



Micro credential Nitrox Diver Version July 2022

1. Nitrox/ Enriched Air Diver

1.1 Introduction

This course allows the student to develop knowledge and skills to properly use Nitrox/ Enriched Air.

1.2 Who may Teach

An active Instructor that has been trained to teach this specialty.

1.3 Student to Instructor Ratio

Academic

As specified by the agency certifying the Nitrox/ Enriched Air Diver

Confined Water

As specified by the agency certifying the Nitrox/ Enriched Air Diver

Open Water

As specified by the agency certifying the Nitrox/ Enriched Air Diver or a maximum of 6 students per instructor; it is the instructor's discretion to reduce this number as conditions dictate.

1.4 Student Prerequisites

Open Water Scuba Diver or equivalent and current valid medical clearance.

1.5 Course Structure and Duration

Academic Execution

Theory and classroom work required for this micro credential are as specified by the certifying agency but must meet the minimum requirements outlined for 'Enriched Air Nitrox Certification' by the Recreational Scuba Training Council (RSTC).

Confined water execution (pool or pool like conditions)

Not required

Open water execution

Minimum of 2 dives are required under the supervision of a qualified Nitrox/ Enriched Air instructor to completed this micro-credential. The dives must be planned, executed, logged and signed off by the instructor. The gas mixes used on these dives must be between EAN30 to EAN40.

1.6 Administrative Requirements



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Students must be certified by the training agency after the completion of the course

1.7 Training Material and Equipment

As specified by the training agency but must meet or exceed the minimum requirements outlined by the RSTC- Enriched Air Nitrox Scuba Certification.

1.8 Elements of Competency and Performance Criteria

As specified by the training agency but must meet or exceed the minimum requirements outlined by the RSTC- Enriched Air Nitrox Scuba Certification.

1.9 Nitrox Diver Authorisation

Once a diver has completed all the requirements in Section 1.8 they may be authorised by their institution to dive using Nitrox for a period of 12 months, approved by the DCB through the DSO. Submission of documents and participation in aptitude examinations does not automatically result in authorization. To be authorized, the applicant must demonstrate to the DCB, through the DSO, that they are sufficiently skilled and proficient in the diving tasks being undertaken and possess the necessary judgement for their safety and/or that of the dive team. Nitrox authorisation is only active when required certifications are in place and current.

2.0 Maintenance of Currency

Initial authorisation to act as a Nitrox diver is for a period of 12 months. After every subsequent 12 months, the diver must have logged a minimum of 6 dives using Nitrox within the previous 12 months. If the diver has not logged 6 dives in the previous 12 months the DSO must assess the theoretical competency of the diver prior to being authorised again. This would normally be done in the form of a written test.