

JUNIOR DIVEMASTER COURSE

INSTRUCTOR GUIDE



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Standards outlined in the General Standards and Procedures Guide apply to the PADI Junior Divemaster Course, except as noted otherwise in this guide.

Course Standards

The PADI Junior Divemaster course is a subset of the PADI Divemaster course. The course is designed to engage and motivate interested youth, ages 15-17, until they are old enough to become PADI Divemasters. PADI Junior Divemaster candidates complete portions of the Divemaster course with some modifications to performance requirements. Certified Junior Divemasters are not PADI Members, and may not act as certified assistants or supervise divers. They can, however, assist PADI Professionals specifically as described in Junior Divemaster Activities.

All Divemaster course standards apply, with the following modifications and exceptions.

Certification Requirements

- **Complete PADI *Divemaster eLearning*, including all knowledge development segments and Knowledge Reviews.**
- **Successfully complete the PADI Junior Divemaster Exam by scoring at least 75 percent, with remediation to 100 percent mastery.**
- **Create an Emergency Assistance Plan for a designated dive site.**
- **Complete Section Three Waterskills Development exercises 1-4:**
 - **400-Metre/Yard Swim – nonstop**
 - **15-minute Tread – nonstop**
 - **800 Metre/Yard Mask/Snorkel/Fin Swim – nonstop**
 - **100 Metre/Yard Inert Diver Tow – nonstop**
- **Complete the Divemaster Diver Rescue assessment.**
- **Complete the dive skills workshop and assessment.**

- **Complete Practical Application skills as follows:**
 - **Skill 1 — Dive Site Set Up and Management** – Have the junior divemaster candidate help a PADI Professional set up a dive site and manage pre-dive preparation, including all listed steps.
 - **Skill 2 — Mapping Project** – Under indirect supervision and with the help of a PADI Professional, have the junior divemaster candidate create a detailed map of a site showing all listed features.
 - **Skill 3 — Dive Briefing** – Only to the instructor, have the junior divemaster candidate conduct a dive briefing for a familiar dive site covering all 10 points as listed on the Divemaster Slates.
 - **Skill 4 — Search and Recovery Scenario** – Have the junior divemaster candidate complete the various search and recovery scenarios and knot tying, and under direct supervision, demonstrate how to safely rig and bring to the surface an object not more than 11 kilograms/25 pounds negatively buoyant using an appropriate lifting device.
- **Meet the professionalism criteria.**

At time of certification, verify the candidate has:

- **Logged at least 40 scuba dives including experience in night diving, deep diving and underwater navigation.**
- **Completed Emergency First Response Primary and Secondary Care training (or qualifying training) within the last 24 months.** Training may be completed during the Junior Divemaster course. The PADI Emergency Oxygen Provider specialty is recommended.

Diver Prerequisites

- **Certified as a PADI Advanced Open Water Diver and PADI Rescue Diver**
- **15 years old**
- **Logged 20 scuba dives**

Forms

Required

Continuing Education Administrative Document (10038 or EU 10541) with Diver Medical form (10346)

Recommended

Junior Divemaster Course Record and Referral Form

When a junior divemaster student completes all certification requirements, the certifying instructor submits a PIC (envelope or online) to a PADI Regional Headquarters.

Junior Divemaster Activities

Junior Divemasters are expected to exhibit role model behavior and responsible dive practices in all their diving activities.

Junior Divemasters are qualified to:

1. Help/shadow a PADI Professional with:
 - Dive site set up and management
 - Beach master duties
 - Dive class set up and organization
 - Skills demonstration with a PADI Professional when the skill requires a buddy (such as alternate air source use)
 - Dive site briefing under the direct supervision of a PADI Professional

2. Give “benefits of learning to dive,” environmental and promotional presentations to various groups in the community, including, dive centers and resorts

Note: Although junior divemasters study and prepare for certification by using PADI Divemaster materials, they are not qualified to function as a certified assistants. **At no time may a PADI Junior Divemaster be placed in a supervisory situation.**

Divemaster Upgrade Procedures

Junior Divemasters are well prepared to enroll in a PADI Divemaster course once they reach age 18. **You may credit Junior Divemasters for the following segments, if training occurred within 36 months of Divemaster course enrollment:**

- Emergency Assistance Plan
- Skill 2 – Mapping Project
- Skill 4 – Search and Recovery Scenario

Other than these specific course segments, certified Junior Divemasters must complete the entire divemaster course and meet all course requirements to become a PADI Divemaster. Because Junior Divemasters are familiar with and have previously mastered many of the divemaster course requirements, the time spent training may be reduced.