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Purpose

To define and describe the policy and general principles which will guide the accreditation of independent diver training providers (IDTP) who are not affiliated with accredited diver training establishments (DTE).

Scope

This policy will apply to the accreditation of all independent diver training providers who are not affiliated with accredited diver training establishments.


Responsibilities

The Chief Executive Officer has the responsibility to ensure that the day-to-day activities relating to the accreditation of independent diver training providers who are not affiliated with accredited DTE's is carried out in accordance with the following policy statements.

The Chair of the board of directors has the responsibility to ensure that the Chief Executive Officer carries out his duties in accordance with the following policy statements.

Policy

- a. It is the policy of the DCBC that the DCBC will accredit independent diver training providers, and their courses.
- b. Independent diver training providers must be registered business entities. DCBC will not accredit in-house training of a diving contractor.
- c. DCBC will not accredit part courses, i.e. training providers must provide all of the training required to meet the competencies of a complete section of CSA Z275.4, except where competencies can be demonstrated through logged experience. DCBC has identified supervisor training courses (i.e. courses providing knowledge-based training in a classroom environment) as the only courses suitable for accreditation under this policy.
- d. Independent diver training providers for all programs must be DCBC certified, must have two years experience as instructors at an accredited DTE and have five years experience as supervisors at the level to be taught; e.g. to train SCUBA supervisors the independent diver training provider must be SCUBA supervisor.
- e. Training providers of supervisor courses may issue diplomas to graduates of their courses but must not issue credit card sized certificates which could be misinterpreted as supervisors' certificates.
- f. In order to receive the accreditation of the DCBC an independent diver training provider or assessor must complete the application procedure described in Section 3.7 of CSA Z275.5, and must pay a fee.

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- g. Independent diver training providers are not permitted to conduct Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition (PLAR) unless conducted as a legally contracted agent of an accredited DTE.