

SECTION 4 AUSI Standards

Part A: AUSI Snorkelling Standards

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AUSI SNORKEL SWIMMING

Qualification:

Whilst there is no formal course, instructors are urged to give training as necessary and carefully vet the participant's suitability to participate. Instructors will need to take age, water temperature, weather conditions, water conditions such as waves, current, visibility, and the participant's ability into consideration.

Prerequisites:

- (a) Be at least 8 years of age, and
- (b) Be medically fit to participate.

NOTE: Snorkel swimming can be a strenuous activity and may increase the health and safety risks of persons who have medical conditions that may:

- (i) Be worsened by physical exertion eg heart disease, asthma and some other lung conditions,
- (ii) Result in sudden loss of consciousness eg epilepsy and diabetes, and
- (iii) Be induced by cold water or salt water mist ie asthma.

Conducted By:

AUSI Snorkel Swimming Instructor or an AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor or higher or approved equivalent.

Maximum Ratios:

AUSI Snorkel Swimming Instructor:

- (a) Pool 12:1, and
- (b) Ocean 6:1.

AUSI Snorkel Diving Instructor or higher or approved instructor:

- (a) Pool 16:1, and
- (b) Ocean 12:1.

AUSI SNORKEL SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR

Qualification:

- (a) Can conduct snorkel swimming programs in enclosed waters, and
- (b) Can supervise snorkel swimming in open water under the supervision of an AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor or higher or approved equivalent.

Prerequisites:

- (a) Be at least 16 years of age,
- (b) Be certified medically fit to snorkel dive by a medical practitioner,
- (c) Be able to swim 200 metres (220 yds) unaided in no more than five minutes and then immediately stay afloat for at least 10 minutes,
- (d) Have a current work place first aid certificate or approved equivalent,
- (e) Have a current CPR certificate or approved equivalent, and
- (f) Have a current oxygen provider certificate or higher or approved equivalent.

Course:

(a) THEORY:

- (i) Three Instructor Development Lectures as per the AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor Course Notes:
 - Session One: Practical Aspects of Snorkel Swimming*
 - Session Two: Theoretical Aspects of Snorkel Swimming*
 - Session Three: Professional Responsibilities.*

(b) PRACTICAL:

- (i) Two practical training presentations as per the AUSI Snorkel Swimming Instructor Teaching Guidelines:
 - Personal Skill Development*
 - Leadership Development.*

Certification Requirements:

- (a) Satisfactory completion of an AUSI Snorkel Swimming Instructor Course or approved equivalent,
- (b) Agree to follow the appropriate AUSI Procedures, AUSI Standards and AUSI Teaching Guidelines when conducting AUSI Snorkel Programs, and
- (c) Complete an AUSI Professional Registration Form and forward to AUSI Head Office with the relevant documentation, two passport photographs and appropriate fee.

Validity of Training & Annual Renewal:

Training and certification is valid for 12 months, and before Annual Renewal an AUSI Snorkel Swimming Instructor must:

- (a) Satisfactorily complete the fitness tests as outlined in the AUSI Snorkel Swimming Instructor Teaching Guidelines, these tests can be done “in-house” and must be authenticated by an AUSI Instructor, and
- (b)
- (b) Complete an AUSI Professional Registration Form and forward to AUSI Head Office with the relevant documentation, two passport photographs and appropriate fee.

NOTE: AUSI Professionals are reminded that they must ensure that their medical, first aid, CPR and oxygen provider qualifications remain current.

Taught By:

AUSI Snorkel Swimming Instructor or higher or approved equivalent.

Examined By:

The AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor conducting the course.

Maximum Ratios:

All phases: 12:1.

AUSI SNORKEL DIVER

Qualification:

Trained to snorkel dive with a similarly qualified and experienced snorkel diver in open water during daylight hours without the direct supervision of an instructor, in water with direct access to the surface.

NOTE: The level of certification issued is determined by diver's breath-hold diving ability, see Section 1 AUSI Definitions.

Prerequisites:

- (a) Be at least 10 years of age - AUSI Junior Snorkel Diver, or be at least 14 years of age - AUSI Snorkel Diver,
- (b) Be medically fit to snorkel dive,
- (c) Demonstrate the ability to swim 200 metres (220 yds) unaided and tread water for 10 minutes.

NOTE:

1. An AUSI Junior Snorkel Diver must dive with a qualified parent or guardian, or an AUSI Snorkel Instructor or higher or approved equivalent.
2. Snorkel swimming can be a strenuous activity and may increase the health and safety risks of persons who have medical conditions that may:
 - (i) Be worsened by physical exertion eg heart disease, asthma and some other lung conditions,
 - (ii) Result in sudden loss of consciousness eg epilepsy and diabetes, and
 - (iii) Be induced by cold water or salt water mist ie asthma.

Course:

- (a) **THEORY:** Three sessions as per the AUSI Snorkel Diving Course Notes and a theory test:

Session 1: Introduction to Snorkel Diving

Session 2: Dive Planning

Session 3: Diving First Aid.

- (b) **PRACTICAL:** One session as per the AUSI Snorkel Diver Teaching Guidelines covering: *Use of Equipment; The Buddy System; Buoyancy; Entries & Exits; Mask Clearing; Duck Diving Techniques and Rescue Procedures.*

- (c) **OCEAN DIVES:** Four ocean modules including a skills assessment conducted over a minimum of two ocean dives as per the AUSI Snorkel Diver Teaching Guidelines, where:
Each module must be at least 20 minutes in duration in a depth no less than one metre (3 ft). Two modules shall be at least two metres (6 ft), of which one must be to at least three metres (10 ft). None of these dives shall exceed nine metres (30 ft). The minimum accumulated in water time shall be no less than 80 minutes. All dives shall be logged in the student's logbook.

Certification Requirements:

- (a) Satisfactory theory test,
- (b) Satisfactory completion of the ocean dives as outlined above,
- (c) Satisfactory skills assessment, and
- (d) Completion of all relevant records as per the AUSI Snorkel Diver Teaching Guidelines.

NOTE:

1. Certification level is determined by the candidates "comfortable" free diving ability, see AUSI Snorkel Diver Certification Levels: Section 1 AUSI Definitions.
2. Any variation to the certification requirements must be approved by AUSI Head Office, in writing.

Taught By:

AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor or higher or an endorsed AUSI Scuba Instructor or approved equivalent.

Maximum Ratios:

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| (a) Theory | | 24:1, |
| (b) Pool | (> 1.5m) | 8:1, |
| | (< 1.5m) | 16:1, and |
| (c) Ocean | | 8:1. |

NOTE: When conducting programs for schools, instructors must check the relevant Education Department guidelines, particularly ocean ratios.

AUSI SNORKEL SPECIALTY COURSES

Qualifications:

The current AUSI Snorkel Specialty Courses are:

Snorkel Rescue Diver

DAN Oxygen Provider

Underwater Photography

Underwater Naturalist

Kayak Snorkel Diving

Free Diving ie snorkelling to depths greater than nine metres (30 ft).

Instructors wishing to conduct specialty courses must submit their course outlines to AUSI Head Office for approval.

AUSI SNORKEL DIVER INSTRUCTOR

Qualification:

- (a) Can conduct snorkel swimming programs,
- (b) Can train and certify AUSI Snorkel Swimming Instructors, and
- (c) Can train and certify AUSI Snorkel Divers to a level specified by the certification levels as tabulated in Section 1 Definitions.

Prerequisites:

- (a) Be at least 18 years of age,
- (b) Be certified medically fit to snorkel dive by a medical practitioner,
- (c) Be able to swim 200 metres (110 yds) unaided in no more than five minutes and then immediately stay afloat for at least 10 minutes,
- (d) Be a certified AUSI Snorkel Diver or approved equivalent,
- (e) Have a current work place first aid certificate or approved equivalent,
- (f) Have a current CPR certificate or approved equivalent,
- (g) Have a current oxygen provider certificate or higher or approved equivalent,
- (h) Show evidence of 25 snorkel dives in varying locations and conditions, and
- (i) Have assisted on at least one AUSI Snorkel Diver course in the last twelve months or approved equivalent.

Course:

(a) THEORY:

- (i) Seven Instructor Development Lectures as per the AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor Course Notes:

Session 1: AUSI Philosophy

Session 2: Classroom Presentation

Session 3: Practical Skills Training

Session 4: Ocean Training Dives

Session 5: Professional Responsibilities

*Session 6: Physiology***

*Session 7: Accident Management.***

- (ii) Three home study modules as per the AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor Course Notes:

*Life Support Techniques***

*Basic Seamanship***

*Basic Navigation.***

- (ii) A one and a half hour written examination on snorkelling theory knowledge**.
- (iii) A one and a half hour open book written examination on AUSI Snorkelling Standards and Procedures.
- (iv) Satisfactory completion of the AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor Workbook.
- (v) A minimum of two lesson presentations per the AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor Teaching Guidelines.

(b) PRACTICAL:

- (i) A minimum of two practical skills training presentations as per the AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor Teaching Guidelines.
- (ii) A minimum of one personal skill development session.
- (iii) Fitness tests as outlined in the AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor Teaching Guidelines.
- (iv) Certification breath-hold dive.

(c) OCEAN DIVES:

- (i) A minimum of two practical sessions as per the AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor Teaching Guidelines including the following:
Dive Leaderships and personal skill assessment.

(d) ACCIDENT MANAGEMENT:

- (i) Training and assessment of the following as per the AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor Teaching Guidelines:
Snorkel Rescue and Accident Scenarios.

AUSI SNORKEL DIVER INSTRUCTOR (continued)

Certification Requirements:

- (a) Satisfactory completion of an AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor Course or approved equivalent,
- (b) Agree to follow the appropriate AUSI Procedures, AUSI Standards and AUSI Teaching Guidelines when conducting AUSI Snorkel Programs, and
- (c) Complete an AUSI Professional Registration Form and forward to AUSI Head Office with the relevant documentation, two passport photographs and appropriate fee.

NOTE: The level of certification is determined by candidate's breath-hold diving ability, see Section 1 AUSI Definitions.

Validity of Training & Annual Renewal:

Training and certification is valid for 12 months, and before Annual Renewal an AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor must:

- (a) =Have certified a minimum of four AUSI Snorkel Divers in the previous 24 months or approved equivalent or complete the open book AUSI Snorkelling Standards and Procedures Examination, an instructor who has not been current for over five years must either complete an AUSI Snorkel Instructor Orientation Program or assist on an AUSI Snorkel Diver course, preferably both,
- (b) Satisfactorily complete the fitness tests as outlined in the AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor Teaching Guidelines, these tests can be done "in-house" and must be authenticated by an AUSI Instructor, and
- (c) Complete an AUSI Professional Registration Form and forward to AUSI Head Office with the relevant documentation, two passport photographs, and appropriate fee.

NOTE: AUSI Professionals are reminded that they must ensure that their medical, first aid, CPR and oxygen provider qualifications remain current.

Taught By:

AUSI Snorkel Instructor Trainer or an approved equivalent.

Examined By:

The AUSI Snorkel Instructor Trainer conducting the course.

Maximum Ratios:

- (a) Theory 8:1 or 12:1 with the assistance of an AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor or higher,
- (b) Pool 8:1 or 12:1 with the assistance of an AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor or higher, and
- (c) Ocean 8:1 or 12:1 with the assistance of an AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor or higher.

Instructor Upgrades:

An AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor can upgrade at any time by undergoing a breath-hold certification dive, which shall be assessed by a higher level AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor.

AUSI SNORKEL DIVER INSTRUCTOR TRAINER

Qualification:

- (a) Can train and certify AUSI Snorkel Swimming Instructors, and
- (b) Can train and certify AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructors.

Certification Requirements:

- (a) Be an AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor or higher or an approved equivalent,
- (b) Be certified medically fit to snorkel dive by a medical practitioner,
- (c) Hold a current work place first aid certificate or approved equivalent,
- (d) Hold a current CPR certificate or approved equivalent,
- (e) Hold a current oxygen provider certificate or higher or approved equivalent,
- (f) Have conducted at least two AUSI Snorkel Diver courses and certified at least 10 AUSI Snorkel Divers or approved equivalent,
- (g) Assist on at least one AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor course to the satisfaction of the supervising instructor or approved equivalent,
- (h) Agree to follow the appropriate AUSI Procedures, AUSI Standards and AUSI Teaching Guidelines when conducting AUSI Snorkel Programs, and
- (i) Complete an AUSI Professional Registration Form and forward to AUSI Head Office with the relevant documentation, two passport photographs and appropriate fee.

Validity of Training & Annual Renewal:

Certification is valid for 12 months, and before Annual Renewal an AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor Trainer must:

- (a) Have certified a minimum of four AUSI Snorkel Divers in the previous 24 months or approved equivalent or complete the open book AUSI Snorkelling Standards and Procedures Examination, an instructor who has not been current for over five years must either complete an AUSI Snorkel Instructor Orientation Program or assist on an AUSI Snorkel Diver course, preferably both,
- (b) Satisfactorily complete the fitness tests as outlined in the AUSI Snorkel Instructor Teaching Guidelines, these tests can be done “in-house” and must be authenticated by an AUSI Instructor,
- (c) Have conducted at least one AUSI Snorkel Instructor program in the previous 24 months or approved equivalent, and
- (d)
- (e) (d) Complete an AUSI Professional Registration Form and forward to AUSI Head Office with the relevant documentation, two passport photographs and appropriate fee.

NOTE: AUSI Professionals are reminded that they must ensure that their medical, first aid, CPR and oxygen provider qualifications remain current.

AUSI SNORKEL DIVER INSTRUCTOR ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Prerequisites:

- (a) Be a certified Snorkel Instructor with another recognised agency for at least six months, or approved equivalent,
- (b) Be certified medically fit to snorkel dive by a medical practitioner,
- (c) Hold a current work place first aid certificate or approved equivalent,
- (d) Hold a current CPR certificate or approved equivalent,
- (e) Hold a current oxygen provider certificate or higher or approved equivalent, and
- (f) Shall not be the defendant in any outstanding ethics complaints.

Certification Requirements:

- (a) Complete the AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor Workbook,
- (b) Complete the AUSI Snorkelling Standards and Procedures Examination,
- (c) Satisfactory completion of the AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor fitness tests as laid out in the AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructor Teaching Guidelines including a certification dive,
- (d) Agree to follow the appropriate AUSI Procedures, AUSI Standards and AUSI Teaching Guidelines when conducting AUSI Snorkel Programs, and
- (e) Complete an AUSI Professional Registration Form and forward to AUSI Head Office with the relevant documentation, two passport photographs and appropriate fee.

NOTE: The level of certification is determined by candidate's breath-hold diving ability, see Section 1 AUSI Definitions.

Validity of Training & Annual Renewal:

Training and certification is valid for 12 months, and before Annual Renewal an AUSI Snorkel Diver Instructors must:

- (a) Have certified a minimum of four AUSI Snorkel Divers in the previous 24 months or approved equivalent or complete the open book AUSI Snorkelling Standards and Procedures Examination, an instructor who has not been current for over five years must either complete an AUSI Snorkel Instructor Orientation Program or assist on an AUSI Snorkel Diver course, preferably both,
- (b) Satisfactorily complete the fitness tests as outlined in the AUSI Snorkel Instructor Teaching Guidelines, these tests can be done "in-house" and must be authenticated by an AUSI Instructor, and
- (c)
- (d) Complete an AUSI Professional Registration Form and forward to AUSI Head Office with the relevant documentation, two passport photographs and appropriate fee.