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**Training and certification of recreational  
divers**

**Part 1: Minimum entry-level SCUBA  
diving**



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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by Standards Australia Committee CS/83, Recreational Underwater Diving, to supersede AS 4005.1—1992.

The Standard was originally prepared in response to a request by the Australian Underwater Federation (AUF). The AUF expressed concern about the wide differences between courses being taught in Australia.

The major changes in this edition of the Standard are as follows:

- (a) Removal of the reference to the National SCUBA Qualifications Commission.
- (b) Reorganization of the in-water skills training to require some of the exercises to be carried out in a pool or confined water.
- (c) Replacement of the medical certificate with a medical statement which provides more information to the candidate and the instructor.

On successful completion of training to the requirements of this Standard, the graduate should be able to dive safely and competently under reasonably controlled conditions. Training by itself, however, cannot convert a graduate into a fully competent diver. With all diving, this requires further experience, as it is only by reinforcing the skills and knowledge acquired during training that the graduate will become fully competent. Graduates should be aware of the need for area orientation at dive sites which are new to them and seek information on the local area and conditions before planning a dive.

Additional training for other special types of recreational diving may also be undertaken subsequent to certification as an entry-level diver. Some of these specialties are advanced recreational, cavern, deep, ice and night diving, various levels of instructor certification, underwater naturalist and underwater photography.

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- Part 1: Minimum entry-level SCUBA diving (this Standard)
- Part 2: Recreational SCUBA dive supervisor
- Part 3: Assistant SCUBA instructor
- Part 4: SCUBA instructor
- Part 5: SCUBA instructor trainer

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