



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Netherlands Diving Centre (NDC)

and

The Australian Diving Accreditation Scheme (ADAS)

concerning the

Mutual Recognition of Occupational Diver and Supervisor Certificates of Competency



WHEREAS NDC is the national body which certifies the competence of occupational divers in the Netherlands and has the organization, expertise, policies and procedures to adequately document and certify the competency of occupational divers,

AND WHEREAS ADAS is the national body which certifies offshore and inshore occupational divers in Australia and has the organization, expertise, policies and procedures to adequately document and certify the competency of occupational divers,

AND WHEREAS the parties wish to ensure effective co-operation between the two organizations for the mutual recognition of the respective organizations' occupational diver certificates of competency,

NOW, THEREFORE the parties agree to the following:

1. Introduction

This Memorandum of Understanding is made between the Chairman of the Board of the Netherlands Diving Centre (NDC) and the Executive Director of the Australian Diving Accreditation Scheme (ADAS).

Its purpose is to ensure effective co-operation between the two organizations for the mutual recognition of the respective organizations' occupational diver certificates of competency.

It has been established after due analysis and consideration, that the aims and quality control of the NDC arrangements for the training and certification of occupational divers and those of ADAS are equivalent.

2. Certificate acceptance

This MOU confirms that NDC and ADAS have put in place those arrangements described below through which NDC will ensure that occupational divers or supervisors holding an NDC certificate of competency are eligible to receive an equivalent ADAS

certificate of competency, and ADAS will ensure that occupational divers or supervisors holding an ADAS certificate of competency are eligible to receive an equivalent NDC certificate of competency, subject to a demonstration of knowledge in the areas requiring appropriate additional legislative modules.

3. Arrangements

A1 When a holder of an Australian certificate wishes to apply for an NDC diver certificate, the candidate will apply to the NDC through ADAS. In order to conform to Netherlands legislation, ADAS will verify the candidate's identity through a face to face meeting with an authorized representative of ADAS and inspection of his passport and other photo ID material and will issue a letter certifying that such has been done. ADAS will then forward the letter, along with the following, to the NDC:

1. a copy of the candidate's passport;
2. a completed application form acceptable to the NDC;
3. copies of the candidate's ADAS certificate of competency;
4. confirmation that a review of the candidate's training and experience show that the candidate has achieved the competencies shown in the Dutch Health and Safety Legislation (the Training Standards Working Conditions Regulations);
5. copies of logs confirming that he has completed 30 surface supplied dives in the previous 24 months, including confirmation that the copy is made under ADAS supervision.

Note: Prior to being allowed to work in the Dutch sector the candidate will be required to to pass a medical examination acceptable to the NDC.

A2 When a holder of an Australian certificate wishes to apply for an NDC supervisor certificate, the candidate will apply to the NDC through ADAS. In order to conform to Netherlands legislation ADAS will verify the candidate's identity through a face to face meeting with an authorized representative of ADAS and inspection of his passport and other photo ID material and will issue a letter certifying that such has been done. ADAS will then forward the letter, along with the following, to the NDC:

1. a copy of the candidate's passport;
2. a completed application form acceptable to the NDC;
3. copies of the candidate's certificate of competency as a supervisor acceptable to NDC;
4. confirmation that a review of the candidate's training and experience show that the candidate has achieved the competencies shown in the Dutch Health and Safety Legislation (the Training Standards Working Conditions Regulations);
5. if applicable, copies of logs confirming that he has supervised 30 surface supplied dives in the previous 24 months, including confirmation that the copy is made under ADAS supervision.

B1 When a holder of an NDC certificate wishes to apply for an ADAS diver certificate, the candidate will apply to ADAS through the NDC. NDC will verify the candidate's identity through a face to face meeting with an authorized representative of NDC and inspection of his passport and other photo ID material and will issue a letter certifying that such has been done. NDC will then forward the letter, along with the following, to ADAS:

1. a copy of the candidate's passport;
2. an ADAS application form completed by the candidate;
3. copies of the candidate's NDC certificate of competency;
4. copy of candidate's current medical examination conducted by a physician acceptable to ADAS;
5. copy of current first aid (or DMT), CPR and O2 administrator certificates, and
6. copies of logs confirming that he has completed 20 dives over the previous two years, including confirmation that the copies are made under NDC supervision.

B2 When a holder of an NDC certificate wishes to apply for an ADAS supervisor certificate, the candidate will apply to ADAS through the NDC. NDC will verify the candidate's identity through a face to face meeting with an authorized representative of NDC and inspection of his passport and other photo ID material and will issue a letter certifying that such has been done. NDC will then forward the letter, along with the following, to ADAS:

1. a copy of the candidate's passport;
2. an ADAS application form completed by the candidate;
3. copies of the candidate's NDC certificate of competency as a supervisor;
4. copy of current first aid (or DMT), CPR and O2 administrator certificates, and
5. confirmation that a review of the candidate's training and experience shows that the candidate has achieved the competencies shown in ADAS Offshore Supervisor Certification Scheme;
6. if applicable, copies of logs confirming that he has supervised 20 surface supplied dives over the previous two years, including confirmation that the copy is made under ADAS supervision.

3. Monitoring / Auditing each Other's Schemes

NDC and ADAS agree that, where appropriate, and following agreement, each party should be given the facility to monitor and audit the other's arrangements.

