

First Class diver award

Guidance notes and information for the completion of optional modules number 1-14 of the ScotSAC First Class Diver Award.



	Modular Criteria	Qualifications/Courses Accepted	Notes/guidance
1	Hold ScotSAC Deep rescue endorsement	ScotSAC Deep rescue endorsement.	
2	Have attained any ScotSAC instructor award	BI, NI, RI, Examiner.	
3	Have held an elected position on the ScotSAC Board (or previous general committee) or NDC or have served as a ScotSAC Regional Coach for at least one year or have held an elected position on a ScotSAC branch committee for at least a total of two years	Branch records should give evidence of positions held. ScotSAC records should give evidence of GC or Board positions held.	
4	Have completed 1,000 correctly logged dives in any waters (this figure to include the mandatory 500 dives)	Produce logbook with evidence of logged dives to ScotSAC standard.	
5	Boat handling course	ScotSAC RYA 2.	There are many boat handling courses available. Only courses including essential skills required for diving operations will be considered. Course should fit all the criteria as defined in the CDA initiative.
6	VHF certificate	ScotSAC VHF endorsement.	Many other training agencies offer some form of VHF Training and certification. A licence to operate VHF equipment should be produced as evidence.
7	Technical Diving	As yet ScotSAC does not have a Technical Diving course.	A recognised qualification from one of the major UK diver training agencies. Covering planning and diving to depths greater than 40m using gas mixes including trimix and EANx greater than 40% for extended range diving and advanced decompression procedures.

8	Wreck research	Specialised course and qualification from any of the UK diver training agencies.	Or have had at least one or more articles used or published in National media. Evidence of research, searching, diving, and identifying a wreck (s).
9	Diving Physiology	Recognised medical qualification or training in diver disease diagnosis and treatment.	
10	Extended Depth Diving	Specialised ScotSAC Deep Diving course and qualification.	Accept other qualifications from agencies which have Deep diver and Technical Diver training which teach the use of different gas mixes, extended range, depth and advanced decompression procedures to a maximum of 50m.
11	Underwater Photography	Underwater photography speciality course from any of the major UK diver training agencies.	Or have had at least 2 underwater photography albums published or used in a UK based publication/TV/magazine.
12	Marine Archaeology	NAS / ScotSAC Underwater Archaeology endorsement. Hold a recognised qualification in Marine Archaeology (PhD, HNC etc.).	Or recognised Archaeology speciality from any of the major UK based diver training agencies.
13	Marine Biology	Hold a recognised qualification in Marine Biology (PhD, HNC etc.).	Or recognised Biology speciality from any of the major UK based diver training agencies.
14	Basic nitrox	ScotSAC, nitrox course certified by TDI, BSAC, INTD or PADI.	All major diver training agencies have a basic nitrox course teaching the use of EANx to 40%. Qualification and registration card number used to purchase nitrox as evidence of qualification.

Items 5-14 must be a nationally recognised award and qualification