

# TDA Diving Association (Thailand)



## Member of CMAS Examination Guidelines for Dive Instructors

Examination Guidelines for Instructors

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## **Foreword**

The Thai Federation of Underwater Sports (TDA Diving Association / (Thailand) is a full voting member of the World Underwater Federation (C.M.A.S.). CMAS supports the goals and ideals of TDA regarding the development and promotion of Thailand. TDA will become with your support an important, international recognised association with a large and active membership, especially among foreign guests and instructors working in Thailand who should be proud to support standards for tourism, watersports training, education programs and environmental protection through their TDA membership.

The aim of the CMAS Thailand Diving Association TDA is to train divers and instructors in Thailand according to CMAS standards in correspondence with all technical and safety regulations. In order to unify the divers' and instructors' training programs, TDA established its training program in accordance with those of CMAS and by the membership all instructors of TDA are automatically CMAS instructors.

TDA recommends their divers and instructors the material used by any specific material will be developed by TDA and offered to those instructors being TDA members.

The TDA also work closely with the National Parks and other government agencies such as tourist associations to achieve their common goals of developing and promoting Thailand. With the acceptance of TDA into the worldwide association CMAS, TDA can now officially start to pursue its goals. These goals include the protection of the marine environment (especially the flora and fauna of the seas), the training of local teachers in all levels of educational institutions to teach watersports (swimming, snorkelling and diving) and the aquatic environment.

Not to be forgotten is the role of CMAS in the International Olympic Committee. TDA will work with the Olympic Committee of Thailand to develop National Teams and National/International Championships in underwater sports and a National Monofin Swimming Team with the goal of participating in future Olympic Games.

An important goal as well is the development and training of Thailand's National Park Rangers, Rescue Swimmers/Divers and Navy/Police Divers with the support of the Thai Government. TDA also help to raise Thailand's international recognition and support standards for tourism, training and environmental protection in Thailand.

## **General**

Only TDA instructors and instructors of any associated organisation within CMAS Thailand guaranty a unified training at any of TDA's diving bases or diving schools/academies. The trainers at any TDA-base or TDA-diving-school/academy are obliged to only use diving equipment and train all divers following the technical and safety regulations of the country.

# Examination Guidelines for Instructors

## Instructor-Examinations

An instructor is only allowed to pass the examinations, if all needed documents are shown in advance.

In order to become instructor of the CMAS Thailand Diving Association, the future instructor has to pass one of the TDA instructor examinations successfully. This examination could be an ITC or, in case of already examined instructors of other associations, a cross-over examination.

There are no other possibilities to keep the TDA instructors status than mentioned above.

The examination board will be called up by TDA and consists of at least 2 instructors\*\*\*/\*\*\*\*\*, one of which must at least be an instructor\*\*\*\*\*. At a maximum only 4 candidates are allowed per instructor.

## Crossover-Examinations

NAUI-, PADI-, VDTL-, PDIC(US)-, SSI or other int. recognized-, instructors can participate in a TDA Crossover Course.

This possibility of passing a crossover will only be offered to brevet stages instructor\* and instructor\*\*.

The future instructor\*\*\* has to pass the complete instructor's examination in view of his strong work for his association.

This is to advise that the crossover is an **Examination** and not just a course.

Besides the lessons, which inform the future TDA instructors, a theory examination and teaching presentation which is drawn for in advance have to be passed.

Furthermore, the candidates has to complete two dives in which he should demonstrate his ability to guide a diving starter securely.

A main sight is kept on the pre- and debriefing, buddy check and environmental behaviour above and under water, the beginners' safety as well as knowledge about the procedure of the rescue chain.

This cross over examination will last for 3 days.

Once the TDA instructor status has been reached, there is no chance to get a TDA instructor status of higher value by any crossover of another associated organisation. Reaching a higher level is only possible by passing the complete instructor's examination!

## **Special Guidelines for Associated Organisations**

Guidelines for instructors from associated organisations of TDA :

- Instructor\* will receive a certification for TDA Instructor\* .
- Instructor\*\* can qualify for TDA Instructor\*\* by a crossover examination.
- Instructor\*\*\* can qualify for TDA Instructor\*\*\* by passing a TDA Instructor examination.

## **Special Courses**

After successful examination, an TDA-Instructor\* is allowed to begin teaching following special courses:

- SC Underwater navigation
- SC Group leading
- SC Night diving

After successful examination, an TDA-Instructor\*\* is allowed to begin teaching following special courses:

- SC Underwater navigation
- SC Group leading
- SC Night diving
- SC Rescue
- SC Dry suit diving
- SC Drift diving
- SC Wreck diving
- SC Sea cavern diving
- SC Medical-practice
- CPR-Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- O2-Course

Before a TDA instructor can offer TDA-special-courses, he has to apply for teaching these courses and has to proof that he has the qualification to do so.

The circumstance that TDA examination will be held world-wide leads to a restriction of practical state of knowledge. Therefore, the TDA-head office reserves the right to review practical knowledge in every single case.

In order to receive an TDA teaching certificate for any special diving course, the candidate has to send a complete and well declared documentation to the TDA head office.

The head office checks this documentation and in co-operation with the candidate and edit all defaults. After such successful application, the candidate has to send his instructor pass to the TDA head office for certification. The candidate now is allowed to hold and certify special courses as certified.

The a.m. guidelines are only valid for following common special courses:

- SC Apnoe 1 and 2
- SC Technique
- SC Ice diving
- SC Deep diving (40 m)
- SC Altitude diving
- SC Under water photography

Here is a list of special courses offered by TDA:

- SC Underwater navigation
- SC Group leading
- SC Night diving
- SC Rescue
- SC Dry suit diving
- SC Drift diving
- SC Wreck diving
- SC Sea cavern diving
- SC Medical practice
- SC Apnoe 1 and 2
- SC Technique
- SC Ice diving
- SC Deep diving (40 m)
- SC Altitude diving
- SC Under water photography

### **Special Brevets**

Special brevets, for example Apnoe-, Rebreather- or Nitrox diving, are not available for application by a.m. offer.

There is an absolute need for extensive theoretical and practical training of these skills and, therefore, no way of passing any examination as mentioned under special courses.

For further information see the TDA requirements for certification – Apnoe-Nitrox. Examination Guidelines for Instructors.

## **Validity**

### **The TDA-instructor licences 1-3 Star are only valid for 5 years.**

These licences will be prolonged under following premises:

#### **1. Alternative**

- 30 lessons instructor training within the last 4 years (at least 1 instructor-meeting and at least 1 medical course)
- Proof of any TDA instructor activities  
(Certification of at least 30 TDA/CMAS courses or special courses)
- TDA membership
- Valid medical fitness certificate for sport divers

#### **2. Alternative**

- Theoretical examination within the last 4 years
- Proof of any TDA instructor work  
(Certification of at least 20 TDA/CMAS courses or special courses)
- TDA membership
- Valid medical fitness certificate for sport divers

Licences which are not valid for a time under 1 year can be prolonged. Licences which are not valid for more than 1 year, will only prolonged after application by the diving club/diving school/academy, the instructor is currently working for.

## **Miscellaneous**

Any failure or deficiency in training will lead to the instructor's exclusion without notice, if there is any proof that the instructor is guilty.  
TDA will take over a control function.

## **Abbreviations**

TDA = CMAS Thailand Diving Association

CMAS = Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques

CPR = Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

SC = Special Course

I = Instructor

ITC = Instructor Training Course

CD = Course Director

E = Examiner

EC = Chief Examiner

# **Assistant Instructor**

## **Premises**

- Minimum age 18.
- TDA-Membership.
- TDA / CMAS\*\*\*.
- Minimum 80 dives whereof minimum 40 in the sea.
- Valid medical fitness certificate for sport divers – validity exceeding 6 months.
- Attendance of a medic first aid course incl. cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

## **Application**

One TDA instructor has to apply for the candidate at the association.

Every candidate can also join a diving school/diving base/academy not belonging to TDA and work as assistant instructor.

The TDA instructor also applies for his assistant to pass the instructors examinations.

## **Carrying out**

The assistant instructor will be trained by a TDA instructor in a TDA-diving school/diving base/academy. This training will last 6 months in the inland and at least 6 weeks abroad. This training has to enclose 60 dives at minimum.

The TDA instructor, who has experience for more than 12 months as manager of a diving base and is responsible for leading this base, will accompany the candidate until he is ready to pass the examination. In his position as manager he is responsible for a good and complete training of high value.

It is up to the decision of the TDA instructor when the candidate will be ready for his examinations.

The training of an assistant instructor contains at least the scores of the actual TDA training plan for assistant instructors.

## **Authorisation**

The TDA assistant instructor is authorised to work for and at an TDA diving school/diving base/academy or any other base co-operating with TDA and prepare his instructor examination.

He is also authorised to accompany the training lessons of the instructor in charge and upon his instruction carry out certain parts of the training on his own as well as certify the following courses:

- Discover Scuba Dives
- Junior Diver - 1
- Junior Diver - 2
- Skin Divers 1
- Skin Divers 2
- TDA Resort-Course
- TDA/CMAS Elementary Dive Certificate
- TDA/CMAS Basic Diver

## **Obligation**

The TDA assistant instructor is obliged by his signature on the TDA licence application to accept and respect the TDA examination guidelines very carefully. He is further obliged to extend his knowledge of diving in all respects and to give his knowledge to others.

The assistant instructor is also obliged to participate in a TDA instructor course (IT Instructor Training Course) within two years after his membership in said association. During the time of his training to become an assistant instructor, the candidate has to monitor every training work in a training record (TDA printed form).

## **Additional**

In view of the variety and amount of other training associations for divers and instructors, TDA allows also assistant instructors who worked for and passed their trainee time in other associations, to participate in every TDA-course and TDA-examination. Specific TDA/CMAS-guidelines (e.g. latest deco table) have to be observed. TDA is of the opinion that this will serve the main idea of sport diving.

# Open Water Instructor – TDA/CMAS Instructor 1 Star\*

## Premises

- Minimum age 18.
- TDA-Membership.
- Presentation of a police document about his criminal record
- Valid medical fitness certificate for sport divers – not exceeding 6 months.
- Training certificate about medic first aid course incl. cardiopulmonary resuscitation not exceeding 1 year.
- TDA assistant instructor licence
- The candidate must have successfully passed the examination for an TDA/CMAS \*\*\* or has to have an equivalent brevet by one of the other associations at least 1 year before his application for the instructor examination.
- 150 dives and thereof at min. 30 dives within the last 12 months after application and at least 6 dives deeper than 30 m.
- A certified participation as assistant (Speaker and „Examiner“) at an TDA/CMAS\* course incl. examination in theory and practice signed by a TDA instructor.
- Certified examination dives – certified by a TDA instructor (at least 12) as follows:
  - 2 dives as group member of examination dives for TDA/CMAS \*\*/\*\*.
  - 2 dives as group leader of examination dives for TDA/CMAS \*\*/\*\*, whereby the examination will be scored by an instructor.
  - 1 dive as “Examiner” for TDA/CMAS \*\*, whereby the examination will afterwards be scored by an instructor.
- The candidate is obliged to participate in the following preparatory courses:
  - Diving medicine/rescue for instructors
  - Technique for diving instructors
  - Rhetoric, Methodology, DTD Actics for instructorsThese courses will be offered by the TDA-academy several times per year. Courses offered by other organisations which are of same content will also be accepted.
- All preparatory examination dives have to be certified and a confirmation has to be shown before any examination.

- The official driver licence for sport boats or any equivalent international brevet is strongly recommended.
- Participation at an instructor examination of the CMAS Thailand Diving Association.

## **Application**

The TDA instructor has to apply for the candidate at the association.  
Skills or dives of the assistant instructor can be checked by the TDA instructor.

## **Examination**

All parts of this examination must be passed in the order theory – practice within 24 months.

## **Theory Examination**

If the performance at this theory examination is unsuccessful, there is a mandatory 6 weeks waiting period before attending the next instructor\* examination. The unsuccessful parts can be repeated during this next examination. In case the written part and one other examination part will not be passed successfully, the whole theory examination must be repeated.

## **Contents**

Answering a questionnaire in writing.

One short report of around 10 – 15 minutes about one topic assignment out of following themes: diving training, diving practice, diving physics, diving medicine, diving physiology, diving equipment as well as diving and environment. The candidate can choose two topics out of the different themes and prepare himself.

The home report in double draw up will be handed out to the course director in charge. This home report should show the standard of a TDA/CMAS\*. A careful and professional making out will be expected. The report should not fill less than 10 DIN A4 pages. Drawings and sketches as well as folios should be included.

This home report will be held in front of the examination commission during the diving examination and be scored by said commission.

Demonstrating medical first aid skills in the rescue of divers who had an accident incl. handling of the various O<sub>2</sub>-systems. The candidate must demonstrate his ability to immediately give a diagnosis and undertake the corresponding medical first aid steps.

## **Practice Examination**

The practice examination will be executed either in the sea or in a lake with a depth of 40 meters. The lake or sea has to be around the diving school/diving base. The candidate is obliged to use a boat where minimum 8 people can find space – the boat has to be officially licensed.

If this part of the examination has been unsuccessfully passed, also the 5 already prepared examination dives (see premises) have to be repeated.

## Contents

Minimum 6 qualified dives within at least 5 following days whereof at least 2 of the 6 dives have to be done from the boat.

## Specifics

- 3000 meter transport of a diver who had an accident.
- 10 Meter Apnoe deep diving.
- 50 Meter Apnoe long distance diving.
- Approaching and recovery of a pressure tank loaded with 10Kg weights (performance of ascent **without buoyancy control devices**).
- 3 times 35 m distance approaching a pressure tank.
- Body breathing of 3 to 5 divers using one pressure tank.
- Controlled emergency ascent from 15 m water depth.
- Ascent with body breathing from 25 m water depth.
- 5 minutes dive without mask.
- Guiding of a diver (beginner will be examined CMAS\*).
- Guiding of a diver (beginner has an accident during his dive).
- Teaching presentation – under water navigation.
- Teaching presentation – ABC lesson.
- Teaching presentation - pressure tank lesson.
- Snorkelling in a group with complete diving equipment. The candidate as group leader should verify the co-operation of the group and the necessary safety.
- Demonstration of rescuing the buddy including a controlled transportation from a depth of 10 meters to the water surface by using all parts of the equipment, emergency signals at the surface, transportation to either the shore or the boat (approx. 50 meters) and demonstrate further skills at land or on board, medic first aid skills and starting further skills needed.

## **Authorisation**

Brevets:

- Discover Scuba dives
- Junior Diver - Flipper 1
- Junior Diver - Flipper 2
- Skin Diver 1
- Skin Diver 2
- TDA Resort-course
- TDA/CMAS basic diving certificate.
- TDA/CMAS Basic.
- TDA/CMAS \*.
- TDA/CMAS Apnoe \*

Special courses:

- SC Underwater navigation.
- SC Group leading.
- SC Night diving.

## **Obligation**

Training and passing the examinations following the TDA examination guidelines.

Use of recommended training materials.

Execution of several trainings per year.

Use of diving equipment being of the latest technical standard. In case of missing or insufficient standards abroad, use the German standard as basis.

Permanent further training and participation in further training courses for instructors.

The candidate is obliged to furthermore build up his diving knowledge in all aspects and areas and give his knowledge to other divers.

# Master Instructor - TDA/CMAS Instructor 2 Star\*

## Premises

- Minimum age 20.
- TDA-Membership.
- Presentation of a police document about his criminal record.
- Valid medical fitness certificate for sport divers not exceeding 6 months.
- Training certificate about medic first aid course incl. cardiopulmonary resuscitation not exceeding 1 year.
- Valid TDA instructor\*-licence including at least 1 year of active training work as TDA instructor\* and also including a course for TDA/CMAS\* on his own responsibility signed by an TDA instructor (at least I2) – or sign at least 6 TDA/CMAS\* and 4 special courses (complete examination) as responsible trainer.
- 300 dives and thereof at min. 30 dives within the last 12 months after application and at least 6 dives up to 40 meters.
- A certified participation as assistant (Speaker and “Examiner”) at an TDA/CMAS\*\*, TDA/CMAS\*\*\* or at a special course incl. in theory and practice signed by a TDA instructor (\*\*).
- Participation at an instructor examination of the CMAS Thailand Diving Association.
- The official driver licence for sport boats or any equivalent international brevet is recommended.
- Recommendation to participate in a course at the TDA academy about how to organise courses.

## Application

The candidate applies in time for the examination by himself.

## Examination

All parts of this examination must be passed in the order theory – practice within 24 months.

## Theory Examination

If the performance at this theory examination is unsuccessful, there is a mandatory 6 weeks waiting period before attending the next instructor examination\*. The unsuccessful parts can be repeated during this next examination. In case the written part and one other examination part will not be passed successfully, the whole theory examination must be repeated.

## **Contents**

- Preparation of special courses at home and handing 2 copies out to the Examiner in charge. Courses can be prepared out of following themes:

SC Underwater navigation  
SC Group leading  
SC Night diving

- The home reports shall be prepared on such a level that any trainee (instructor\*-candidate) in front of whom this report will be held is able to understand everything said and give this knowledge to others.

- A careful and professional making out will be expected.

- Depending on the amount of people attending, the instructor\*\*-candidate will hold one or two performances.

- It is possible, to make two reports out of one theme.

- The instructor\*\* candidate is obliged before the examination will start to prepare himself regarding diving safety. (Especially: before any dive, during any dive, after any dive or during a dive from the boat). A short report about one of the mentioned themes have to be given in place.

- Examination in theory – questions including the whole complex of sport diving.

- One short report of about 10 – 15 minutes given by the course director about one topic assignment out of following themes: dive training, dive practice, dive physics, dive medicine, dive physiology, dive equipment as well as diving and environment. The candidate can choose two topics from the different themes and prepare him.

- Demonstration of rescuing the buddy including a controlled transportation from a depth of 10 meters to the water surface by using all parts of the equipment, emergency signals at the surface, transportation to either the shore or the boat (approx. 50 meters) and demonstrate further skills correspondingly, medic first aid skills and starting further skills needed.

## **Practice Examination**

The practice examination will be executed either in the sea or in a lake with a depth of 40 meters. The lake or sea has to be in the area around the diving school/diving base/academy. The candidate is obliged to use a boat where minimum 8 people can find space – the boat has to be officially licensed.

If this part of the examination has been unsuccessfully passed, also the 5 already prepared examination dives (see premises) have to be repeated.

## **Contents of Examination**

Minimum 6 qualifying dives within at least 5 following days whereof at least 2 of the 6 dives have to be done from the boat.

### **Specifics**

- Safety on board.
- Assisting an I3-candidate in organising the examination process.
- Leading an underwater navigation course.
- Organisation and leading dives by carrying out different skills (see instructor\*)
- Leading of the special course – night diving. In case night dives are not allowed (see country laws), a dive during dusk has to be carried out or simulated.
- Examination of a TDA/CMAS \*\*- training during one dive.
- Participation in a training for body breathing of an instructor\*.
- Security swimmer during a transportation exercise of 2000 meters.
- Rescue skills and rescue management.

Rescue of a diver who had an accident and support to get at land or on board of the boat.

### **Authorisation**

Brevets:

- Discover Scuba dives
- Junior Diver 1
- Junior Diver 2
- Skin Diver 1
- Skin Diver 2
- TDA Resort-Course
- TDA/CMAS elementary diving certificate.
- TDA/CMAS Basic Diver
- TDA/CMAS \*.
- TDA/CMAS \*\*.
- TDA/CMAS \*\*\*.
- TDA/CMAS Apnoe \*

### **Special courses**

- SC Underwater navigation.
- SC Group leading.
- SC Night diving.
- SC Rescue.
- SC Dry suit diving.
- SC Drift diving.
- SC Wreck diving.
- SC Sea cavern diving.
- SC Medical practice.
- CPR/MFA-course
- O2 -course

## **Chief Instructor - TDA/CMAS Instructor 3 Star\*\*\***

### **Premises**

- Minimum age 23.
- TDA-Membership.
- Presentation of a police document about his criminal record.
- Valid medical fitness certificate for sport divers – validity not exceeding 6 months.
- Training certificate about medic first aid course incl. cardiopulmonary resuscitation not exceeding one year.
- Valid TDA instructor\*\*-licence including at least 3 years of active training work as TDA instructor\*\* and also including a course for CMAS\*\* or CMAS\*\*\* on his own responsibility signed by a diving club, diving school or associated organisation (training department) – or sign at least 50 CMAS courses (complete examination) as responsible trainer.
- 2 examinations for all practical training to become CMAS\*\*\*.
- 500 dives and thereof at min. 30 dives within the last 12 months after application and at least 6 dives up to 40 meters.
- A certified participation as assistant (Speaker and “Examiner”) at a course for TDA\* instructor incl. examination in theory and practice (normally part of the instructor\*\* examination) signed by a TDA instructor 3 Star.
- Participation at an instructor examination of the CMAS Thailand Diving Association.
- The official driver licence for sport boats or any equivalent international brevet is recommended.
- Active training work for the CMAS Thailand Diving Association which has to last for several years and will be certified by TDA (training department).
- A 14 days training work on a diving base (for non-professional instructors only).

### **Application**

The candidate (instructor\*\*) applies in time for the examination by himself.

### **Examination**

All parts of this examination must be passed in the order theory – practice within 24 months.

The I3 candidate is responsible for an accurate timing and correct planning of the whole instructor examination at place. This in the sense of all organisational, theoretical and practical skills.

The TDA-instructor 3 Star is a representative of his association. TDA expects from their TDA-instructor 3 Star during the instructor examination to show a big deal of self-initiative and responsibility also as group leader.

A corresponding behaviour will be expected.

## **Especially**

- Leading and executing an instructor examination under supervision of the examination commission.
  - Preparation of daily reports and training reports at place.
- Preparation of an accident report in view of the rescue of a diver who had an accident by the I2 candidate.

## **Theory Examination**

If the performance at this theory examination is unsuccessful, there is a mandatory 6 weeks waiting period before attending the next instructor examination\*\*\*. The unsuccessful parts can be repeated during this next examination. In case the written part and one other examination part will not be passed successfully, the whole theory examination must be repeated.

## **Contents**

- Preparation of total instructor examination special courses at home:
  - Preparation of training sketches for all training of the instructor\* candidates including all relevant aspects regarding diving safety and the whole training development
  - Preparation of a time table and development plan of the whole instructor examination over 6 days with regard to meals and all preparatory and make up works involving the instructor\*\* candidate as safety and assistant diver or swimmer resp.
- Written workout and presentation of a given theme.
- Answering a questionnaire in writing and/or evaluating these written examinations.
- One short report of around 10 – 15 minutes. The candidate may choose between 2 themes which were drawn 30 minutes before and taken from different parts (aiding materials are allowed).
- Report for approx. 45 minutes about any theme of commercial diving examination or training of an assistant instructor.
- Planning of a 40 meters deco-dive incl. complete calculation and containing all safety aspects.
- Oral examination.
- Demonstrating medic first aid skills in case of diving injuries incl. handling of the various O2-systems. The candidate must demonstrate his ability to immediately give a diagnosis and undertake the corresponding medic first aid steps.

## **Practice Examination**

The practice examination will be executed either in the sea or in a lake with a depth of 40 meters. The lake or sea has to be in the area around the diving school/diving base. The candidate is obliged to use a boat where minimum 8 people can find space

- the boat has to be officially licensed.

## **Contents of Examination**

Minimum 6 qualified dives within at least 5 following days whereof at least 2 of the 6 dives have to be done from the boat.

### **Specials**

- Safety on board.
- Organisation and leading of a TDA instructor examination.
- Dive and certification of a TDA/CMAS \*\*\*-exercise.
- Observation of a group dive led by an instructor\*-candidate.
- Rescue of an injured person into the boat.
- Making up of an accident report in view of the rescue of an injured person by an instructor\*\*-candidate.

### **Authorisation for examination**

- Equivalent to a TDA-instructor\*\*.
- Training and examination up to an TDA-I\*\*\* following the latest valid TDA examination guidelines.
- Carrying out of organisational tasks.
- Representing TDA on national and international events.

## Course Director – TDA Instructor Four Star\*\*\*\*

The title CD is a certain status regulated by the TDA Board of Directors. The title CD is a “MUST” to reach the TDA Examiner Status.

### Premises

- Minimum age 26 years.
- TDA-Membership.
- Presentation of a police document about his criminal record.
- Valid TDA instructor\*\*\*-licence
- Minimum 3 years active training work as TDA instructor\*\*\*.
- Participation at a 3 days leading course at the TDA-academy at minimum.

### Appointment

An instructor\*\*\* who has stand the tests in view of active instructor trainer as well as a member of the examination committee for at least two years, can be proposed to the presidency by the leader of the training department to become a **CD**. He also will be appointed by the presidency.

### Tasks

The tasks of an TDA-Course Director/instructor\*\*\*\* includes all work around the training of divers and instructors on national and international levels. Upon invitation by the TDA instructor training and examination committee, a CD is allowed to participate in the TDA instructor course (ITC) and in TDA crossover courses as co examiner and teacher. Mainly, a CD is a TDA representative.

### Validity

The appointment as TDA-Course Director/Instructor\*\*\*\* is valid unless recalled by the TDA Board of Directors. This recall will be given on proposal of the association (training department) by the presidency of this said association.

The recall of the CD-status does not affect the title of instructor, in fact, he keeps his title as Instructor Three Star\*\*\*.

The presidency may appoint any course director, if he is qualified, to become **CD h. c. for life**. This title is to be understood as only representative and is not connected with any tasks what so ever.

## **Examiner - TDA Instructor Five Star\*\*\*\*\***

### **Premises**

- Minimum age 26 years.
- TDA-Membership.
- Presentation of a police document about his criminal record.
- Valid TDA - Course Director/instructor\*\*\*\* licence.
- Minimum 3 years active training work as TDA - Course Director/instructor\*\*\*\*.
- Participation at a 3 days leading course at the TDA-academy at minimum.

### **Appointment**

An TDA - Course Director/instructor\*\*\*\* who has stand the tests in view of active instructor trainer as well as a member of the examination committee for at least two years, can be proposed to the presidency by the leader of the training department to become a **Examiner**. He also will be appointed by the presidency.

### **Tasks**

The tasks of an Examiner - TDA/CMAS Instructor Five Star\*\*\*\*\* includes all work around the training of divers and instructors on national and international levels.

Upon invitation by the TDA instructor training and examination committee, an Examiner is allowed to participate in TDA instructor courses (ITC), TDA instructor exams (IE) and in TDA crossover courses as examiner (only if allowed by the regional Chief examiner) and teacher. Mainly, an Examiner is a TDA representative.

### **Validity**

The appointment as TDA/CMAS Instructor Five Star\*\*\*\*\* is valid unless recalled. This recall will be given on proposal of the association (training department) by the presidency of this said association.

The recall of the Examiner-status does not affect the title of instructor, i.e. he keeps his title as Instructor\*\*\*.

The presidency may appoint any Examiner, if he is qualified, to become **Examiner h. c. for life**. This title is to be understood as only representative and is not connected with any tasks what so ever.

## Chief Examiner - TDA Instructor Six Star\*\*\*\*\*

### Premises

- Minimum age 30 years.
- TDA-Membership.
- Presentation of a police document about his criminal record.
- Valid TDA - Course Director/instructor\*\*\*\* licence.
- Minimum 3 years active training work as TDA - Course Director/instructor\*\*\*\*.
- Participation at a 3 days leading course at the TDA-academy at minimum.

### Appointment

An Examiner - TDA/CMAS Instructor Five Star\*\*\*\*\* who has stand the tests in view of active instructor trainer as well as a member of the examination committee for at least two years, can be proposed to the presidency by the leader of the training department to become a **Chief Examiner**.

He also will be appointed by the presidency.

### Tasks

The tasks of a Chief Examiner - TDA/CMAS Instructor Six Star\*\*\*\*\* includes all work around the training of divers and instructors on national and international levels. The Chief Examiner is allowed to participate in TDA instructor courses (ITC), TDA instructor exams (IE) and in TDA crossover courses as examiner and teacher by his own with his co. Examiners, but only in his from the TDA given areas.

The number of Chief Examiners is limited with max. 5 Chief examiners in Thailand.

The TDA/CMAS Instructor Six Star\*\*\*\*\* is a member of the TDA instructor training and examination committee, as well from the technical committee.

His tasks are as well to work very close together with the TDA Board of Directors.

A TDA/CMAS Instructor Six Star\*\*\*\*\* is a TDA representative and must be always ready to support the TDA goals and aims.

### Validity

The appointment as TDA/CMAS Instructor Six Star\*\*\*\*\* is valid unless recalled by the TDA instructor training and examination committee, as well from the technical committee and the Board of Directors. This recall will be given on proposal of the association (training department) by the presidency of this said association.

The recall of the Chief Examiner-status does not effect the title of instructor, in fact, he keeps his title as Instructor\*\*\*.

The presidency may appoint together with the TDA instructor training and examination committee, as the technical committee. Any Chief Examiner, if he is qualified, to become **Chief Examiner h. c. for life**. This title is to be understood as only representative and is not connected with any tasks what so ever.

## Apnoe-Instructor (Apnoe-instructor)

### Premises

- Minimum age 18.
- TDA-Membership.
- TDA-instructor licence
- Presentation of a police document about his criminal record.
- Valid medical fitness certificate for sport divers – validity not exceeding 6 months.
- Training certificate about medic first aid course incl. cardiopulmonary resuscitation – validity not exceeding 1 year.
- TDA/CMAS Apnoe \*\*\*.
- SC Rescue.
- CPR-course – validity not exceeding 1 year.
- SC Marine biology.
- SC Apnoe 1 and 2.
- Participation in an instructor examination of the CMAS Thailand Diving Association.
- The candidate must have passed the examination of TDA/CMAS Apnoe \*\*\* or must have any equivalent brevet of any other associated organisation at least 1 year before he applies for the instructor examination.
- 150 dives and thereof at min. 30 dives within the last 12 months after application and at least 6 dives deeper than 30 meters.
- A certified participation as assistant (Speaker and “Examiner”) at an TDA Apnoe\*\*\* course incl. examination in theory and practice signed by a TDA Apnoe instructor.
- Certified examination dives – certified by a TDA-Apnoe-instructor as follows:
  - 2 dives as group member of examination dives for TDA/CMAS Apnoe \*\*\*.
  - 2 dives as group leader of examination dives for TDA/CMAS Apnoe \*\*\*,whereby the examination will be scored by an instructor.
- 1 dive as “Examiner” for TDA/CMAS Apnoe \*\*\*, whereby the examination will afterwards be scored by an instructor Apnoe.
- The candidate is obliged to participate in the following preparatory courses:
  - Diving medicine/diving rescue for instructors
  - Technique for instructors
  - Rhetoric and Methodology for instructorsThese courses will be offered by on of the TDA-academy several times per year. Courses offered by other organisations which are of same content will also be accepted.
- All preparatory examination dives have to be certified and a confirmation has to be shown before any examination.
- The official driver licence for sport boats or any equivalent international brevet is strongly recommended.

## **Application**

A TDA instructor will apply on behalf of the candidate.  
The TDA instructor shall feel free to check up on the assistant instructor.

## **Examination**

All parts of this examination must be passed in the order theory – practice within 24 months in case there are different days set up for the examinations.

## **Theory Examination**

If the performance at this theory examination is unsuccessful, there is a mandatory 6 weeks waiting period before attending the next instructor examination. The unsuccessful parts can be repeated during this next examination or upon request with the Apnoe commission. In case the written part and one other examination part will not be passed successfully, the whole theory examination must be repeated.

## **Contents**

Following the TDA examination guidelines:

- Answering a questionnaire in writing.
- One short report of around 10 – 15 minutes about a before given theme. The themes will be announced together with the total announcement. The candidate may choose between 2 themes.
- Demonstrating medic first aid skills in case of diving injuries. The candidate must demonstrate his ability to immediately give a diagnosis and undertake the corresponding medic first aid steps.

## **Special guidelines**

The TDA-instructors must only complete an additional questionnaire. The short report is not necessary.

## **Practice Examination**

The practice examination will be carried out in the sea. Repeating of single training parts are only allowed in case the TDA-Apnoe-commission agrees to it.

## **Examination Committee**

The examination committee will be called up by the TDA-Apnoe-commission and consists of at least 2 TDA-Apnoe-instructors examiners of which at least 1 is an instructor\*\*\*\*.  
Examination Guidelines for Instructors

## **Examination Contents**

Training near to practice and on the level of an TDA/CMAS Apnoe \*\*\* in 2 steps (preparation incl. training of safety tasks and tests incl. scoring) following the TDA examination guidelines being:

- Apnoe diving in combination with long distance diving.
- Apnoe diving with additional tasks (handling of buoy and ropes etc.).
- Rescue training (transportation of an Apnoe diver from 15 meters depth up to the water surface, 50 meters at the water surface and on board incl. following demonstration of medic first aid steps on board).
- Apnoe group dive with before given task.
- Securing an Apnoe diver during his training for TDA/CMAS Apnoe \*\*\*.
- Organisation of Apnoe diving either from a ship or a boat.
- The contents of all examinations will be given in time before the practice examination will start by the examination committee.

## **Authorisation for examination**

Brevets:

- TDA/CMAS Apnoe \*
- TDA/CMAS Apnoe \*\*
- TDA/CMAS Apnoe \*\*\*
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Special Courses:

- SC Apnoe 1
- SC Apnoe 2

## **Validity**

4 years (according to the TDA-instructor licence).

## **Prolongation**

The licence will automatically be prolonged according to the TDA instructor licence.  
Examination Guidelines for Instructors

# **CTDA-Apnoe Instructor Examiner (Apnoe-IE)**

## **Premises**

- Minimum age 23.
- Valid TDA-Apnoe-instructor licence.
- Valid TDA-instructor\*\*\*-licence
- Presentation of a police document about his criminal record.
- Valid medical fitness certificate for sport divers - validity not exceeding 6 months.
- Training certificate about medic first aid course incl. cardiopulmonary resuscitation – validity not exceeding 1 year.

## **Appointment**

TDA-Apnoe-instructor examiner will be appointed upon request by the TDA Apnoe commission to become a TDA Apnoe-instructor examiner, if they passed all necessary examinations. This request has to be in writing and addressed by the candidate to the TDA-Apnoe commission.

## **Tasks**

The tasks of an TDA-Apnoe-instructor examiner includes all work around the training of Apnoe divers and Apnoe instructors on national and international levels.

## **Validity**

4 years (according to the TDA-instructor licence).

## **Prolongation**

The licence will automatically be prolonged according to the TDA instructor licence.  
Examination Guidelines for Instructors

# **Nitrox-Instructor (Nitrox-I)**

## **Premises**

- Minimum age 18.
- TDA-instructor\* - licence
- Presentation of a police document about his criminal record.
- Valid medical fitness certificate for sport divers – validity not exceeding 6 months.
- Training certificate about medic first aid course incl. cardiopulmonary resuscitation – validity not exceeding 1 year.
- TDA/CMAS Nitrox \*\*

## **Application**

The instructor\* will apply for this examination on his own.

## **Examination**

All parts of this examination must be passed in the order theory – practice within 24 months in case there are different days set up for the examinations.

## **Examination Committee**

The examination committee will be called up by the TDA-Nitrox-commission and consists of at least 2 TDA-Nitrox-instructors examiners of which at least 1 is an instructor\*\*\*\*.

## **Theory Examination**

If the performance at this theory examination is unsuccessful, there is a mandatory 6 weeks waiting period before attending the next instructor examination. The unsuccessful parts can be repeated during this next examination or upon request with the Nitrox commission. In case the written part and one other examination part will not be passed successfully, the whole theory examination must be repeated.

## **Contents**

Following the TDA examination guidelines:

- Answering a questionnaire in writing.

## **Practice Examination**

The practice examination will be carried out in the sea or in a lake. Repeating of single training parts is only allowed in case the TDA-Nitrox-commission agrees to it.  
Examination Guidelines for Instructors

## **Examination Committee**

The examination committee will be called up by the TDA-Apnoe-commission and consists of at least 2 TDA-Apnoe-instructors examiners of which at least 1 is an instructor\*\*\*\*.

## **Examination Contents**

Training near to practice and on the level of an TDA/CMAS Nitrox \*\* following the TDA examination guidelines being:

- Organisation and leading of dives containing different training.
- Configuration and management of equipment
- Gas management
- Training of TDA/CMAS Nitrox \*\*
- Fitness training

The contents of all examinations will be given in time before the practice examination will start by the examination committee.

Authorisation for examination

- TDA/CMAS Nitrox \*
- TDA/CMAS Nitrox \*\*

## **Validity**

4 years (according to the TDA-instructor licence).

## **Prolongation**

The licence will automatically be prolonged according to the TDA instructor licence.

## **Nitrox-Instructor Examiner (Nitrox-IE)**

### **Permisses**

- Minimum age 23.
- Valid TDA-Nitrox-instructor licence.
- Valid TDA-instructor\*\*\*-licence
- Presentation of a police document about his criminal record.
- Valid medical fitness certificate for sport divers - validity not exceeding 6 months.
- Training certificate about medic first aid course incl. cardiopulmonary resuscitation – validity not exceeding 1 year.

### **Appointment**

CMAS Germany -Apnoe-instructor examiner will be appointed upon request by the TDA Nitrox commission to become a TDA Nitrox-instructor examiner, if they passed all necessary examinations. This request has to be in writing and addressed by the candidate to the TDA-Nitrox commission.

### **Tasks**

The tasks of an TDA-Nitrox-instructor examiner includes all work around the training of Nitrox divers and Nitrox instructors on national and international levels.

### **Validity**

4 years (according to the TDA-instructor licence).

### **Prolongation**

The licence will automatically be prolonged according to the TDA instructor licence.