

Title	Scuba dive in open water to a maximum depth of 18 metres		
Level	3	Credits	7

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe open water scuba diving to a depth of 18 metres as an entry level diver; and plan and perform scuba dives as an entry level diver in open water to a maximum depth of 18 metres.
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Classification	Diving > Diving - Recreational
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Available grade	Achieved
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Prerequisites	A current fit to dive medical clearance signed by a physician.
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Guidance Information

- 1 All learning and assessment leading to this unit standard must be carried out in accordance with the following as relevant:
 - legislation including the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, Health and Safety at Work (General Risk and Workplace Management) Regulations 2016, Accident Compensation Act 2001, and subsequent amendments;
 - *Working Safely in the Occupational Diving, Snorkelling, and Free-Diving Industries – A Guide for PCBUs* (WorkSafe, March 2020) and any supplementary publications, or any subsequent editions;
 - industry technical and safety criteria.
- 2 Definitions

Dive plan refers to the procedures by which the accredited dive provider's diving operations are implemented for all dives required to meet this standard.

Industry technical and safety criteria refer to dive instruction, supervision and performance being carried out in accordance with the standards, procedures and training materials of the respective dive training agency. The agency must meet or exceed the World Recreational Scuba Training Council training standards.

Open water is any natural body of water realistic of local diving conditions in terms of water movement, temperature, visibility, depth and aquatic life.
- 3 Completion of this unit standard provides evidence that the candidate has met the knowledge and practical requirements to be certified as an entry-level diver through a recognised dive training agency.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe open water scuba diving to a depth of 18 metres as an entry level diver.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe scuba diving equipment types, features, selection and maintenance.
- 1.2 Describe the open water environment in relation to scuba diving.
- 1.3 Describe scuba diving physics.
- 1.4 Describe scuba diving physiology.
- 1.5 Describe scuba diving hazards.
- 1.6 Describe planning in relation to scuba diving.

Outcome 2

Plan and perform scuba dives as an entry level diver in open water to a maximum depth of 18 metres.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Plan and prepare for scuba dives.
- 2.2 Select scuba dive equipment to match the diver's build and experience.
- 2.3 Assemble or disassemble, use and maintain selected scuba dive equipment in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.
- 2.4 Perform dives in accordance with the dive plan.
- 2.5 Demonstrate emergency out-of-air techniques.
- 2.6 Demonstrate self and buddy rescue techniques.
- 2.7 Demonstrate dive skills.

Replacement information	This unit standard replaced unit standard 4384.
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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0099
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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