



## Conversions from PADI & BSAC

The purpose of this information is to allow you to assess what you would have to do to upgrade your existing qualifications to a SSAC Diver or Instructor grade.

The obvious question is why bother? The following might help you make the move in our direction:

- SSAC training is specifically geared to Northern UK waters and incorporates rescue and first-aid training even at Sport Diver level.
- You will advance your diving skills within the friendly, safe and sociable environment of Solway Branch.
- You only have to pay the Branch and SSAC membership fees (which include insurance cover) the cost of training is free!
- The safety record of SSAC is second to none.

Please note that you must fill out a UK Sport Diver self certification medical and join SSAC and Solway Branch before carrying out any training.

In order to transfer your existing diving qualifications to SSAC you will require the authorising signature of the BDO & Regional Coach (NDO or Club Chairman for Instructor grades); these will only be supplied upon production of previous log books, training schedules or records. You will also have to undertake an assessment of existing skills in the pool and / or open water to the satisfaction of the BDO.

Application for cross certification of Instructor grades issued by other organisations will require attendance at an appropriate Instructor course and assessment as deemed required by Regional Coach and Course Director, based on previous experience.

Crossovers not listed below can be arranged by the BDO & Regional Coach.

In all of the following cases the conversion should progress in a left to right fashion, i.e. lectures & pool work before open water.

Great to have you with us.

### PADI Open Water to SSAC Sport Diver

<i>LECTURES</i>	<i>POOL SKILLS</i>	<i>OPEN WATER SKILLS</i>
SSAC Organisation	Rescue Drill	15m Assisted Ascents
Decompression, Hazards and Avoidance	Swim with blacked out mask	10m Rescue
Pass written Lecture Test	Simulated Dive	Compass Course
		Dives logged to SSAC standard and totalling 5 hours underwater

### PADI Advanced Open Water to SSAC Sport Diver

<i>LECTURES</i>	<i>POOL SKILLS</i>	<i>OPEN WATER SKILLS</i>
SSAC Organisation	Rescue Drill	15m Assisted Ascents
Decompression, Hazards and Avoidance	Swim with blacked out mask	10m Rescue
Pass written Lecture Test	Simulated Dive	Compass Course
		Dives logged to SSAC standard and totalling 5 hours underwater

### PADI Rescue Diver to SSAC Master Diver

<i>LECTURES</i>	<i>OPEN WATER SKILLS</i>
Expedition Organisation	20m & 30m Assisted Ascents
Advanced Decompression	Remove and Refit Set
Compressor Operation	Act as Dive Leader on four occasions
Pass written Lecture Test	Act as Expedition Organiser on two occasions
	Dives logged to SSAC standard and totalling 20 hours underwater

### BSAC Sport Diver to SSAC Sport Diver

<i>LECTURES</i>	<i>OPEN WATER SKILLS</i>
SSAC Organisation	* Jump Entry
Decompression, Hazards and Avoidance	* Regulator Sharing
Pass written Lecture Test	* 15m Assisted Ascents
	* 10m Rescue Drill
Note: Items marked * Novice 2 only	* Compass Course
Note: Novice 1 must complete lecture schedule above and all Diver OW skills	Dives logged to SSAC standard and totalling 5 hours underwater

### BSAC Dive leader to SSAC Master Diver

<i>LECTURES</i>	<i>OPEN WATER SKILLS</i>
SSAC Organisation	20m & 30m Assisted Ascents
Advanced Decompression	Remove and Refit Set
Compressor Operation	Sweep Search
Basic Seamanship	Swim without Mask
U/W Navigation and Search Methods	Act as Dive Leader on two occasions
Pass written Lecture Test	Act as Expedition Organiser on two occasions
	Dives logged to SSAC standard and totalling 20 hours underwater

### BSAC Advanced Diver to SSAC Master Diver

<i>LECTURES</i>	<i>OPEN WATER SKILLS</i>
SSAC Organisation	20m & 30m Assisted Ascents
Advanced Decompression	Remove and Refit Set
Pass written Lecture Test	Swim without Mask
	Act as Dive Leader on two occasions
	Act as Expedition Organiser on two occasions
	Dives logged to SSAC standard and totalling 20 hours underwater