



Andrew Schofield
ABN # 86 192 649 687

andrew@goprotownsville.com
www.goprotownsville.com

Pre-IDC Preparation

Welcome to your PADI Instructor Development course. You've taken the next step in your professional development as a diver, and are about to embark on one of the most rewarding career paths available.

Your IDC is a comprehensive program that will provide you with the teaching knowledge and skills to become one of the most highly-sought after member of the diving profession. It builds upon your dive experience to date, and refines your skills and techniques. You will learn how to use the PADI System to present course curriculum both in and out of the water.

In order to be properly prepared to make the most of your IDC, please make sure of the following:

Payment

Please ensure that deposits are paid at least 2 weeks prior to the IDC start date to ensure that materials are ordered early enough for you to receive them and begin your preparation before the course. Full course payments are due by the first day of the IDC.

eLearning

In the interest of making your IDC as efficient and enjoyable as possible, a portion of the course is presented through PADI's eLearning. This allows you to complete some study at your own pace and in your own time. It also reduces your classroom time for the IDC by two full days, meaning that we can focus more on the practical side of teaching together.

Please make sure that you allow sufficient time to complete the IDC Online portion as it must be completed **prior** to the beginning of the IDC. The recommended duration of the eLearning portion is between seven and ten hours.

Paperwork

Paperwork will be taken care of on the afternoon of the first day of your IDC. To ensure a smooth and efficient process, please ensure that you have (and bring with you) the following:

- *2 passport sized photos*
- *A current dive medical (within 12 months of the IE)*
- *A current EFR Primary and Secondary Care (or equivalent) certification – must be dated within 24 months of IDC – for questions regarding equivalencies, please contact Andrew*
- *PADI Open Water, Advanced Open Water, Rescue, and Divemaster certification cards (or equivalent level training from another organisation)*
- *The hologram sticker that came with your PADI's Guide to Teaching manual*



Theory

There is a dive theory component to the IDC and the Instructor Exam (IE). This theory is the same as during your Divemaster course (Physics, Physiology, RDP, Equipment, and Skills and the Environment) and will be practised and remediated throughout your IDC on a number of occasions, but you are expected to be competent in dive theory before the IDC begins.

The best way to remediate and practise is to read your Encyclopaedia of Recreational Diving and go through all of the Diving Knowledge Workbook that accompanies it (you will have copies of both of these from your PADI Divemaster training). Additionally, you can sign up for the Dive Theory eLearning course through PADI. This offers presentations and practise in all five theory areas. For more information on Dive Theory eLearning, and a discounted rate, please contact Andrew as early as possible.

Materials

Pleasure Divers offers the IDC crew pack and EFR Instructor materials below the recommended retail price in an effort to offset the costs of application and IE fees. You are welcome to purchase course materials directly from PADI, but are encouraged to speak to the friendly staff at Pleasure Divers first to see what they can do for you.

Required materials for the IDC include (those in **bold** come in the IDC crew pack):

- *Current PADI Instructor Manual (free download from PADI Pros website)*
- **PADI's Guide to teaching**
- **PADI Specialty Course Instructor Manual** or these specialty course guides: *Peak Performance Buoyancy, Project AWARE and AWARE – Coral Reef Conservation*
- *PADI Open Water Diver Manual **
- **Open Water Diver Quiz and Exam booklet**
- *PADI Adventures in Diving Manual **
- *PADI Rescue Diver Manual **
- **Rescue Diver Final Exams booklet**
- *PADI Divemaster Manual **
- **Divemaster Final Exams booklet**
- *How to Use and Choose Dive Computers book **
- *Recreational Dive Planner – RDP Table and eRDPML, including Instructions for use booklets*
- **Aquatic cue Cards for Open Water Diver, Adventures in Diving, Rescue Diver, Divemaster and Discover Scuba Diving**
- **Confined Water Lesson Preparation slate**
- **Open Water Training Dive Lesson Preparation slate**
- *The Encyclopaedia of Recreational Diving **
- *Diving Knowledge Workbook or eRecord for Dive Theory Online **

*(*signifies that these materials will be on hand during the IDC to borrow, but you will need to source copies for the IE)*

In addition to the required IDC materials, there are certain required materials for the EFR Instructor course, conducted as a stand-alone program during the IDC. The required materials are:

- *Emergency First Response Primary and Secondary Care Instructor Guide*
- *Emergency First Response Participant Manual **
- *Emergency First Response Video **
- *Emergency Care at a Glance **

*(*signifies that these materials will be on hand during the EFR Instructor course to borrow as reference but you will need personal copies to teach in the future)*



For those taking the optional Emergency Oxygen Provider Instructor course following the EFR Instructor course, no additional materials are required, assuming that you have purchased the IDC crew pack, as the Oxygen Specialty Instructor guide is part of the Specialty Instructor Manual.

Equipment

As a dive professional, you are expected to own your own equipment. Very few dive shops will hire an Instructor who does not have a full set of required equipment as they would then have to rent or lend that Instructor shop gear, thus reducing the amount they have available to customers, and increasing wear and tear on their gear.

To that end, if there is any dive equipment that you are lacking, please ensure that you buy, borrow, or make rental arrangements for your gear well before your IDC begins.

If you need to arrange for missing required gear, please contact Andrew or the friendly staff at Pleasure Divers to discuss IDC-related discounts on gear purchase (or hire).

The following checklist outlines the **minimum** required IDC Candidate gear requirements:

- Regulator (1st stage, alternate air src, spg, depth gauge)
- BCD
- Exposure suit (wetsuit)
- Fins, mask, snorkel
- Time monitoring device (computer, watch)
- One audible and one visual surface signalling device (whistle, safety sausage)
- RDP and eRDPML (& Instructions for use)
- Knife / Diver's tool
- Compass

Location(s)

Portions of your IDC may be run in Townsville or Magnetic Island. Please refer to the schedule for location(s). Please ensure that you know your travel times and refer to the appropriate ferry timetables to ensure that you arrive at the classes on time.

If you are travelling to or from Magnetic Island during the IDC, there are some very affordable ferry ticket packages available. Contact SeaLink Ferries or have a chat with Andrew for details. If you opt to stay on Magnetic Island during the IDC, Pleasure Divers is able to arrange extremely affordable accommodation within walking distance of the dive shop.

If you have any questions regarding pre-requisites, or the course in general, please contact me any time.

Cheers,
Andrew

Andrew Schofield

PADI Course Director #186554

EFR Instructor Trainer

Specialty Instructor Trainer

T: +61 0432 950 290

E: andrew@goprotownsville.com

W: www.goprotownsville.com

