



IMCA Diver Medic Course

The Underwater Centre's IMCA Diver Medic Course is specifically designed to give candidates relevant, practical medical experience and knowledge, providing the confidence to deal with medical emergencies in an offshore environment.

There is a requirement for at least one member of a dive team who is not diving, other than the supervisor, to be trained in advanced first aid. This person is referred to as a 'Diver Medic'. The role of a Diver Medic is a vital one and is an integral member of any dive team. When offshore the nearest medical help may be up to 5 days away due to decompression, so divers need to be able to rely on other members of their dive team for quick and vital medical help in case of an emergency.

To qualify as a Diver Medic candidates need to complete The Underwater Centre's Diver Medic Course which is completed to IMCA (International Marine Contractors Association) standards - the internationally recognised qualification for this role.

The course incorporates hands-on skills training using modern training aids as well as classroom based theory lectures; including those given by instructors with extensive experience of treating divers and diving experience, you can be confident that the training your candidates receive with us is at the forefront of the subsea industry.

Summary of course contents

Some of the subjects you will cover during this 2 week (10 day) course are:

- Anatomy and physiology
- Management of barotrauma
- Gas toxicity
- Resuscitation
- Examination of a diving casualty
- Handling of a diving casualty within a bell
- Oxygen administration
- Vital signs
- First aid
- Treatment tables
- Diving accident case histories
- Cannulation
- Intravenous infusion / administration of drugs
- Catheterisation
- Advanced airway management
- Suturing
- Common minor illnesses

Pre-requisites

In order to be able to attend our IMCA Diver Medic Course, and receive the IMCA certification, you will require the following:

- Original offshore diving industry qualifications
- An 'in-date' Diving Medical certificate

Candidates can attend the Diver Medic Course without the pre-requisites above, however they will not receive an IMCA certification, an Underwater Centre certification will be issued instead.

All courses at The Underwater Centre are taught in English, unless previously arranged, so candidates must have a good understanding of verbal and written English.