As a PADI Pro, you will be one of the most sought-after dive professionals on the planet. Whether you work in a local dive center, at a resort or on a live-aboard dive boat, the adventure of a lifetime awaits you. If you are at least 18 years old, you’ve been a diver for at least six months and have 100 logged dives, you can become a PADI Instructor. Use this planner to get you there. Start by picking a date you plan to become a PADI Pro, then select a dive center. See the back cover of this brochure for more information on PADI Dive Centers and Resorts, or visit padi.com to find a PADI Dive Center near you.

Visit padi.com/eLearning to start this program online.
Or, get started with the PADI Open Water Touch™ at padi.com/touch.

*PADI dive programs are performance-based, rather than time based. Check with your training facility for scheduling.
Your next step is PADI’s Advanced Open Water Diver course. This inwater, performance-based program allows you to fine-tune dive skills while sampling some of those action-packed underwater activities that may have piqued your interest, such as underwater photography or night diving.

Prerequisites:
PADI Open Water Diver certification or qualifying certification

What you’ll do:
Enhance dive skills and explore specialized dive activities with the PADI Adventures in Diving manual and Video at home, or with a PADI Instructor.
Open Water Dives – Five dives (two required dives: Deep Dive and Underwater Navigation Dive) plus any three PADI Adventure Dives related to specialty courses. Up to three training dives per day.

Materials you’ll use:
PADI Adventures in Diving Crew-Pak
PADI Adventures in Diving Video or DVD

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Your next step to expanding your knowledge and experience as a diver is PADI's Rescue Diver course. This course gives you valuable experience in emergency management. You’ll learn to perform diver assists and rescues, manage dive accident situations and render first aid.

**Prerequisites:**
- PADI Advanced Open Water Diver certification or qualifying certification

**What you’ll do:**
- Complete an Emergency First Response® Primary Care (CPR) and Secondary Care (First Aid) course or other sanctioned first aid and CPR course*
- Learn critical rescue skills, perhaps first in confined water with practice in open water
- In open water, show your ability to put rescue skills into action through participation in four rescue scenarios

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**Time for completion:**
- One - two weeks

**Materials you’ll use:**
- Rescue Diver Crew-Pak
- Rescue Diver Video or DVD

*Within the past two years
After you’ve completed the PADI Rescue Diver course, you’re ready for divemaster. PADI Divemaster training develops your leadership abilities by training you to supervise a variety of dive activities and assist instructors with student divers.

Prerequisites:
- PADI Advanced Open Water and Rescue Diver certification or qualifying certification
- 40 logged dives
- Be at least 18 years old
- Completed EFR® Primary Care (CPR) and Secondary Care (First Aid) or other sanctioned first aid and CPR course within the last two years
- Medically evaluated and cleared for diving by a physician within 12 months

What you’ll do:
- Learn dive leadership skills through classroom sessions and by using the Divemaster Manual and Video
- Complete a series of waterskills and stamina exercises in confined and open water environments
- Map a dive site, including underwater and surface features
- Equipment exchange – demonstrate the ability to solve unanticipated problems underwater through skills such as equipment exchange
- Conduct a simulated or actual dive program, under the supervision of a PADI Instructor
- Practical Assessment – Complete Practical Assessments working with student divers and certified divers
- Must have a minimum of 60 logged dives to be certified as a Divemaster

Time for completion:
- Two weeks – three months
- Target completion date:
- Date completed:

Materials you’ll use:
- Divemaster Crew-Pak, including:
  - PADI Divemaster Manual
  - PADI Instructor Manual
  - Divemaster Video or DVD
  - The Encyclopedia of Recreational Diving
  - RDP-Table and eRDPML™
  - Divemaster Slates
You’re getting close! Now it’s time to start your PADI Instructor Development Course (IDC). The IDC is split up into two sections, the Assistant Instructor (AI) course and the Open Water Scuba Instructor (OWSI) program.

In the PADI Assistant Instructor course, you gain additional experience as a PADI Professional and learn the PADI System of diver education.

**Prerequisites:**
- PADI Divemaster rating or qualifying certification
- 60 logged dives
- Proof of CPR and first aid training within the last 24 months

**What you’ll do:**
- Self-study Knowledge Reviews
- Knowledge development sessions, candidate presentations and workshops
- Confined water – Skills review and assessment, workshops and candidate presentations
- Open water – Workshops, rescue assessment and candidate presentations

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**Time for completion:**
- Three days – two weeks
- Target completion date: ___________________________
- Date completed: ___________________________

**Materials you’ll use:**
- PADI’s Guide to Teaching
- PADI Instructor Manual
- Slates
- Reference books and manuals

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Now it’s time to become a PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor. The second portion of the PADI IDC further hones your leadership and teaching skills and prepares you for life as a PADI Instructor. 

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**Prerequisites:**
- PADI Assistant Instructor rating or qualifying instructor certification
- Certified diver for at least six months
- 60 logged dives
- Proof of CPR and first aid training within the last 24 months

**What you’ll do:**
- Self-study Knowledge Reviews
- Knowledge development sessions, candidate presentations and workshops
- Confined water – Skills review and assessment, workshops and candidate presentations
- Open water – Workshops, rescue assessment and presentations
- Must have Emergency First Response® Instructor credentials and a minimum of 100 logged dives to become a PADI Instructor

**Time for completion:**
- Four days – three weeks
- Target completion date: _______________
- Date completed: _______________

**Materials you’ll use:**
- PADI’s Guide to Teaching
- PADI Instructor Manual
- Slates
- Reference books and manuals

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After you complete your IDC, you will take what you’ve learned to the Instructor Examination (IE). Here you’ll be independently evaluated by a PADI Instructor Examiner on everything from dive theory to inwater skills. Advance your career in the dive industry by continuing your education as a PADI Pro. Focus on your areas of interest by becoming a Specialty Instructor, enjoy the prestige of becoming a Master Scuba Diver Trainer or increase your marketability by training to become an IDC Staff Instructor or Master Instructor. Or, reach the pinnacle of PADI Professional training: become a PADI Course Director.

The Possibilities are Endless.

You’re A PADI Pro Instructor Examination

Prerequisites:
- Successful completion of a PADI IDC or OWSI Program
- 100 logged dives

What you’ll do:
- Exams in Dive Theory and PADI Standards and Procedures
- Waterskills and diver rescue assessment
- Presentations in classroom, confined and open water

Time for completion:
- Two days
- Target completion date: ___________________________
- Date completed: ___________________________

Courses:
- Open Water Scuba Instructor
- Specialty Instructor
- Master Scuba Diver Trainer
- IDC Staff Instructor
- Master Instructor
- Course Director
- Master Scuba Diver Trainer
- Specialty Instructor
- Open Water Scuba Instructor

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You can start your training at any PADI Dive Center, but you must complete your instructor training through one of the following:

**PADI 5 Star Instructor Development Center (IDC)**
A PADI Five Star IDC is a dive center that offers everything from entry-level dive programs to PADI Instructor-level training.

**PADI 5 Star Instructor Development Center (IDC) Resort**
PADI Five Star IDC Resorts provide traveling divers with everything from snorkeling experiences to PADI Instructor training.

**PADI 5 Star Career Development Center (CDC)**
PADI CDCs offer career-oriented training to prepare dive professionals for employment in the dive industry, along with job placement assistance and financial aid.

These centers don’t just develop instructors, they develop careers.

* You may complete your assistant instructor training with a PADI IDC Staff Instructor at a PADI 5 Star Dive Center or a PADI 5 Star Dive Resort.