



General Training Standards, Policies, and Procedures Change Log

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- **2.5 Waivers**

- ~~Added, deleted text~~

- A GUE Instructor Evaluator for the course at issue can waive the *prerequisite 25-dive requirement prerequisite between GUE courses* for their trainees.
 - The Panel of Program Directors can waive the *25-prerequisite dive requirements prerequisite between GUE courses* for all other trainees upon request.

- **3.1.2 Scuba Diver**

- ~~Added text in Land Drills and Topics~~

- *Skin diving techniques*

- ~~Added text in Land Drills and Topics~~

- *Demonstrate proficiency in skin diving*

- **3.1.3 Open Water Diver**

- ~~Added text in Land Drills and Topics~~

- *Skin diving techniques*

- ~~Added text in Land Drills and Topics~~

- *Demonstrate proficiency in skin diving*

- **3.1.7 GUE Basic Fundamentals**

- Deleted duplicate section 3.1.7.5

- Changed, ~~deleted text in Required Dive Skills and Drills~~

- Comfortably demonstrate at least three propulsion techniques that would be appropriate in a delicate and/or silty environment, including comprehension of the components necessary for a successful backward kick and helicopter turn.
 - *Added* text in Required Dive Skills and Drills
 - *Efficiently and comfortably demonstrate how to donate gas to an out-of-gas diver followed by swimming in touch contact.*
- 3.1.8 Navigation Primer
 - Changed text in Prerequisites
 - Be a minimum of 14 years of age[..]
- 3.1.11 Doubles Primer
 - Changed text in Prerequisites
 - Be a minimum of 12 years of age[..]
- 3.1.12 Drysuit Primer
 - Changed text in Prerequisites
 - Be a minimum of 12 years of age[..]
- 3.1.17 Gas Blender
 - *Added, deleted* text in Equipment Requirements
 - Computer with GUE's *Deco Planner or another gas blending Gas Management Program* software package
- 3.2.1 GUE Technical Fundamentals
 - *Added* text in Prerequisites
 - Have conducted at least 25 non-training dives in *the GUE double tank configuration {...}*
 - *Added* text in Equipment Requirements
 - One *corded* primary light and two backup lights
- 3.2.4 Technical Diver Level 3
 - Changed text in Prerequisites
 - Have conducted at least 500 non-training dives [...] at least 25 of these must have been at a depth of at least 230 ft/70 m.
- 3.2.10 Cave Diver Level 1
 - Changed, deleted text in Course Content
 - {...} including ten cave dives that are conducted in at least three different caves⁴⁷ systems

- ~~In this context, caves are considered to be different if they have geographically distinct entrances.~~
- 3.2.11 Cave Diver Level 2
 - Changed, deleted text in Course Content
 - {...} including ten cave dives that are conducted in at least three different caves⁴⁸ systems
 - In this context, caves are considered to be different if they have geographically distinct entrances.
- 4.2.2.1 Assistant Instructor Candidate Development
 - *Added text*
 - Fulfill GUE [General Instructor Candidate Prerequisites \(section 4.3.2.1\)](#) with Open Water and GUE Performance Diver Instructor amendment ([4.3.2.1.1](#)).
 - Hold a GUE Advanced Open Water Diver, GUE Performance Diver, or GUE Fundamentals certification. [...]
- 4.3.2.1.1 Open Water and GUE Performance Diver Instructor Candidate Prerequisites
 - *Added text*
 - All GUE Open Water and GUE Performance Diver instructor candidates must abide by General Instructor Candidate Prerequisites, except:
- 4.3.2.2 General Instructor Candidate Development Process
 - *Added, deleted text*
 - Where two endorsements are required, the first endorsement may be awarded by an Instructor Trainer (IT) or an Instructor Evaluator (IE). This endorsement is earned by collecting a given set of component signatures (i.e., partial endorsements) with different ITs or IEs, which attest to readiness to teach the given curriculum. ~~with the discrete component parts.~~ This ~~may~~ involves a number of evaluative procedures of teaching capacity—e.g., ITC, distance learning, video, sanctioned GUE classes, ~~mock classes (classes in which the students are divers already credentialed in that category), individual (one-on-one) work~~ private testing ~~(one-on-one)~~, etc.
- 4.3.2.2.1 Open Water and GUE Performance Diver Instructor Candidate Development Process
 - Changed, added, deleted text

- Observe¹—as a registered intern—one complete GUE Open Water Diver, GUE Performance Diver, or *GUE Fundamentals*² class, run by an Active GUE instructor who has taught at least five classes in the given curriculum. [...]
- For a GUE instructor candidate to qualify as an Active status GUE instructor, they must be endorsed by a sanctioned GUE representative credentialed for the rating sought. GUE requires that Open Water and *GUE Performance Diver* instructors earn two endorsements, which must come from different GUE representatives as defined below.
- The first endorsement may be awarded by an Instructor Trainer (IT) or an Instructor Evaluator (IE). This endorsement is earned by collecting a given set of component signatures (i.e., partial endorsements) with different ITs or IEs, which attest to readiness to teach the given curriculum. . This involves a number of evaluative procedures of teaching capacity—e.g., ITC, distance learning, video, sanctioned GUE classes, individual (one-on-one) work, etc.
- The final endorsement must be secured from an Instructor Evaluator (IE) but may be conducted under the supervision of an Instructor Trainer (IT).
 1. GUE Performance Diver instructor candidates must conduct one complete and uninterrupted Performance Diver course with at least two students with no previous GUE training.
 - b. Open Water instructor candidates may choose one of the following format options:

Option A

 - Conduct one complete and uninterrupted GUE Discover Diving Program with an actual student who does not possess a scuba diving certification, and
 - Conduct one complete and uninterrupted Performance Diver course with two students with no previous GUE training.

OR

Option B

 - Conduct one actual, complete, and uninterrupted GUE Scuba Diver or GUE Open Water Diver course with at least two students.
- ~~After completion of the final endorsement and activation as a GUE Open Water Diver Instructor, the instructor will be qualified to teach the following courses in the GUE double tank and/or single tank configuration, per their final endorsement evaluation:~~

¹ Observation is required for Open Water Diver instructor candidates only.

² If observing a GUE Technical Fundamentals class, the intern must hold a GUE Technical Fundamentals certification, or a GUE Fundamentals with Technical rating issued under past versions of Standards, plus a certification from a recognized agency to dive to 100 ft/30 m or GUE Deep Primer certification.

- a. ~~The complete GUE open water curriculum (Discover Diving, Scuba Diver, Open Water Diver)~~
- b. ~~GUE Performance Diver~~

- 4.3.3.1 Active Status Instructor & 4.3.3.4 Instructor Status Changes

- Added text

- *For Fundamentals instructors, at least 12 dives must be conducted at or above the Cave 1 or Tech 1 level. The remaining documented dives should be oriented toward enhancing personal skill development.*
 - *For all other technical and cave instructors, {...}*

- 4.3.4.1.2 GUE Performance Diver Instructor to Open Water Diver Instructor Progression

- Added section

- 4.3.4.1.3 Open Water Diver or Performance Diver Instructor to Advanced Open Water Diver Instructor Progression

- Updated title, added text

- *Be an Active status GUE Open Water Diver or Performance Diver instructor.*
 - *Hold a GUE Advanced Open Water Diver certification or hold a certification from a recognized training agency to dive to 100 ft/30 m plus a rescue certification.*

- 4.3.4.1.4 Open Water Diver or Advanced Open Water Diver to Master Diver Instructor Progression

- Added text

- *Be an Active status GUE Open Water Diver or Advanced Open Water instructor.*

- 4.3.4.1.5 GUE Fundamentals, Cave, or Technical Instructor to Open Water Diver, Advanced Open Water Diver, or Master Diver Instructor Progression

- Added, ~~deleted~~ text

- *Have taught at least five actual, complete, and uninterrupted GUE classes, {excluding Gas Blender} (for Master Diver instructor progression only).*

- 4.3.4.1.7 GUE Performance Diver Instructor Progression

- Added section

- 4.3.4.1.8 Open Water Diver or GUE Fundamentals Instructor to GUE Performance Diver Instructor Progression

- Updated title

- 4.3.4.1.9 Navigation, Rescue, or Deep Primer Instructor Progression
 - Added text
 - Hold a GUE Advanced Open Water Diver certification or hold a certification from a recognized training agency to dive to 100 ft/30 m plus a rescue certification.
- 4.3.4.2.2 Open Water Diver or GUE Performance Diver Instructor to GUE Fundamentals Instructor Progression
 - ~~Changed~~, added, ~~deleted~~ text
 - Complete the internship requirement by ~~actively participating~~ observing—as a registered intern—in one complete GUE Fundamentals class ([4.3.2.2, a](#)).
- 4.3.4.2.3 Technical Diver Level 1 Instructor Candidate Curriculum-Specific Prerequisites
 - Added text
 - Provide proof of at least 15 non-training Tech 2 or CCR-T2 dives conducted within the 12 months prior to their final IE (form to be submitted to an IE).
- 4.3.4.2.5 Closed-Circuit Rebreather Technical Diver Level 1 Instructor to Technical Diver Level 1 Instructor Progression
 - Added text
 - Provide proof of at least 15 non-training Tech 2 or CCR-T2 dives conducted within the 12 months prior to their final IE (form to be submitted to an IE).
- 4.3.4.2.12 Closed-Circuit Rebreather Technical Diver Level 2 Instructor Progression
 - Added, ~~deleted~~ text
 - Provide proof of at least 15 non-training CCR-T2 ~~Tech 2~~ dives conducted within the 12 months prior to their IE (dive log to be submitted to an IE). Dives must be conducted in an environment with sea-like conditions.
- 4.3.4.2.15 Cave Diver Level 3 Instructor Progression
 - ~~Deleted~~ text
 - Own a GUE-approved passive semi-closed circuit rebreather or ~~the model of~~ GUE-approved closed-circuit rebreather ~~they intend to teach on~~.
- 4.3.4.2.19 Closed-Circuit Rebreather Cave Diver Instructor Progression
 - Added text
 - Hold a GUE Closed-Circuit Rebreather Cave Diver or GUE Closed-Circuit Rebreather *Technical* Diver Level 2 (Cave) certification.

- 4.4.2.1.1 Recreational Instructor Trainer Candidate Prerequisites
 - ~~Added, deleted text~~
 - Have taught at least fifteen GUE *classes (excluding Gas Blender)*~~recreational, and/or GUE Fundamentals courses~~⁴³
- 4.4.2.1.3 Performance Diver Instructor Trainer Candidate Prerequisites
 - *Added section*
- 4.4.2.1.4 Performance Diver Instructor Trainer Candidate Development Process
 - *Added section*
- 4.5.2.1 Instructor Evaluator Progression
 - *Added text*
 - Submit an Instructor Evaluator (IE) Application Form to GUE's Panel of Program Directors, outlining their reasons for pursuing this rating and their suitability for it, *or be nominated by a Program Director.*