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This update is the main communication from PADI to you. It announces important training standards and procedures changes and clarifies those that are established. It is a requirement of your membership commitment that you keep abreast of standards by reviewing the information contained in these quarterly updates. Implementation and standards mailing dates vary for members served by different PADI Offices, based, in part, on translation schedules. Check with your PADI Office for more specific information.



CPR Guidelines Change

In January 2005, experts in the field of resuscitation and cardiovascular science gathered to present their findings to the “International Consensus of CPR and ECC Science” conference. Conference attendees included the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) – which represents various international resuscitation councils around the world. That conference formed the scientific basis for the new CPR guidelines. It was determined that the new guidelines would be drawn up and released by the various member organizations comprising ILCOR in late 2005. Some member organizations have standards written based on these new guidelines, others have not yet released them.

Emergency First Response and PADI programs (such as the PADI Rescue Diver course) follow guidelines established by ILCOR member associations, so you can expect course changes to occur. Emergency First Response and PADI are currently evaluating how these guidelines will be incorporated into their courses.

Generally, the new guidelines emphasize simplification of skills at the layperson level. To give you some examples, adult, child and infant compression-to-ventilation ratios are now easier to remember because they’re all the same: 30 to 2. There are moves to increase effectiveness through emphasis on effective chest compressions, and to avoid teaching techniques such as the jaw thrust at the lay person level. The changes will not cause great modification to the programs you’re teaching; instead there will be some areas of emphasis and a few technique/timing changes that further simplify how we teach lay people. To simplify training is perfectly in line with both Emergency First Response and the PADI philosophy. We don’t foresee that instructor retraining will be needed to implement these changes.

What does this mean for your current programs? Nothing, yet. You can visit the web sites of those councils which already have published standards incorporating the new guidelines, and check out the changes for yourself (see listings below). PADI will release specific changes to our programs in upcoming issues of *The Responder*, *Training Bulletin* and on emergencyfirstresponse.com. We’ll also incorporate the new guidelines into Emergency First Response and PADI student manuals and instructor guides as reprint schedules permit.

In the interim, please continue to offer Emergency First Response training and PADI courses as you have been. The need for emergency care training continues to be essential in business, industry, healthcare, diving and communities. Look for more information to come.

ILCOR Associations with published standards incorporating the new guidelines:

American Heart Association – www.americanheart.org

European Resuscitation Council – www.erc.edu

Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada – www.heartandstroke.ca

Required Materials – Reminder

As announced in the Fourth Quarter 2005 *Training Bulletin*, effective 1 January 2006, PADI student divers and instructor candidates must have, in their possession, a personal set of current materials for study and use during the course, and for reference afterward. The list of required materials appears in the Fourth Quarter 2005 *Training Bulletin*, as well as in individual course instructor guides in the 2006 PADI *Instructor Manual* (specifically, PADI Scuba Diver, Open Water Diver, Adventure Diver, Advanced Open Water, Rescue Diver, Divemaster and the PADI Instructor Development course).

PADI is committed to educational excellence through student use and retention of course materials. Enforcing this new requirement becomes part of the quality assurance monitoring process. For example, your student divers will receive PADI Course Evaluation Questionnaires that ask specific questions regarding the educational materials they used in their course. “Did you have your own [insert: training material(s) specific to course level] for study and use during the course, and for reference after the course?” Consistent answers that indicate possible standards violations will be handled like any other quality management issue.

Instructor Manual Changes – Errata

In the recent years, the list of standards changes to the new version of the *Instructor Manual*, called Instructor Manual Errata, was mailed out with the first quarter *Training Bulletin* Update. Most instructors work from the new *Instructor Manual* CD-ROM, which also has the full Instructor Manual Errata on it. You find it as a separate link on the menu, once you have chosen the language. For this reason PADI Europe decided to streamline communications and not add this Instructor Manual Errata as a printed version to the *Training Bulletin* Update. The changes you see on the Errata list are all already implemented in the new version of the *Instructor Manual* 2006. If you keep a printed version up to date, then you may print out that Errata list from the CD-ROM.

Procedures for Processing Applications for New Certification Cards and Replacement Cards – Effective 1 January 2006

According to the PADI Standards it is the **responsibility** of the certifying instructor that PIC envelopes reach PADI within 7 days after completion of the course. Please note that PADI does not accept any responsibility for PIC envelopes which do not reach us. Also, **effective immediately**, there will be no longer be a free-of-charge processing of any copies of PIC envelopes or of Temporary Cards which are sent in as a substitute for PIC envelopes. All applications for certification cards which are not sent in with original PIC envelopes will only be registered for a fee of EURO 25.00/CHF 32.00. If several applications are sent in together in a package a list with the names of the divers should be included to allow verifying the completeness of the package. The option and procedures to apply online for certification cards remain unchanged.

Certification cards, which reached us and were processed, but do not reach the addressee who is checked on the application, will be replaced by PADI free-of-charge within one year from the certification date. At www.padimembers.com > Members Toolbox > Divecheck you can verify whether a somehow missing certification card has already been processed.

Replacement cards can be easily applied online at www.padi.com > Courses.

Membership and License Agreements

One of the conditions of PADI Membership is your agreement with and adherence to the Membership and License Agreements. By renewing each year (whether automatically, online, by phone, fax or posted mail), you confirm that you “have read the Membership Agreement and License Agreement, and hereby consent and agree to the terms and conditions in their entirety.”

The PADI Membership Agreement lists all terms and conditions of your PADI Membership in 14 specific areas. The License Agreement for PADI Members stipulates how individual and dive center or resort members may or may not use the marks and logos owned by International PADI, Inc. Diving Science and Technology Corp., Emergency First Response Corp. and the Project AWARE Foundation.

As a PADI Member it's important that you are fully aware of the details of these contractual agreements you make with PADI every year. During leadership level training such as PADI Divemaster, Assistant Instructor and the Instructor Development Course, make sure that you take a moment to carefully review this document with all the candidates.

The PADI Membership Agreement and License Agreement may change each year. The document was last revised in August, 2005. This version was included in your 2006 renewal mailings and is now found in the Appendix of the Divemaster section of the 2006 PADI *Instructor Manual* as part of the Divemaster Application (Form No. 10144). The latest version is always available online on the Pros site in the Members' Toolbox under Forms/General/Administrative Forms. If you have any questions, please contact an Educational Consultant at your PADI Office.

Recompression Chamber Information

Q: Do PADI Rescue Diver students or Divemaster candidates have to include recompression chamber information in their Emergency Assistance Plans?

A: No. This is because in most regions the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) should be activated first. Your student divers' plans should follow the local protocol which often is to contact emergency medical professionals and allow them to determine patient treatment including transport to a recompression chamber. Keep in mind that many chambers do not have routine operational hours, or are not available to the public year round due to maintenance schedules or military use.

Instructor Development

Q: Since the *id news* is no longer published, where do I find information specific to Instructor Development?

A: You'll find editorials and familiar articles like “You Make the Call”, “Tips from the Field” and “Hot Off the Wire”. They will be delivered to Course Directors, IDC Staff Instructors and 5 Star/Gold Palm Instructor Development Centers via Email (for example in the ID Email from PADI Europe) or Surface Interval distributed by PADI Americas, PADI Asia Pacific and PADI International Ltd. Changes or clarifications to Instructor Development standards will now appear in this section of the *Training Bulletin* so you have one document to reference all information which is program standards related.

Q: Because instructors receive an updated digital version of the PADI *Instructor Manual* by renewing their annual membership, can instructor candidates use this disc during an Instructor Examination (IE)?

A: No, this version of the PADI *Instructor Manual* is only intended for use by the instructor who renewed PADI Membership. PADI Divemasters and Assistant Instructors, and instructors crossing over from other organizations must have their own PADI *Instructor Manuals*, either book or digital version.

Use of the digital PADI *Instructor Manual* version loaded on a laptop computer (or printed out) is allowed during the IE. However, the candidate is required to show the original product or proof of purchase to the examiner.

Q: PADI Members are encouraged to customize digital products for use in their courses. Can an instructor candidate use customized Lesson Guides at an IE for a Knowledge Development presentation?

A: Yes. However, the instructor candidate must show the original PADI digital product or proof of purchase to the examiner. In addition, the candidate must also use a personal laptop computer or create a CD-ROM with the Lesson Guides to run on the computer provided at the IE.

Q: IE assignments have included topics from the PADI Rescue Diver and Divemaster courses since 2001, and open water skills from the PADI Adventures in Diving program and Rescue Diver course since the beginning of 2005. When will continuing education skills be integrated into the IE confined water assignments?

A: PADI Rescue Diver course skills will be included in the IE confined water assignments beginning February 2006. Examples of the skills that may be assigned are:

1. Cramp release from Self-Rescue Review
2. Approach with a quick reverse from Rescue Exercise 3
3. Simulating an out-of-air emergency from Rescue Exercise 4
4. Controlled positive buoyancy to aid ascent from Rescue Exercise 6
5. Surfacing the unresponsive diver from Rescue Exercise 6
6. Exiting a breathing unresponsive diver from Rescue Exercise 8

It's highly recommend that you integrate these skills into the confined water assignments during the IDC so the candidates are better prepared – not only for the IE, but to teach PADI Rescue Diver courses once certified as instructors.

Emergency First Response

Q: Do I have to be a PADI Course Director to become an Emergency First Response Instructor Trainer?

A: No. The Third Quarter 2005 *The Responder* announced that Emergency First Response instructors who have issued 25 Emergency First Response completion cards or taught at least 5 Emergency First Response courses qualify for the Emergency First Response Instructor Trainer course. Regional programs are scheduled throughout 2006. For more information contact your PADI Office or look online at emergencyfirstresponse.com.

Q: My competitors are offering a stand-alone AED course. Can I do this through Emergency First Response?

A: Yes, as described in the Second Quarter 2005 *The Responder*, you can offer an AED training option to participants with previous CPR training. In some regions, this provides a competitive marketing advantage. To do this, simply conduct the Primary Care (CPR) Refresher course as outlined in the *Emergency First Response Instructor Manual* and focus on the Primary Care Skill – Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Use. If participants don't have previous CPR training, you can conduct the Primary Care (CPR) course and include the AED Use skill. At the end of the program, participants are issued a "Primary Care with AED" completion card.
