



Excluding the recreational sector, diving is primarily a method of getting to a location that happens to be underwater.

Diving is considered a high hazard activity and diving for work purposes is governed by the Diving

For this Policy the following terms and definitions apply:

Diving: includes all diving work underwater whilst breathing air or other gases at a pressure greater than atmospheric pressure.

Diver: a person at work who dives (for the purposes of this Policy 'at work' includes staff and students carrying out diving projects as part of a University related teaching and research, and where the data obtained from the diving activity goes towards publication with academic or financial value.

Volunteer Divers:

Supplementary Diving: dives undertaken by students in the UK or overseas during which data, images or information may be gathered for use on their own academic project. For example, images obtained whilst participating in a Dive



registration with the HSE, and share relevant information with and seek approval from the University Diving Officer (See Section 6).

A Dive Supervisor must be appointed to oversee each diving project. If one Supervisor cannot safely supervise a diving project the project should be divided into separate diving operations with further Dive Supervisors appointed for each diving operation. Enough Dive Supervisors must be appointed to cover the entire diving project.

Diving Supervisor(s) legally have direct responsibility for the diving project they are supervising and must have appropriate knowledge and qualifications to manage the type of dive undertaken. Experience should encompass the diving equipment, the diving operations in progress, emergency diving procedures, diving physics and physiology and medical aspects of diving. It is essential Dive Supervisor(s) inform the Dive Officer immediately if they have concerns regarding their ability to manage a diving project.

In summary, Dive Supervisors must:

Pre-dive:

- a. Not undertake any diving project until formally appointed, in writing by the Dive Officer.
- b. Notify the School / Service Dive Officer of all relevant diving projects.
- c. Obtain all necessary permits, permissions etc.
- d. Select a Dive Team that has the competence, ability, and fitness to undertake the tasks

Every member of staff and each student diving within the UK and overseas on University related business, must:

- a. Never dive unless they hold appropriate diving qualifications and experience for the diving activity / role they wish to undertake.
- b. Provide evidence they have passed a Medical Examination undertaken by an Approved Medical Examiner of Divers (AMED).
- c. Ensure personal ('owned') dive equipment is inspected and serviced as required with records provided to the Dive Officer / Dive Supervisor on request.
- d. Comply with the requirements of the Project Diving Plan and Dive Risk Assessment.
- e. Follow all instruction from their appointed Dive Officer and Dive Supervisor.
- f. When diving, confirm daily to their Dive Supervisor they are fit to dive and immediately of





