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**Training and certification of recreational  
divers**

**Part 5: SCUBA instructor trainer**

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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee CS/83, Recreational Underwater Diving.

The Standard was prepared in response to a need to clearly differentiate between the training requirements for occupational divers working in the recreational SCUBA diving industry and those for other occupational SCUBA divers. The Standard is based on the American Recreational Scuba Training Council Minimum Course Content for Recreational SCUBA Instructor Trainer Certification (1 January 1993).

While Part 1 of the AS 4005 series covers entry-level recreational SCUBA diver training, this Part and Parts 2, 3 and 4 are for SCUBA divers who have progressed to supervise or teach others. The Committee acknowledges that the course described in this Standard is also undertaken by recreational divers wishing to continue their diving education.

Additional training for other special types of recreational diving may also be required in addition to certification as a SCUBA instructor trainer if the diver is to train an instructor to teach specialty courses or supervise specialty dives. Some of these specialties are cavern, deep, ice and night diving, underwater naturalist and underwater photography.

The Parts in the AS 4005 series are as follows:

- Part 1: Minimum entry-level SCUBA diving
- Part 2: Recreational SCUBA dive supervisor
- Part 3: Assistant SCUBA instructor
- Part 4: SCUBA instructor
- Part 5: SCUBA instructor trainer (this Standard).

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## FOREWORD

This Standard provides minimum content requirements for the training course for SCUBA instructor trainers. These requirements should not be considered as specifying optimum training for SCUBA instructor trainers. Instructional programs which extend beyond these requirements are, in fact, encouraged. The requirements of this Standard are meant to be comprehensive but general in nature. That is, the Standard presents all of the subject areas essential for minimum training of a recreational SCUBA instructor trainer, but it does not give a detailed listing of the skills and information encompassed by each area. It assumes that detailed course outlines which meet this Standard would be prepared by training organizations and these would include specific techniques.

Although the information categories are outlined in a given sequence, the outline should not be viewed as a lesson plan. Similarly, the requirements presented in this Standard do not indicate the emphasis which should be placed upon a particular subject area, or the manner in which the subjects are to be taught. Course outlines, lesson plans and other training aids prepared by the training organization should set out the sequencing and emphasis of a course. Decisions as to sequencing and emphasis should be made within the context of environmental factors, instructor characteristics and other relevant considerations.

A certified SCUBA instructor trainer is qualified to apply the knowledge and skills outlined in this Standard to conduct educational and SCUBA skills training of recreational SCUBA instructors, to provide training in the use of SCUBA and to conduct supervised diving activities.

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## SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

**1.1 SCOPE** This Standard specifies the minimum training activities and terminal objectives required for training and accreditation of persons who may teach recreational SCUBA instructors.

**1.2 OBJECTIVE** The objective of this Standard is to describe the organizational and syllabus requirements to train recreational SCUBA instructor trainers to operate safely and competently.

**1.3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS** The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS

2030 The verification, filling, inspection, testing and maintenance of cylinders for the storage and transport of compressed gases

2030.1 Part 1: Cylinders for compressed gases other than acetylene

4005 Training and certification of recreational divers

4005.1 Part 1: Minimum entry-level SCUBA diving

4005.4 Part 4: SCUBA instructor

AS/NZS

2299 Occupational diving operations

2299.1 Part 1: Standard operational practice

**1.4 DEFINITIONS** For the purpose of this Standard, the definitions below apply.

**1.4.1 Certified SCUBA instructor**—an individual who has undergone formal training recreational SCUBA diving and authorize the issuance of recreational SCUBA certification.

NOTE: AS 4005.4 covers training of SCUBA instructors.

**1.4.2 Certified SCUBA instructor trainer**—an individual who has undergone formal training to teach recreational SCUBA instructors and authorize the issuance of recreational SCUBA instructor certification.

**1.4.3 Confined water**—any body of water offering swimming-pool-like conditions with respect to clarity, calmness, current, depth and adequate access to water shallow enough to stand up in.

**1.4.4 Direct supervision**—the in-water visual observation and evaluation of trainee skill performance by a SCUBA instructor in a position to render assistant and guidance.

**1.4.5 Entry-level diver**—an individual who has completed all requirements of an entry-level certification course.

NOTE: AS 4005.1 covers training of entry-level SCUBA divers.