

Specialty Course

Enriched Air Diver

Continuing Education

The most popular PADI specialty course. Scuba diving with enriched air nitrox gives you more no decompression time, especially on repetitive scuba dives.

Description

The PADI Enriched Air Diver course is PADI's most popular specialty scuba course. Why? Because scuba diving with enriched air nitrox gives you more no decompression time, especially on repetitive scuba dives. If staying down longer and getting back in the water sooner sounds appealing, then don't hesitate to become an enriched air diver.

If you're a PADI (Junior) Open Water Diver who is at least 12 years old, you can enroll in the Enriched Air Diver Specialty course. Note that in some regions the minimum age is older than 12.

Academic

You'll learn why diving with air that has higher oxygen and lower nitrogen content gives you more bottom time, along with enriched air equipment considerations. During a practical session, and two optional (or required) scuba dives, you'll:

- Discuss managing oxygen exposure.
- Practice analyzing oxygen content in your scuba tank.
- Set your dive computer for diving with enriched air nitrox.

You may be able to get college credit for the PADI Enriched Air Diver course – ask your instructor to learn more.

Equipment

Most modern scuba equipment and dive computers can be used with enriched air, but your PADI Instructor will let you know if your gear meets manufacturer recommendations and local requirements. However, scuba cylinders must meet oxygen service standards and be dedicated for use with enriched air. You'll practice using oxygen analyzers and special cylinder decals. Your Instructor will explain other equipment you may need to enjoy enriched air diving.

Getting Started

Sign up for Enriched Air Diver Online – PADI’s eLearning option – to get started immediately. The web-based system covers all the enriched air diver course content and allows you to study at your own pace through an easy-to-use, interactive program. You also have access to an online version of the *Enriched Air Diver Manual*. You can also choose to read the *Enriched Air Diver Manual* and watch the *Enriched Air Diving* video. Contact your Instructor to enroll in the course, get your materials and start learning.