


PADI Freediving Program – Qualifying Certifications from other Organizations

 PADI padi.com These are guidelines; check with your PADI Regional Headquarters for specific requirements.	This chart may be used to see where a Freediver with certification from another training organization fits into the PADI Freediving Program.	
	x	<p>Diver Level: This certification qualifies the student Freediver to enrol in the level of training above the one listed at the top of the column, provided all other prerequisites are met and after a preassessment of knowledge and skills.</p> <p>Instructor and Trainer Level: For the instructor and trainer ratings it indicates the corresponding PADI level they may apply for directly. The teaching experience requirements for the higher PADI level still apply.</p>
	(+)	<p>Diver Level: This certification meets some, but not all of the requirements for the level listed at the top of the column. The instructor conducting the preassessment of knowledge and skills needs to verify that the Freediver can meet all PADI performance requirements set for this level before enrolling into the next higher course.</p> <p>Instructor and Trainer Level: To gain the PADI Freediver Instructor (or Trainer) rating, the individual needs to hold the PADI Master Freediver (or Instructor) rating or a qualifying certification.</p>
	NA	This certification does not qualify for any level.

Organization	Program	BFD	FD	AFD	MFD	FD Inst	AFD Inst	MFD Inst	FD IT
AIDA	1 Star Freediver - Discover Freediving	x							
	2 Star Freediver - Open Water Freediver	x	x						
	3 Star Freediver - Intermediate Freediver	x	x	x					
	4 Star Freediver - Advanced Freediver	x	x	x	x				
	Instructor					x			
	Master Instructor					x	x	x	
	Instructor Trainer					x	x	x	x
Apnea Academy	Apnea Discovery	x							
	First Level	x	(+)						
	Second Level	x	x	(+)					
	Third Level	x	x	x	(+)				
	Assistant Instructor					NA			
	Freediving Instructor					x	x	x	
	Freediving Instructor Trainer					x	x	x	x
CMAS (Apnoea)	Intro Level	x							
	Level 1	x	(+)						
	Level 2	x	x	(+)					
	Level 3	x	x	x	(+)				
	Instructor Level 1					x			
	Instructor Level 2					x	x	x	
F.I.I.	Level 1	x	(+)						
	Level 2	x	x	(+)					
	Level 3	x	x	x	(+)				
	Assistant Instructor					NA			
	Instructor Level 1					x			
	Instructor Level 2					x	x		
	Instructor Level 3					x	x	x	
	Instructor Trainer					x	x	x	x
IANTD	Open Water Free Diver	x	(+)						
	Advanced Free Diver	x	x	(+)					
	Master Free Diver	x	x	x	(+)				
	Open Water Free Diver Instructor*					x			
	Advanced Free Diver Instructor*					x	x		
	Master Free Diver Instructor*					x	x	x	
	Open Water Free Diver Instructor Trainer*					x	x	x	(+)
	Advanced Free Diver Instructor Trainer*					x	x	x	(+)
Master Free Diver Instructor Trainer*					x	x	x	x	

*IANTD Freediving Instructors must also submit proof of PADI Advanced Freediver, or higher, (or qualifying certification)

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when applying for PADI Freediver Instructor.									
PADI	PADI Free Diver Distinctive Specialty	x	x						
	PADI Free Diver Distinctive Specialty Instructor					x			
Performance Freediving	Basic Freediver	x	x						
	Intermediate Freediver	x	x	(+)					
	Advanced Freediver	x	x	x	(+)				
	Assistant Instructor					(+)			
	Instructor					x	x	x	
RAID	WSF Basic Freediver	x							
	WSF Freediver	x	(+)						
	WSF Advanced Freediver	x	x	(+)					
	WSF Master Freediver	x	x	x	(+)				
	WSF Instructor					x			
	WSF Advanced Instructor					x	x		
	Instructor Level 3					x	x	x	
Instructor Trainer					x	x	x	x	
SSI	Freediving Basic (Pool)	x							
	Freediving Level 1	x	x						
	Freediving Level 2	x	x	x					
	Freediving Level 3	x	x	x	x				
	Assistant Instructor					NA			
	Freediving Instructor Level 1					x			
	Freediving Instructor Level 2					x	x		
	Freediving Instructor Level 3					x	x	x	
	Freediving Instructor Trainer					x	x	x	x