

Certification Course

# Junior Open Water Diver

*Beginner*

**Diver certification begins here. Start with PADI's online eLearning course. Move to the pool and practice your new skills. Then experience four open water (ocean/lake) dives.**

## **Description**

If you've always wanted to take scuba diving lessons, experience unparalleled adventure and see the world beneath the waves, this is where it starts. Get your scuba diving certification with the PADI® Open Water Diver course – the world's most popular and widely recognized scuba course. Millions of people have learned to scuba dive and gone on to discover the wonders of the aquatic world through this course. To enroll in a PADI Junior Open Water Diver course, no prior experience with scuba diving is required.

To qualify for acceptance into the PADI Junior Open Water Diver course, your child must meet the following requirements:

- Be 10 years of age or older.
- Students under the age of 15 may obtain the PADI Junior Scuba Diver certification (restrictions apply).
- Require a parent/guardian to complete and sign some paperwork.
- Answer all the questions on the PADI Medical Statement and if answering “yes” to any of the questions, acquire a ‘clearance for diving’ signed by a medical practitioner stating that they are “fit to dive”.
- The medical clearance must be no older than 12 months.
- The medical practitioner signing the form cannot be the individual.

## **Academic**

The PADI Junior Open Water Diver course consists of three main phases:

- Knowledge Development (online, independent study or in a classroom) to understand basic principles of scuba diving
- Confined Water Dives to learn basic scuba skills
- Open Water Dives to use your skills and explore!

Dive under the direct supervision of a PADI Dive Instructor, Assistant Instructor or Dive Master while applying the knowledge and skills they learn in the course, within the limits of their training and experience.

Plan, with the PADI Dive Master, conduct and log open water (no decompression) dives no deeper than 12m, when equipped properly and accompanied by a buddy, in conditions with which your child has training and/or experience.

Continue their diver training with the PADI Junior Advanced Diver course, and/or with PADI Speciality courses.

## **Equipment**

In the PADI Junior Open Water Diver course, you learn to use basic scuba gear, including a mask, snorkel, fins, regulator, buoyancy control device and a tank. The equipment you wear varies, depending upon whether you're diving in tropical, temperate or cold water.

Check and get advice about everything you need from your PADI Instructor about the gear you'll use during this course.

## **Getting Started**

Enroll in Junior Open Water Diver Online – PADI's eLearning option – and you can start learning right away. PADI Junior Open Water Diver Online gives you the background information you need to dive safely and allows you to study at your own pace through an interactive computer-based program. Get started now!

You can also start learning with PADI's home-study materials – *Open Water Diver Touch™* (a tablet app) or the *Open Water Diver Manual* and *Open Water Diver Video* (a book and DVD package). Contact us today to enroll in the course, get your materials and start reading the book and watching the video. Your PADI Instructor will schedule time with you to check your progress and make sure you understand important scuba diving information.