

What is DCBC?

- A federally incorporated, government-recognized, independent corporation with a single mission:

“To provide a national, Canadian diving certification scheme for occupational diving personnel, based on a single national standard for competencies, in order to enhance industry safety by demonstrating personal competency.”

- The only national body which certifies offshore and inshore occupational divers in Canada.
- Operated on a not-for-profit basis: certificate fees are used to support the scheme.
- Governed by a Board of Directors representing the entire Canadian diving industry: from the west and east coasts, central Canada, and from the offshore and onshore/inshore diving communities.
- Operated by a small Executive team – their primary focus is diver certification.
- The Board of Directors is responsible to our stakeholders, including Federal and Provincial agencies, diver training schools, diving contractors and all certified divers.
- DCBC accredits qualified Canadian and American diver training schools and their training programs.

Benefits for the Diver

- Allows divers to dive in all Provinces and jurisdictions across Canada.
- Is recognized in the Canadian offshore diving industry
- Is recognized internationally, under reciprocal agreements negotiated between DCBC and corresponding certification agencies including Australia, France, Norway, Netherlands, South Africa and the UK.
- Is recognized by the International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA).
- Is accepted for work in the USA.
- Is simple: it means that the diver only has to carry a single diver certification card.
- Is issued by a recognized independent body with a well-established track record of almost 10 years operating in the Canadian and US diving industry.

Benefits for the Employer & Contractor

- Is a national certification scheme accepted in all Provinces and jurisdictions in Canada.
- Is simple: it is easy to administer and reduces the cost of compliance with multiple schemes.
- Is required in the Canadian offshore diving industry
- Provides proof that the individual is qualified to, and has demonstrated, the minimum competencies detailed in the national standard CSA-Z275.4.
- Provides proof that the holder, by meeting the DCBC requirement for periodic renewal based on continued proficiency, is presently competent to these same levels.
- Assists the employer in determining that the holder meets job specific criteria (due diligence).
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