. How do you document that you've completed the eLearning segment? Once you finish the eLearning portion of the course, Dive HQ Christchurch is notified that you have completed it and that you are ready for the practical phase of the programme. At the end of the eLearning programme, you can print out your eRecord and bring a copy of it with you to Dive HQ Christchurch. What happens if I do not get a medical and cannot complete the training? The eLearning portion of the course is non-refundable. Therefore, we advise that you do not register your code until you have obtained your medical.

#### **STEP 2 Water Skills exercises**

Before certification, you will be required to do 6 water skills exercises including 800m snorkel, 400m swim, 15 min tread water, rescue exercise, 100m tired diver tow and equipment exchange.

#### **STEP 3 Practical skills**

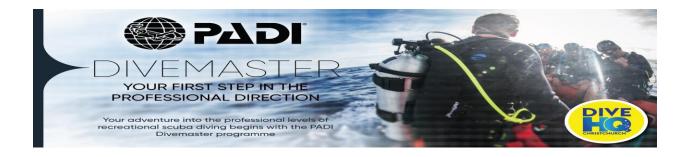
You will do 5 practical skills in open water including dive site set up and management, mapping, dive briefing, search and recovery scenario and a deep dive scenario.

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## **STEP 4 Workshops**

You will complete 5 workshops on Divemaster conducted programmes in confined and open water. These include, discover scuba diving, discover local diving, discover scuba additional open water dive, skin diver and snorkelling supervision and scuba review.

#### **STEP 5 Practical assessments**

You will also complete 4 practical assessments where you will assist one of our instructors with real students. These include, confined water and open water training for open water students, continuing education students in open water and also certified diver in open water. COURSE TIMETABLE We run a variety of different timetables, from full-time during weekdays to part-time which can consist of a few week nights and weekends a month. We will work with you and your schedule to plan this.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

After completing the course, you will be certified as a PADI Diverser. You are qualified to help supervise courses and guide certified divers.

#### WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

The next step after Divemaster is to become an Open Water Scuba Instructor. This allows you to teach a range of PADI courses. You may also be interested in doing some specialty training in areas that interest you including deep diving, night diving or enriched air nitrox. For information about any of these courses please speak to your instructor and they will be happy to help.

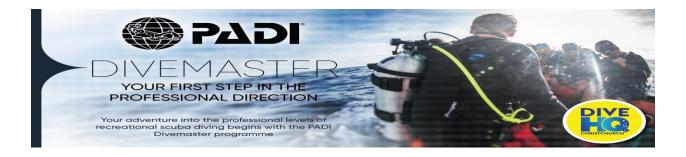
## **CAREER COURSES - STUDENT LOAN APPROVED**

Dive HQ Christchurch is also one of New Zealand's leading providers of tertiary diving career programmes.

#### **Diploma in Professional Scuba Instruction**

Our most popular career programme is the 36-week full-time tertiary Diploma course. It will take you from beginner right through to specialty Instructor.





## The National Certificate in Diving

This part-time (1-year approx.) or full-time (16 week) programme will take you from beginner through to Rescue Diver and leads on to the Leadership/Diverset programme.

If you are interested in one of these courses, please talk to your instructor at the beginning of your course

#### **REFUND POLICY**

- Deposits are non-refundable (unless you fail your medical and have this signed off by your GP).
- Once you have registered your eLearning pass, your deposit is non-refundable (even on medical grounds).
- Cancelling within 2 weeks of the start, of course, incurs a cancellation fee of \$100.

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