

## Diving Information

### INSTRUCTORS QUALIFIED WITH OTHER AGENCIES

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#### BSAC welcomes all diving instructors

The current Instructor Training Scheme (ITS) requires members, who wish to become instructors, to complete the following courses and exams:

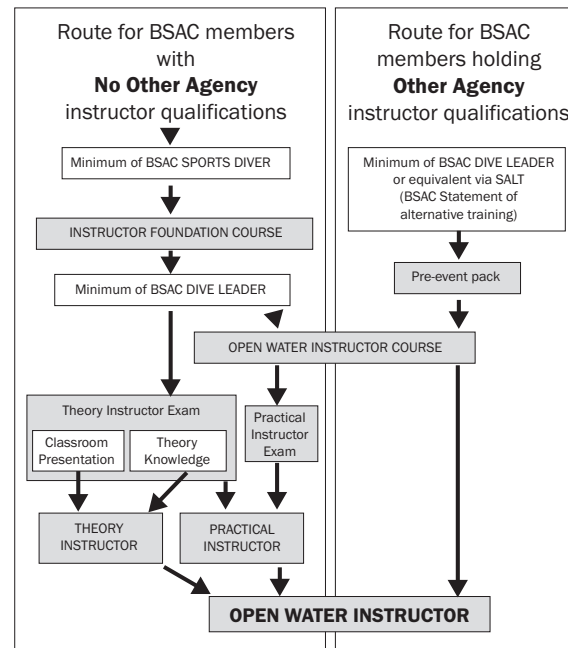
- The Instructor Foundation Course (IFC),
- Theory Instructor Exam (TIE),
- Open Water Instructor Course (OWIC)
- Practical Instructor Exam (PIE)

And then will be awarded **Open Water Instructor** (OWI) qualification.

#### Accrediting other-agency trained Open Water Instructors as BSAC OWIs

The BSAC recognises the qualifications of divers trained by other organisations and also Instructor grades awarded by most agencies. There can really be little reason to question the validity of an existing, other-agency diving instructor qualification. Indeed the majority of instructors have been ASSESSED not only in the classroom and the pool but also on their teaching ability in the Open Water. However, we do need to ensure that any instructors teaching the BSAC syllabus are familiar with the system we use to train our divers and instructors. Consequently BSAC members, who are BRANCH MEMBERS hold instructor qualifications from other organisations, can apply for the Instructor Induction Programme, which will involve:

- Current membership of BSAC
- Application to attend an Open Water Instructor Course (OWIC) as an other agency instructor
- Evidence of other agency Open Water Instructor grade and a passport style photograph – please email to: [bookings@bsac.com](mailto:bookings@bsac.com)
- Receive a pre-event pack
- Completion and verification of the Induction form will allow teaching within the branch under supervision prior to attendance on the OWIC (full details in the pack)
- Attendance and full participation at an OWIC



#### BSAC Club Instructors or similar

Instructors with grades similar to BSAC Club Instructor (CI) will follow a slightly different process.

After attendance on an Open Water Instructor Course (OWIC), branch members, as volunteers, can log 12 hours of Open Water Instruction conducted within a BSAC Branch, teaching the current BSAC Diver Training Programme and be verified by the Branch Diving Officer and a BSAC Qualified Instructor (QI). Or attend and pass the Practical Instructor Exam (PIE),

The Instructor Induction process is aimed at the smooth acceptance and integration of existing Instructors within BSAC Branches and to further enhance the acceptance and understanding of other agency qualifications.

To book onto an Instructor Crossover event, go to: [www.bsac.com/instructorcrossover](http://www.bsac.com/instructorcrossover)