

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO...



...LEARN TO SCUBA DIVE?



THE PADI OPEN WATER SCUBA DIVER COURSE



Getting started is as easy as 1 2 3.... into the classroom or some home study for theory, jump into the pool to develop your skills, practice your techniques and get familiar and comfortable with the equipment. Then out into the open water to escape, explore and experience the underwater sea life and pristine reefs that make up seven tenths of the earth's surface. Take the next challenge with *Mudgee Dive and Travel!*



WHAT HAPPENS?

The PADI Open Water Diver course is the world's most popular entry level diving certification. It qualifies you to dive independently to a maximum depth of 18 m. PADI is the world's largest scuba training agency, and your Open Water Certification is recognised throughout the world.

WHATS INVOLVED?

The course is divided into three parts:

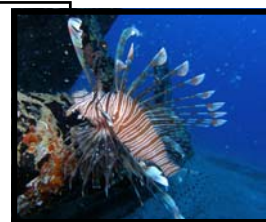
- Knowledge development including quizzes and a multiple-choice exam where you learn the basic principles and procedures involved with going underwater.
- A session in the swimming pool where you will learn and practise the basic scuba skills and familiarise yourself with the equipment.
- In the final part of your training you will complete 4 ocean dives.

HOW MUCH AND WHAT IS INCLUDED? (2011 Prices)

The course price is \$445 (\$395 for High School students) and includes:

1. All **current** PADI learning materials
 - Latest Open Water Diver Manual including the use of dive computers
 - Course DVD
 - Personal Log Book
 - Vinyl Sachet and Decal
 - Certification Card (**Received within 4 weeks**)
2. All SCUBA equipment including Dive Computers and weight integrated BCD's.
3. Instruction from a professional teacher & Certified PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer, with over 26 years of diving and teaching experience.

Depending on conditions, there is also the option of additional shore dives (possibly a boat dive \$70) after your final certification dive.



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GENERAL Diving Requirements:

Fitness: Have a general level of fitness and demonstrate basic water skills (Swim 200m with no time limit using any stroke and be able to tread water for 10 mins).

Minimum Age: 15 years or over to qualify for the PADI Open Water Diver Certification. 12 to 14 years to qualify for the PADI Junior Open Water Diver Certification, which can be upgraded upon reaching 15 years.

Identification: You also need to bring a passport-sized photo for your PADI certification card.

Medical: Pass a dive medical to Australian Standard A.S 4005-1. Australian standards require that you pass a recreational diving medical, AS4005.1, before beginning your course. You will need to bring your completed medical with you on day 1 of the course or earlier. A dive medical costs around \$140 in Mudgee. If you have time, it can cost as little as \$70 in Sydney. You **do not** need to see your normal family doctor. Not all doctors in Mudgee will conduct dive medicals. When booking your medical, be sure to let the surgery know at the time of booking that it is for a diving medical, as it requires a double booking.

Please ensure you book your dive medical *well in advance* of your course. In Australia, you cannot begin the in-water sessions without it.



HOW MUCH TIME DO I NEED AND WHEN DO I START?

The PADI Open Water Diver Course takes approximately 3 to 4 days, depending on home study or the option of formal class room delivery. We dive every month, and ALL courses can also be delivered outside of this time at *your* convenience.

- Knowledge Development (Self-study or 'classroom')
- Confined water training in the swimming pool.
- Open water dives 1 and 2.
- Open water dives 3 and 4



WHERE DO WE GO?

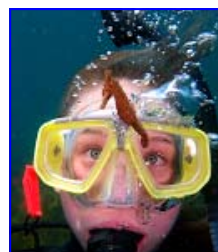
The knowledge development portion of the course can be conducted at home and in your own time, at your own pace. However, it must be completed before the commencement of the pool sessions. Confined water training (pool session) can be completed in Mudgee or Nelson Bay. (An extra day **may** be required if the pool session is in Nelson Bay).

Why Nelson Bay?

Not only is it close, Nelson Bay is unquestionably the best shore diving in NSW and in the top 5 of Australia! We dive in a Marine Reserve and both the diversity and amount of marine life here is unrivalled for shore diving in NSW. It is the perfect place for being introduced to the marine world.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

To book a place on the Open Water Course just contact us and let us know when you want to start. Payment of \$200 deposit is required on booking to secure your place and to receive the PADI Open Water Crew Pack or we can send it out to you. There is some self-study for you to complete prior to starting the course.



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