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Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee SF-017, Occupational Diving, to supersede AS 2815.3—1992, *Training and certification of occupational divers, Part 3: Air Diving to 50 m.*

After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this document as an Australian Standard rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

The inclusion of roles and responsibilities in AS 2815.3:2021, was approved by the Standards Development and Accreditation Committee (SDAC) on 6 August 2020, as a one-off exemption to the directives of Standardization Guide SG-006, Section 35.

The objective of this document is to provide regulatory authorities, training providers and trainees with the content of a training course for imparting minimum levels of competency to trainee occupational surface supplied breathing apparatus (SSBA) divers, and assessment procedures.

This document is particularly relevant to the training of personnel who will be engaged in underwater SSBA operations as described in the AS/NZS 2299 series on occupational diving operations and offshore operations.

The task training set out in the units of this document will provide the trainee with a general appreciation of the techniques and problems involved in carrying out the specified underwater work. For the diver to be considered a competent underwater worker, it will generally be necessary for further specialist training to be undertaken.

This document is Part 3 of a series of Standards on the training and certification of underwater divers, where the requirements of regulatory authorities and industry demand a prescribed degree of training and competence to ensure an adequate degree of safety, performance and economy.

The major changes for this edition are to set out the units in a competency-based format and a review of the training dive requirements.