

DIVERS AND SCUBA AGENCIES IN THE WORLD



How Many Scuba Divers are there?

The scuba diving industry is very big, however, as it is not a regulated industry, getting an exact number of scuba enthusiasts proves to be difficult.

It is estimated that 9 million people are currently in an "active" dive status. As many people still manually log their dives, it means that many divers slip through the cracks when we count how many scuba divers there are in the world.

PADI® is the world's leading scuba diver organization, issuing more than 28 million diver certifications since 1967.

- There are more than 128,000 PADI professional members around the globe.
- There are 6,600 PADI Dive Centers and Resorts worldwide.
- 3.3 million Americans who are certified scuba divers.
- 30.6% of scuba divers are women and 69.4% of scuba divers are men.

Recreational Scuba Diving Certification Agencies

Organizations which publish standards for competence in recreational scuba diving skills and knowledge, and issue certification for divers assessed as competent against these standards by affiliated schools or instructors:

ACDC - Associazione CMAS Diving Centre Italia CMAS code ITA/F07

ACUC - American Canadian Underwater Certifications – Recreational diver training and certification agency

AED - Associated European Divers CMAS code INT/F09

AFUS - Armenian Federation of Underwater Sports CMAS code ARM/F00

Albatros Progetto Paolo Pinto CMAS code ITA/F14

AMCQ - Association des Moniteurs de la CMAS du Quebec CMAS code CAN/F05

ANDI - American Nitrox Divers International – Recreational diver training and certification agency, also ANDI International EUF CB 2005005

ANIS - Associazione Nazionale Istruttori Subacquei CMAS code ITA/F08

ANMP - Association nationale des moniteurs de plongée – French recreational diver training and certification agency

APT - Antincendio Prevenzione Tecnologia CMAS code ITA/F05

ASD Acqua Team CMAS code ITA/F04

ASI - Alleanza Sportiva Italiana Divisione Subacquea CMAS code ITA/F11

AUF - Australian Underwater Federation – Governing body for underwater sports in Australia CMAS code AUS/F00

AUSI - Associated Underwater Scuba Instructors (formerly Australian Underwater Scuba Instructors)

BEFOS-FEBRAS - Fédération Royale Belge De Recherches et d'Activites Sous-Marines (Royal Belgian Diving Federation) CMAS code BEL/F00

Belarus Federation of Underwater Sport CMAS code BLR/F00

BNAUA - Bulgarian National Association of Underwater Activity CMAS code BUL/F01

BSAC - British Sub Aqua Club – Recreational diving club, training and certification agency based in the UK EUF CB 2007001

CBPDS - Confederação Brasileira de Pesca e Desportos Subaquáticos CMAS code BRA/F00

CDP - Canadian Diving Program CMAS code CAN/F08

CFT - Comhairle Fo-Thuinn – Governing body for recreational diving and underwater hockey in Ireland (Irish Underwater Council) CMAS code IRL/F00

CFUA - Cyprus Federation of Underwater Activities CMAS code CYP/F00

CIRSS - Comitato Italiano Ricerche Studi Subacquei CMAS code ITA/F01

CMAS - Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques – International organization for underwater activities

CMAS Baltic - CMAS Baltic Sporta Biedrība (Latvia) CMAS code LAT/F01

CMAS-CH - CMAS Switzerland CMAS code SUI/F01

CMAS-ISA - CMAS Instructors of South Africa CMAS code RSA/F01

CRASA - Confederation Russe des Activités Subaquatiques CMAS code RUS/F00

CTUF - Chinese Taipei Underwater Federation CMAS code TPE/F01

CUA - Chinese Underwater Association CMAS code CHN/F00
DDI - Disabled Divers International EUF CB 2011003
DSF - Dansk Sports Dykker Forbund Danish Sports Divers Federation CMAS code DEN/F00,[1] EUF CB 2005006
EAVSL - Eesti Allveeliit (Estonian Sportdivers Association) CMAS code EST/F00
ESA - ESA Worldwide CMAS code ITA/F12
EOBV - Erste Österreichische Berufstauchlehrer Verband
EULF - Egyptian Underwater & Lifesaving Federation CMAS code EGY/F00
FAAS - Federación Argentina de Actividades Subacuáticas (Argentine Underwater Federation) CMAS code ARG/F00
FADAS - Federació Andorrana d'Activitats Subaquáticas CMAS code AND/F00
FASSAS - Fédération Algérienne de Sauvetage de Secourisme et des Activités Subaquatiques. CMAS code ALG/F00
FAS - Federatia de Activitati Subacvatice din Republica Moldova (Federation of Underwater Activities of the Republic of Moldova) CMAS code MDA/F02
FAST - Federation des Activités Subaquatiques de Tunisie CMAS code TUN/F00
FAUI - Formation of Australian Underwater Instructors (formerly National Association of Scuba Diving Schools Australasia)
FCAS - Federacion Cubana de Actividades Subacuáticas CMAS code CUB/F00
FCVDS - Federacao Cabo Verde Desportivo Subm. José Maria Aquatico CMAS code CPV/F00
FEDAS - Federación Española de Actividades Subacuáticas – Spanish national federation for underwater activities, affiliated to CMAS (Spain) CMAS code ESP/F00
FEDASUB - Federación Ecuatoriana de Buceo y Actividades Subacuáticas CMAS code ECU/F00
FEDECAS - Federacion Colombiana de Actividades Subacuáticas CMAS code COL/F00
FEDEPASA - Federacion Peruana de Actividades Subacuáticas CMAS code PER/F00
FEDESUB - Federation Deportiva Nacional de Deportes Submarinos (Chile) CMAS code CHI/F00
FFESSM - Fédération Française d'Études et de Sports Sous-Marins – French diver training and certification agency (French Underwater Federation) CMAS code FRA/F00
Federazione Italiana Sport Acquatici CMAS code ITA/F10
FIAS - Federazione Italiana Attività Subacquee – Italian non-profit recreational diver training organisation affiliated to CMAS CMAS code ITA/F09,[1] EUF CB 2005004
Finnish Underwater Certification Kluster
FIPSAS - Federazione Italiana Pesca Sportiva e Attività Subacquee CMAS code ITA/F00
FLASSA - Fédération Luxembourgeoise des Activités et Sports Subaquatiques ASBL CMAS code LUX/F00
FMAS - Federation Monegasque des Activités Subaquatiques (Monaco) CMAS code MON/F00
FMAS - Federacion Mexicana de Actividades Subacuáticas A.C. CMAS code MEX/F00
FMPAS - Federation Marocaine de Plongée et Activités Subaquatiques (Moroccan Federation of Diving and Underwater Activities) CMAS code MAR/F00
FPAS - Federacao Portuguesa Actividades Subaquáticas (Portuguese Federation of Underwater Activities) CMAS code POR/F00
FSAS - Federazione Sammarinese Attività Subacquee CMAS code SMR/F00
FSGT - Fédération Sportive et Gymnique du Travail
FUAM - Federation of Underwater Activities Malta CMAS code MLT/F00
FVAS - Federacion Venezolana de Actividades Subacuáticas CMAS code VEN/F00
GUE - Global Underwater Explorers – Recreational/technical scuba training and certification agency EUF CB 2013001
HSA - Handicapped Scuba Association
HFUA - Elliniki Ohospondia Ypoyrichias Drastriottas Athlitikis Alkias kai Teknikis Kolymvisis (Hellenic Federation for Underwater Activities, Sportfishing and Finswimming) CMAS code GRE/F00
HKUAL - Hong Kong Underwater Association CMAS code HKG/F00
HRS - Hrvatski Ronilacki savez (Croatian Diving Federation) CMAS code CRO/F00
IAC - International Aquanautic Club [15] EUF CB 2005001
IAHD - International Association for Handicapped Divers – Non-profit organization based in the Netherlands EUF CB 2007005
IAHD Adriatic - Mednarodno združenje hendikepiranih potapljačev Adriatic (International Association for Handicapped Divers Adriatic) CMAS code SLO/F01
IANTD - International Association of Nitrox and Technical Divers – Recreational and technical scuba training and certification agency CMAS code INT/F01
IDA - International Diving Association
IDEA - International Diving Educators Association – Recreational scuba training and certification agency
IPA - International Police Association – Non-Governmental Organization of police and ex-police (Monaco) CMAS code INT/F11
IDSA International Diving Schools Association – Organization to develop common standards for commercial diver training
ISC - DiveISC International Scuba Certification ISO certified, HSE registered
ISDA - International Scuba Diving Academy EUF CB 2010002
ISE - InnerSpace Explorers
Irish Underwater Council – Governing body for recreational diving and underwater hockey in Ireland EUF CB 2006003
Islamic Republic of Iran Lifesaving Federation CMAS code IRI/F00
ITDA - International Technical Diving Agency
JCIA - Japan CMAS Instructor Association CMAS code JPN/F00
JCS - JCS CMAS code JPN/F03
JEFF - Japan Educational Facilities Federation CMAS code JPN/F02
KD Japan - Kansai Sensui Renmei (Kansai Sports Diving Federation Japan) CMAS code JPN/F05
KDP PTTK - Polskie Towarzystwo Turystyczno-Krajoznawcze Komisja Działalności Podw (Polish Tourist Country-Lovers Society Underwater-Activity Commission) CMAS code POL/F00
KP-LOK - Komisja Pletwonurkowania LOK (Commission Diving National Defense League) CMAS code POL/F02
KSC - Kuwait Science Club CMAS code KUW/F02
KUA - Korea Underwater Association CMAS code KOR/F00

KUF - Kyrgyz Underwater Federation CMAS code KGZ/F00
KWT Divers - Kuwait Academy for Diving and Swimming CMAS code KUW/F01
LDA - Libyan Diving Association (Ajamiaa Alibia Lil Gaus) CMAS code LBA/F00
LIB - Lebanese Diving and Salvage Federation CMAS code LIB/F00
LTV - Liechtensteiner Tauchsport Verband (CMAS Liechtenstein) CMAS code LIE/F00
LUSF - Lietuvos Povandeninio Sporto Federacija (Lithuanian Underwater Sport Federation) CMAS code LTU/F00
LZSF - Latvijas Zemudens Sporta Federacija (Federation of Underwater Sports of Latvia) CMAS code LAT/F02
MBSz - Magyar Búvár Szakszövetség (Hungarian Divers Federation) CMAS code HUN/F00
MICRODIVE - Microdive
MDEA - Multinational Diving Educators Association
MSDA - Mauritian Scuba Diving Association CMAS code MRI/F00
MSAC - Malayan Sub Aqua Club CMAS code MAS/F00
MTES - Marine Techno Educational System diving division. CMAS code JPN/F04
MUF - Maldives Underwater Federation CMAS code MDV/F01
NADD - NADD Global Diving Agency CMAS code ITA/F03[1] EUF S 000513
NASE - National Academy of Scuba Educators – Recreational scuba training and certification agency EUF CB 2008003
NASDS - National Association of Scuba Diving Schools
NAUI - National Association of Underwater Instructors – Non-profit training and certification agency association of scuba instructors
NDF - Norges Dykkeforbund|Norges Dykkeforbund (Norwegian Diving Federation) CMAS code NOR/F00
NDL - National Dive League EUF CB 2007003
NOB - Nederlandse Onderwatersport Bond – Dutch governing body for underwater sports (Dutch Underwater Federation) CMAS code NED/F00
NUWF - Namibia Underwater Federation CMAS code NAM/F00
PADI - Professional Association of Diving Instructors – Recreational diver training and certification agency EUF CB 2004001
PCIA - Philippine Federation of CMAS Underwater Activities (CMAS Philippines) CMAS code PHI/F01
PDA - Professional Diving Association EUF CB 2006004
PDIC - Professional Diving Instructors Corporation International – Recreational diver training and certification agency
PDSA - Professional Diving Schools Association of Malta
POSSISSA - Persatuan Olahraga Selam Seluruh Indonesia (Indonesian Subaquatic Sport Association) CMAS code INA/F00
ProTec - Professional Technical and Recreational Diving CMAS code INT/F08
PSAI - Professional Scuba Association International
PSS - Professional Scuba Schools
PTA - Pure Tech Agency CMAS code INT/F07
PTRD - Professional, Technical & Recreational Diving EUF S 000786
PURE APNEA
PZPn - Polski Związek Pletwonurkowania (Polish Underwater Sports Federation) CMAS code POL/F01
Ronilacki Savez Crne Gore (Diving Association of Montenegro) CMAS code MNE/F00
RAID - Rebreather Association of International Divers – Recreational diver training and certification agency
RJMSF - Royal Jordanian Marine Sports Federation CMAS code JOR/F00
RUF - Russian Underwater Federation CMAS code RUS/F01
Saudi Arabia Maritime Sports Federation CMAS code KSA/F00
Savez Ronilaca Bosne i Hercegovine (Diving association of Bosnia and Herzegovina) CMAS code BIH/F00
SAA - The Sub-Aqua Association – British recreational diver training and certification organization CMAS code GBR/F03
SEI - Scuba Educators International – Recreational diver training and certification agency USOA CMAS code USA/F00
SDFS - Scuba Diver Federation of Seychelles CMAS code SEY/F00
SDI - Scuba Diving International – Recreational diver training and certification agency
Serbian Underwater Federation CMAS code SRB/F00
SNSI - Scuba and Nitrox Safety International
SPCR - Svaz Potapecu Ceske Republiky (Divers Association of the Czech Republic) CMAS code CZE/F00
SPZ - Slovenska Potapljacka Zveza (Slovenian Diving Federation) CMAS code SLO/F00
SSAC - Scottish Sub Aqua Club – Scottish recreational diver training and certification agency
SSDF - Svenska Sportdykarförbundet (Swedish Sports Diving Federation) CMAS code SWE/F00
SSI - Scuba Schools International – Recreational scuba and freediving training and certification agency
SUF - Singapore Underwater Federation CMAS code SIN/F00
Sukeltajaliitto Ry (Finnish Divers Federation) CMAS code FIN/F00
SUSV - Schweizer Unterwassersport-Verband CMAS code SUI/F00
Syrian Underwater Sport Federation CMAS code SYR/F00
Taiwan Technical and Science Diving Association CMAS code TPE/F02
TDA - Thailand Diving Association CMAS code THA/F01
TIDF - Israeli Diving Federation – Israeli recreational diver training and certification agency EUF CB 2012001
Toa Engineering Corporation CMAS code IMA/F00 (Marianas)
TSSF - Türkiye Sualtı Sporları Federasyonu (Turkish Underwater Sports Federation) CMAS code TUR/F00
TVSÖ - Tauchsportverband Österreichs CMAS code AUT/F00
UEF - Underwater Explorers' Federation (Hungary) CMAS code HUN/F01

UFUSUA - Ukrainian Federation of Underwater Sport and Underwater Activities CMAS code UKR/F00

UISP - Union Italienne Sport Pour Tous CMAS code ITA/F06

Underwater Federation Republic of Kazakhstan CMAS code KAZ/F00

USOA - Underwater Society of America – American national representative organization for underwater sport. CMAS code USA/F00

UTD - Unified Team Diving

VDST - Verband Deutscher Sporttaucher. CMAS code GER/F00,[1] EUF CB 2004002

VDTL - Verband Deutscher Tauchlehrer EUF CB 2009001

VIT - Verband Internationaler Tauchschulen

WADI- Worldwide Association of Diving Instructors

WOSD - World Organization of Scuba Diving EUF CB 2011002

ZPS-SDA - Zväz Potapacov Slovenska (Slovak Diving Union) CMAS code SVK/F00

Recreational Certification Organizations No Longer Operating

NASDS (USA) - National Association of Scuba Diving Schools only USA (Founded in the 1960s and merged with SSI in 1999)

TAC - The Aquatic Club - existed in the UK between 1982 and 1986. dissolved organization

YMCA SCUBA – Defunct recreational diver training and certification agency. (1959-2008)

Technical Diving Certification Agencies

Organizations which publish standards for competence in technical diving skills and knowledge, and issue certification for divers assessed as competent against these standards by affiliated schools or instructors:

ANDI - American Nitrox Divers International – Recreational diver training and certification agency

BSAC - British Sub Aqua Club – Recreational diving club, training and certification agency based in the UK

PADI TecRec (DSAT) - Professional Association of Diving Instructors – Recreational diver training and certification agency

GUE - Global Underwater Explorers – Recreational/technical scuba training and certification agency

IANTD - International Association of Nitrox and Technical Divers – Recreational and technical scuba training and certification agency CMAS code INT/F01

IART - International Association of Rebreather Trainers

ISE - InnerSpace Explorers

NAUI Tec - National Association of Underwater Instructors – Non-profit training and certification agency association of scuba instructors

ProTec - Professional Technical and Recreational Diving CMAS code INT/F08

PSAI - Professional Scuba Association International

PSS Technical Division - Professional Scuba Schools

SAA - The Sub-Aqua Association – British recreational diver training and certification organization CMAS code GBR/F03[1][7]

TDI - Technical Diving International – Technical diver training and certification agency EUF CB 2006002[6] CMAS code INT/F05

SSI TXR - Scuba Schools International – Recreational scuba and freediving training and certification agency

SwedTech Diving - SwedTech Diving

UTD - Unified Team Diving

NASE - National Academy of Scuba Educators – Recreational scuba training and certification agency

ITDA - International Technical Diving Agency

RAID - Rebreather Association of International Divers – Recreational diver training and certification agency

ISSDA - International Surface Supply Diving Association

DIWA - Diving Instructor World Association

Cave Diving Certification Agencies

Organizations which publish standards for competence in cave diving skills and knowledge, and issue certification for divers assessed as competent against these standards by affiliated schools or instructors:

ANDI - American Nitrox Divers International – Recreational diver training and certification agency

CDAA - Cave Divers Association of Australia – Association to represent cave divers and administrate and support cave diving in Australia

CDG - Cave Diving Group – UK based cave diver training and certification agency

GUE - Global Underwater Explorers – Recreational/technical scuba training and certification agency

IANTD - International Association of Nitrox and Technical Divers – Recreational and technical scuba training and certification agency CMAS code INT/F01

ISE - InnerSpace Explorers

ITDA - International Technical Diving Agency

NACD - National Association for Cave Diving – American non-profit organization for improving cave diving safety

NASE - National Academy of Scuba Educators – Recreational scuba training and certification agency

NAUI Tec- National Association of Underwater Instructors – Non-profit training and certification agency association of scuba instructors

NSS-CDS - National Speleological Society Cave Diving Section – Organization for exploration, conservation, and study of caves in the United States

ProTec - Professional Technical and Recreational Diving, Cave division. CMAS code INT/F08

PSAI - Professional Scuba Association International

SCD - Swiss Cave Diving

UTD - Unified Team Diving

TDI - Technical Diving International – Technical diver training and certification agency CMAS code INT/F05

TSA - Trimix Scuba Association – Recreational technical scuba training and certification agency

RAID - Rebreather Association of International Divers – Recreational diver training and certification agency

Freediving and Snorkeling Certification Agencies

Organizations which publish standards for competence in freediving and snorkeling skills and knowledge, and issue certification for divers assessed as competent against these standards by affiliated schools or instructors:

AIDA International – Worldwide rule- and record-keeping body for competitive breath-hold events[38]

Apnea Academy

Apnea Total

AUF - Australian Underwater Federation – Governing body for underwater sports in Australia

CMAS - Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques – International organization for underwater activities

FII - Freediving Instructors International

IANTD -International Association of Nitrox and Technical Divers – Recreational and technical scuba training and certification agency

Molchanovs Freediving Education

PFI - Performance Freediving International – Freediver training agency

PADI Professional Association of Diving Instructors – Recreational diver training and certification agency

Pure Apnea - Specialising in both sports and recreational freediving. Currently the only freedive education system separating competitive from recreational freediving (www.pureapnea.com)

ProTec - Professional Technical and Recreational Diving, Apnoea division CMAS code INT/F08

SSI Freediving – Recreational scuba and freediving training and certification agency

RAID World Series Freediving – Recreational diver training and certification agency

ISC - DiveISC International Scuba Certification

Commercial Diver Training and Registration Authorities

Organizations which publish standards for competence in commercial diving skills and knowledge, and issue certification for divers assessed as competent against these standards by registered or affiliated schools:

ADCI – Association of Diving Contractors International

ACDE – Association of Commercial Diving Educators

ADAS – Australian Diver Accreditation Scheme – Australian based international occupational diver accreditation organization

CSA Group – Canadian standards development organization

DCBC – Diver's Certification Board of Canada

HSE – Health and Safety Executive of the United Kingdom – United Kingdom government agency

ITDA - International Technical Diving Agency

Standards Australia – Australian non-governmental standards organization

WorkSafeBC – Statutory agency in British Columbia, Canada (Workers Compensation Board British Columbia)

(SA)DEL – Department of Employment and Labor (South Africa) – Department of the South African government responsible for matters related to employment

Sicilian online repertory of commercial divers – Department of Employment and Labor of Sicilian regional government (Regione siciliana)

keeps an online repertory of commercial divers trained according IDSA standards

Organizations Specifically Certifying Public Safety Divers

DRI - Dive Rescue International

ERDI - Emergency Response Diving International – American organization for training and certification of emergency response divers

Scientific Diving Certification Agencies

Organizations which publish standards for competence in scientific diving skills and knowledge, and issue certification for divers assessed as competent against these standards by affiliated schools or instructors:

AAUS - American Academy of Underwater Sciences

CAUS - Canadian Association for Underwater Science

The Scientific Committee of CMAS

DIA - Dive International Agency

SDSC - Scientific Diving Supervisory Committee

ITDA - International Technical Diving Agency

Other certification agencies for skills associated with diving

Dedicated diver first aid & rescue training

DAN - Divers Alert Network

ILS - International Life Saving Federation

IHMP - IHMP First Aid and Medical Training

Maritime archaeology

NAS - Nautical Archaeology Society

Professional associations for diving instructors

ANMP - Association nationale des moniteurs de plongée (France)

CEDIP - European Committee of Professional Diving Instructors (Comité Européen Des Instructeurs de Plongée professionnels)

International standards, accreditation and quality assurance organizations

CMAS - Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques

EUF - European Underwater Federation

IDSA – International Diving Schools Association

IDSSC - International Diving Safety Standards Commission

IMCA – International Marine Contractors Association

RTC - Rebreather Training Council

WRSTC - World Recreational Scuba Training Council
