



# LIABILITY RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

Please read carefully and fill in all blanks before signing.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby affirm that I am aware that skin and scuba diving have inherent risks which may result in serious injury or death.

Participant Name

I understand that diving with compressed air involves certain inherent risks; including but not limited to decompression sickness, embolism or other hyperbaric/air expansion injury that require treatment in a recompression chamber. I further understand that the open water diving trips which are necessary for training and for certification may be conducted at a site that is remote, either by time or distance or both, from such a recompression chamber. I still choose to proceed with such instructional dives in spite of the possible absence of a recompression chamber in proximity to the dive site.

I understand and agree that neither my instructor(s), \_\_\_\_\_, the facility through which I receive my instruction, \_\_\_\_\_, nor International PADI, Inc. nor its affiliate and sub-

Facility Name

sidiary corporations, nor any of their respective employees, officers, agents, contractors or assigns (hereinafter referred to as "Released Parties") may be held liable or responsible in any way for any injury, death or other damages to me, my family, estate, heirs or assigns that may occur as a result of my participation in this diving program or as a result of the negligence of any party, including the Released Parties, whether passive or active.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in this course (and optional Adventure Dive), hereinafter referred to as "program," I hereby personally assume all risks of this program, whether foreseen or unforeseen, that may befall me while I am a participant in this program including, but not limited to, the academics, confined water and/or open water activities.

I further release, exempt and hold harmless said program and Released Parties from any claim or lawsuit by me, my family, estate, heirs or assigns, arising out of my enrollment and participation in this program including both claims arising during the program or after I receive my certification.

I also understand that skin diving and scuba diving are physically strenuous activities and that I will be exerting myself during this program, and that if I am injured as a result of heart attack, panic, hyperventilation, drowning or any other cause, that I expressly assume the risk of said injuries and that I will not hold the Released Parties responsible for the same.

I further state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this liability release, or that I have acquired the written consent of my parent or guardian. I understand the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital, and that I have signed this Agreement of my own free act and with the knowledge that I hereby agree to waive my legal rights. I further agree that if any provision of this Agreement is found to be unenforceable or invalid, that provision shall be severed from this Agreement. The remainder of this Agreement will then be construed as though the un-enforceable provision had never been contained herein.

I understand and agree that I am not only giving up my right to sue the Released Parties but also any rights my heirs, assigns, or beneficiaries may have to sue the Released Parties resulting from my death. I further represent I have the authority to do so and that my heirs, assigns, or beneficiaries will be estopped from claiming otherwise because of my representations to the Released Parties.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, BY THIS INSTRUMENT AGREE TO EXEMPT AND RELEASE MY INSTRUCTORS,

Participant Name

\_\_\_\_\_, THE FACILITY THROUGH WHICH I RECEIVE MY INSTRUCTION,

\_\_\_\_\_, AND INTERNATIONAL PADI, INC., AND ALL RELATED ENTITIES AS

Facility Name

DEFINED ABOVE, FROM ALL LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH HOWEVER CAUSED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, WHETHER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE.

I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF AND MY HEIRS OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS LIABILITY RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT BY READING IT BEFORE I SIGNED IT ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY HEIRS.

Participant Signature

Date (Day/Month/Year)

Signature of Parent of Guardian (where applicable)

Date (Day/Month/Year)



## STANDARD SAFE DIVING PRACTICES STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

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### Please read carefully before signing.

This is a statement in which you are informed of the established safe diving practices for skin and scuba diving. These practices have been compiled for your review and acknowledgement and are intended to increase your comfort and safety in diving. Your signature on this statement is required as proof that you are aware of these safe diving practices. Read and discuss the statement prior to signing it. If you are a minor, this form must also be signed by a parent or guardian.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that as a diver I should:

(Print Name)

1. Maintain good mental and physical fitness for diving. Avoid being under the influence of alcohol or dangerous drugs when diving. Keep proficient in diving skills, striving to increase them through continuing education and reviewing them in controlled conditions after a period of diving inactivity, and refer to my course materials to stay current and refresh myself on important information.
2. Be familiar with my dive sites. If not, obtain a formal diving orientation from a knowledgeable, local source. If diving conditions are worse than those in which I am experienced, postpone diving or select an alternate site with better conditions. Engage only in diving activities consistent with my training and experience. Do not engage in cave or technical diving unless specifically trained to do so.
3. Use complete, well-maintained, reliable equipment with which I am familiar; and inspect it for correct fit and function prior to each dive. Deny use of my equipment to uncertified divers. Always have a buoyancy control device and submersible pressure gauge when scuba diving. Recognize the desirability of an alternate air source and a low-pressure buoyancy control inflation system.
4. Listen carefully to dive briefings and directions and respect the advice of those supervising my diving activities. Recognize that additional training is recommended for participation in specialty diving activities, in other geographic areas and after periods of inactivity that exceed six months.
5. Adhere to the buddy system throughout every dive. Plan dives – including communications, procedures for reuniting in case of separation and emergency procedures – with my buddy.
6. Be proficient in dive table usage. Make all dives no decompression dives and allow a margin of safety. Have a means to monitor depth and time underwater. Limit maximum depth to my level of training and experience. Ascend at a rate of not more than 18 metres/60 feet per minute. Be a **SAFE** diver – **S**lowly **A**scend **F**rom **E**very dive. Make a safety stop as an added precaution, usually at 5 metres/15 feet for three minutes or longer.
7. Maintain proper buoyancy. Adjust weighting at the surface for neutral buoyancy with no air in my buoyancy control device. Maintain neutral buoyancy while underwater. Be buoyant for surface swimming and resting. Have weights clear for easy removal, and establish buoyancy when in distress while diving.
8. Breathe properly for diving. Never breath-hold or skip-breathe when breathing compressed air, and avoid excessive hyperventilation when breath-hold diving. Avoid overexertion while in and underwater and dive within my limitations.
9. Use a boat, float or other surface support station, whenever feasible.
10. Know and obey local dive laws and regulations, including fish and game and dive flag laws.

I have read the above statements and have had any questions answered to my satisfaction. I understand the importance and purposes of these established practices. I recognize they are for my own safety and well-being, and that failure to adhere to them can place me in jeopardy when diving.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (Day/Month/Year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian (where applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (Day/Month/Year)



## MEDICAL STATEMENT

### Participant Record (Confidential Information)

#### Please read carefully before signing.

This is a statement in which you are informed of some potential risks involved in scuba diving and of the conduct required of you during the scuba training program. Your signature on this statement is required for you to participate in the scuba training program offered

by \_\_\_\_\_ and  
Instructor

\_\_\_\_\_ located in the  
Facility

city of \_\_\_\_\_, state/province of \_\_\_\_\_.

Read this statement prior to signing it. You must complete this Medical Statement, which includes the medical questionnaire section, to enroll in the scuba training program. If you are a minor, you must have this Statement signed by a parent or guardian.

Diving is an exciting and demanding activity. When performed correctly, applying correct techniques, it is relatively safe. When

established safety procedures are not followed, however, there are increased risks.

To scuba dive safely, you should not be extremely overweight or out of condition. Diving can be strenuous under certain conditions. Your respiratory and circulatory systems must be in good health. All body air spaces must be normal and healthy. A person with coronary disease, a current cold or congestion, epilepsy, a severe medical problem or who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs should not dive. If you have asthma, heart disease, other chronic medical conditions or you are taking medications on a regular basis, you should consult your doctor and the instructor before participating in this program, and on a regular basis thereafter upon completion. You will also learn from the instructor the important safety rules regarding breathing and equalization while scuba diving. Improper use of scuba equipment can result in serious injury. You must be thoroughly instructed in its use under direct supervision of a qualified instructor to use it safely.

If you have any additional questions regarding this Medical Statement or the Medical Questionnaire section, review them with your instructor before signing.

### Divers Medical Questionnaire

#### To the Participant:

The purpose of this Medical Questionnaire is to find out if you should be examined by your doctor before participating in recreational diver training. A positive response to a question does not necessarily disqualify you from diving. A positive response means that there is a preexisting condition that may affect your safety while diving and you must seek the advice of your physician prior to engaging in dive activities.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Could you be pregnant, or are you attempting to become pregnant?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are you presently taking prescription medications? (with the exception of birth control or anti-malarial)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are you over 45 years of age and can answer YES to one or more of the following?
  - currently smoke a pipe, cigars or cigarettes
  - have a high cholesterol level
  - have a family history of heart attack or stroke
  - are currently receiving medical care
  - high blood pressure
  - diabetes mellitus, even if controlled by diet alone

#### Have you ever had or do you currently have...

- \_\_\_\_\_ Asthma, or wheezing with breathing, or wheezing with exercise?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Frequent or severe attacks of hayfever or allergy?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Frequent colds, sinusitis or bronchitis?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any form of lung disease?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pneumothorax (collapsed lung)?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other chest disease or chest surgery?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Behavioral health, mental or psychological problems (Panic attack, fear of closed or open spaces)?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Epilepsy, seizures, convulsions or take medications to prevent them?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Recurring complicated migraine headaches or take medications to prevent them?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Blackouts or fainting (full/partial loss of consciousness)?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Frequent or severe suffering from motion sickness (seasick, carsick, etc.)?

Please answer the following questions on your past or present medical history with a **YES** or **NO**. If you are not sure, answer **YES**. If any of these items apply to you, we must request that you consult with a physician prior to participating in scuba diving. Your instructor will supply you with an RSTC Medical Statement and Guidelines for Recreational Scuba Diver's Physical Examination to take to your physician.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Dysentery or dehydration requiring medical intervention?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any dive accidents or decompression sickness?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Inability to perform moderate exercise (example: walk 1.6 km/one mile within 12 mins.)?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Head injury with loss of consciousness in the past five years?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Recurrent back problems?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Back or spinal surgery?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Diabetes?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Back, arm or leg problems following surgery, injury or fracture?
- \_\_\_\_\_ High blood pressure or take medicine to control blood pressure?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Heart disease?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Heart attack?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Angina, heart surgery or blood vessel surgery?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sinus surgery?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ear disease or surgery, hearing loss or problems with balance?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Recurrent ear problems?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bleeding or other blood disorders?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hernia?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ulcers or ulcer surgery ?
- \_\_\_\_\_ A colostomy or ileostomy?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Recreational drug use or treatment for, or alcoholism in the past five years?

**The information I have provided about my medical history is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to accept responsibility for omissions regarding my failure to disclose any existing or past health condition.**

Signature

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

## STUDENT

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### Please print legibly.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
First Initial Last Day/Month/Year

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province/Region \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

### Name and address of your family physician

Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic/Hospital \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last physical examination \_\_\_\_\_

Name of examiner \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic/Hospital \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Were you ever required to have a physical for diving?  Yes  No If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

## PHYSICIAN

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This person applying for training or is presently certified to engage in scuba (self-contained underwater breathing apparatus) diving. Your opinion of the applicant's medical fitness for scuba diving is requested. There are guidelines attached for your information and reference.

### Physician's Impression

- I find no medical conditions that I consider incompatible with diving.  
 I am unable to recommend this individual for diving.

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

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Physician's Signature or Legal Representative of Medical Practitioner Date Day/Month/Year

Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic/Hospital \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_