

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR DIVE CENTRE

“DIVE CENTRES” means a person or a body of persons engaged in the teaching of diving which may be a dive school or a dive base and includes all other parties that provide diving services.

A dive centre may also offer diving excursions and shall operate from a land-based facility.

1.0 Dive centre requirements: All dive centres shall register with the Seychelles Maritime Safety Authority and obtain an operating license.

1.1 All dive centres shall display the licence of the centre in a conspicuous place at the centre.

1.2 Dive centre shall display the name of the centre in a conspicuous place.

1.3 A dive centre or operator shall have an active email address and telephone number.

1.4 All the dive centre staff shall be familiar with the emergency plan and be able to act appropriately.

1.5 A dive centre shall have in its employment a Base Leader who shall be responsible for the dive centre and who is present at the dive centre on a daily basis. In the absence of the Base Leader, an Assistant Base Leader shall assume responsibility for the dive centre and its operation.

1.6 A dive centre shall have adequate equipment spare parts, equipment and course materials for all courses conducted.

1.7 A dive centre shall have a list of all dive services and courses conducted and their rates available in writing.

1.8 Dive centre shall have medical first aid, and specified wireless communication (VHF radio telephone) or any other effective communication system to facilitate communication between base station (Dive Centre) and dive boat.

1.9 Familiarisation sessions with the oxygen equipment shall be provided at the dive centre for all dive staff.

1.10 Dive centre shall have on its staff at least one “Dive Instructor”, who is certified by a recognised international agency, but not limited to the list below—

- 1) Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI)
- 2) Confederation Mondiale Des Activities Subaquatiques (CMAS)
- 3) National Association of Under Water Instructors (NAUI)
- 4) British Sub-Aqua Club (BSAC)
- 5) Scuba Schools International (SSI)

2.0 Dive Centre Equipment:

2.1 Dive centres shall provide well-maintained dive equipment.

2.2 Dive cylinders shall be hydrostatically tested by the Seychelles Bureau of Standards or a facility authorised to do so by the Seychelles Bureau of Standards.

2.3 Dive Centre shall have diving sets which includes tank, regulator with pressure gauge, depth meter and dive watch or deco-computer, mask, snorkel, fins, buoyancy compensating jacket, quick release weight belt and alternate air source.

3.0 Dive Boats: Dive Boats are the responsibility of the dive centre and the crew.

3.1 The dive boat shall be well maintained clean, aesthetically good looking and sea worthy.

3.2 The dive boat shall have inscribed on it, the name of the boat, diving centre and Hire craft number.

3.3 The dive boats operated by the dive centres shall be able to communicate to the dive centre at all times during the dive through a functioning VHF radio telephone (A mobile phone as an addition is a plus).

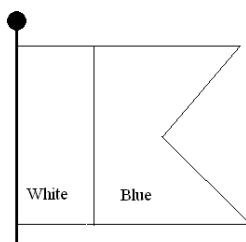
3.4 The dive boats shall have a spare engine plus sufficient fuel to make the prearranged dive trips and any changes thereof.

3.5 In case weather conditions deteriorate while divers are under water, the crew shall be proficient in recalling methods.

3.6 The dive centre staff shall be responsible for the provision of a spare tank, spare diving equipment, first aid kit, oxygen kit, dive flag, life jackets, and life buoys, flares and a boat ladder that allows for comfortable exit and entry from or to the water.

3.7 The dive flag illustrated in the figure below shall be clearly visible when the divers are in the water and shall be lowered when the last diver has exited the water. An operational search light shall be available on board the dive boat, in all night dives.

FIGURE



Length of Flag: 750 mm
Width of Flag: 600 mm