



## Junior Divemaster Course Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**Q. What are the prerequisites to enroll into the Junior Divemaster course?**

**A.** Divers must:

- Be certified as PADI Advanced Open Water Diver and PADI Rescue Diver (or equivalent)
- Be at least 15 years old
- Have logged at least 20 scuba dives

**Q. Where do you find the standards for a Junior Divemaster course?**

**A.** The Junior Divemaster Course Instructor Guide is available on the PADI Pros' Site and will be incorporated into the 2022 PADI *Instructor Manual*

**Q. What materials are required for the Junior Divemaster course?**

**A.** Junior Divemaster students study using PADI *Divemaster eLearning*. No additional slates or educational materials relating to the PADI Divemaster course are required.

**Q. What knowledge development does a Junior Divemaster complete?**

**A.** Junior Divemaster students complete all *Divemaster eLearning* sections including Knowledge Reviews. They also complete the Junior Divemaster Exam and create an Emergency Assistance Plan.

**Q. Which exam does a Junior Divemaster complete?**

**A.** Junior Divemaster students only complete the Junior Divemaster Exam (available on the PADI Pros' Site for download). They must score at least 75%, with remediation to 100% mastery. They do not take the PADI Divemaster Exam online via Divemaster eLearning.

**Q. What waterskills and assessments does a Junior Divemaster have to complete?**

**A.** Junior Divemaster students complete the following waterskills from the PADI Divemaster course:

- 400-Metre/Yard Swim – nonstop
- 15-minute Tread – nonstop
- 800 Metre/Yard Mask/Snorkel/Fin Swim – nonstop
- 100 Metre/Yard Inert Diver Tow – nonstop
- Diver Rescue assessment
- Dive skills workshop and assessment

**Q. Are the Waterskill Exercises timed and scored?**

A. No, the skills must be completed nonstop, but are not timed or scored.

**Q. What other certification requirements must a Junior Divemaster meet?**

A. Junior Divemasters also complete the follow Practical Skills and must meet exit requirements:

- **Skill 1** — Dive Site Set Up and Management – help a PADI Professional set up a dive site and manage pre-dive preparation, including all listed steps.
- **Skill 2** — Mapping Project – create a detailed map of a site showing all listed features.
- **Skill 3** — Dive Briefing – only to the instructor, conduct a dive briefing as listed on the Divemaster Slates.
- **Skill 4** — Search and Recovery Scenario – 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.
- Have completed at least 40 scuba dives including experience in night diving, deep diving and underwater navigation
- Have completed EFR Primary and Secondary Care training (or equivalent) within the last 24 months
- Meet the PADI Divemaster course professionalism criteria

**Q. How do you certify a Junior Divemaster?**

A. A Junior Divemaster is certified using a normal PIC (online or envelope)

**Q. Do Junior Divemasters become PADI Members?**

A. No – Junior Divemasters are not members of PADI. The certification is a standard continuing education certification.

**Q. Which forms should a Junior Divemaster complete?**

A. The PADI Continuing Education Administrative Document (10038) along with the Diver Medical form

**Q. What activities can a Junior Divemaster participate in?**

A. Junior Divemasters may 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.
- Give “benefits of learning to dive,” environmental and promotional presentations to various groups in the community, including, dive centers and resorts

**Q. Can a Junior Divemaster supervise other divers?**

A. No – at no time may a PADI Junior Divemaster be placed in a supervisory situation.

**Q. What happens when a Junior Divemaster turns 18?**

A. At 18, a Junior Divemaster may choose to upgrade to PADI Divemaster by completing the Divemaster course. If training occurred within 36 months of divemaster course enrollment, the Junior Divemaster may get credit for:

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

Other than these course segments, certified Junior Divemasters must complete the entire divemaster course and meet all course requirements to become a PADI Divemaster.

**Q. What materials are available to help you teach the Junior Divemaster course?**

A. On the PADI Pros' Site you'll find:

- PADI Junior Divemaster Course Instructor Guide
- Junior Divemaster Course Guide to Teaching supplemental pages
- Junior Divemaster Course Record and Referral Form
- Junior Divemaster Exam A and B
- Junior Divemaster Exam Answer Key

**Q. How do you become a Junior Divemaster Instructor?**

A. Open Water Scuba Instructors can apply by submitting the Junior Divemaster Instructor Application available on the PADI Pros' Site