



General Training Standards, Policies, and Procedures

Change Log

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- **1.3.2 Diver Assessment**

Changed underlined text:

These assessments take the form of:

- a. Certification
- b. Provisional rating
- c. Failure

Provisional ratings do not represent any form of GUE accreditation (...)

- **2. GUE Course Training Standards and Procedures**

For all courses, the order of the prerequisites (sections 2.x.x.2) has been modified to make it more logical and consistent over all courses. For some prerequisites, wording has been changed, without change of substance of the prerequisite, unless further specified in the Change Log section of that specific course.

- **2.1.3 Recreational Diver Level 1**

- 2.1.3.1 Course outcomes

Added text:

The Recreational Diver Level 1 diver who has not yet reached the age of 15 years is required to dive under the direct supervision of an adult who has, as a minimum, an autonomous scuba diver certification.

- 2.1.3.8 Required Dive Skills and Drills

Added text:

- i. Demonstrate a comfortable demeanor while swimming without a mask in touch contact, followed by a switch to the backup mask.

- **2.1.4 Recreational Diver Level 2**

- 2.1.4.3 Course Content

Added underlined text:

(...) It requires a minimum of eleven dives (including a dive in reduced ambient light conditions and two triox experience dives) and at least forty hours of instruction, (...)

- 2.1.4.8 Required Dive Skills and Drills

Added text:

- k. Demonstrate proficiency in the use of the primary light, including passive and active communication.
- n. Demonstrate effective navigation using natural references.

- 2.1.4.9 Equipment requirements

Added text:

- a. Drysuit inflation system independent from back gas cylinders (while breathing a helium mixture, if using a drysuit)
- c. One primary reel per team (optional)

- 2.1.5 Recreational Diver Level 3

- 2.1.5.3 Course Content

Changed underlined text:

The Recreational Diver level 3 course is normally conducted over five days. It requires a minimum of eight dives (including two trimix experience dives) and at least forty hours of instruction, (...)

- 2.1.5.9 Equipment Requirements

Added underlined text:

- d. Drysuit inflation system independent from back gas cylinders (while breathing a helium mixture, if using a drysuit)

- 2.2.2 GUE Fundamentals Part 2

- 2.2.2.8 (A) Required Dive Skills and Drills for a GUE Fundamentals - Recreational Rating

Added underlined text:

- k. Demonstrate a comfortable demeanor while swimming without a mask in touch contact, followed by a switch to the backup mask.

- 2.2.2.8 (B) Required Dive Skills and Drills for a GUE Fundamentals - Technical Rating

Added underlined text:

- k. Demonstrate a comfortable demeanor while swimming without a mask in touch contact, followed by a switch to the backup mask.

- 2.2.3 GUE Fundamentals

- 2.2.3.8 (A) Required Dive Skills and Drills for a GUE Fundamentals - Recreational Rating

Added underlined text:

- k. Demonstrate a comfortable demeanor while swimming without a mask in touch contact, followed by a switch to the backup mask.

- 2.2.3.8 (B) Required Dive Skills and Drills for a GUE Fundamentals - Technical Rating

Added underlined text:

- k. Demonstrate a comfortable demeanor while swimming without a mask in touch contact, followed by a switch to the backup mask.

- **2.2.5 Navigation Primer**
 - 2.2.5.8 Required Dive Skills and Drills
Added text:
 - j. Demonstrate proficiency in the use of the primary light, including passive and active communication.
 - 2.2.5.9 Equipment Requirements
Added text:
 - b. One primary reel per team (optional)
- **2.2.6 Triox Primer**
 - 2.2.6.2 Prerequisites
Added underlined text:
 - h. Have completed at least 25 non-training dives beyond either GUE Recreational Diver Level 1 or GUE Fundamentals certification, or be certified by a recognized training agency to dive to 100 ft/30 m, with at least 25 non-training dives beyond autonomous scuba diver certification.
 - 2.2.6.3 Course Content
Changed underlined text:
(...) It requires a minimum of four dives (including two triox experience dives) and at least twelve hours of instruction, (...)
 - 2.2.6.9 Equipment requirements
Changed underlined text:
 - a. Drysuit inflation system independent from back gas cylinders (while breathing a helium mixture, if using a drysuit)
- **2.2.12 Scientific Diver**
 - 2.2.12.3 Course Content
Changed underlined text:
The Scientific Diver course is normally conducted over four days. It requires a minimum of six dives and at least thirty-two hours of instruction, (...)
 - 2.2.12.4 Scientific Diver Specific Training Requirements
Added / changed underlined text:
 - b. Maximum depth of 70 ft/21 m or the limit of the student's certification, whichever is shallower.
- **2.3.1 Technical Diver Level 1**
 - 2.3.1.9 Equipment requirements
Added underlined text:
 - e. Drysuit inflation system independent from back gas cylinders (while breathing a helium mixture, if using a drysuit)
- **Removed section**
 - 2.3.2 Tech 60
- **2.3.2 Technical Diver Level 2**
 - 2.3.2.9 Equipment requirements
Added underlined text:

- g. Drysuit inflation system independent from back gas cylinders (while breathing a helium mixture, if using a drysuit)
- 2.3.5 Closed-Circuit Rebreather Diver Level 1
 - 2.3.5.2 Prerequisites
 - Added text:
 - i. Have completed at least 50 non-training dives in a double tank configuration.
 - 2.3.5.9 Equipment requirements
 - Changed underlined text:
 - f. Drysuit inflation system independent from back gas cylinders (optional). (...)
- 2.3.6 Closed-Circuit Rebreather Diver Level 2
 - 2.3.6.9 Equipment Requirements
 - Added underlined text:
 - i. Drysuit inflation system independent from back gas cylinders (while breathing a helium mixture, if using a drysuit)
- 2.4.1 Cave Diver Level 1
 - 2.4.1.8 Required Dive Skills and Drills
 - Added text:
 - u. Demonstrate proficiency in switching to a backup mask.
- 2.4.4 Cave Sidemount
 - 2.4.4.9 Equipment requirements
 - Removed section:
 - o. Drysuit inflation system independent from back gas cylinders (if using a drysuit; divers may not inflate the drysuit from the sidemount tanks.
- 2.4.5 Diver Propulsion Vehicle Cave
 - 2.4.5.2 Prerequisites
 - Removed crossed out text:
 - g. Be a certified GUE Diver Propulsion Vehicle Level 1 diver ~~or have been issued a waiver from GUE HQ.~~
 - Added text:
 - j. Have completed at least 25 DPV 1 dives beyond GUE Diver Propulsion Vehicle Level 1 certification.
- 2.4.6 Closed-Circuit Rebreather Cave Diver
 - 2.4.6.9 Equipment requirements
 - Changed underlined text:
 - l. Drysuit inflation system independent from back gas cylinders (optional). (...)
- 3.3.2 Instructor Candidate Development
 - 3.3.2.3 Instructor Candidate Development Process
 - Changed underlined text:
 - b. Initiate an Instructor Training Course (section 2.5.3)
- 3.3.4 Instructor Candidate Curriculum-Specific and Progression Prerequisites

- 3.3.4.1.1 Recreational Diver Level 1 Instructor Candidate Curriculum-Specific Prerequisites
 - Added text:
 - g. Have their instructor fitness test witnessed by the qualifying IE, no more than six months prior to instructor activation.
- 3.3.4.2.1 GUE Fundamentals Instructor Candidate Curriculum-Specific Prerequisites
 - Added text:
 - h. Have their instructor fitness test witnessed by the qualifying IE, no more than six months prior to instructor activation.
- 3.3.4.3.1 Technical Diver Level 1 Instructor Candidate Curriculum-Specific Prerequisites
 - Added text:
 - h. Have their instructor fitness test witnessed by the qualifying IE, no more than six months prior to instructor activation.
- Removed section
 - 3.3.4.3.2 Tech 60 Instructor Progression
- 3.3.4.4.1 Cave Diver Level 1 Instructor Candidate Curriculum-Specific Prerequisites
 - Added text:
 - h. Have their instructor fitness test witnessed by the qualifying IE, no more than six months prior to instructor activation.
- 3.3.4.4.5 Cave Sidemount Instructor Progression
 - Changed underlined text:
 - e. Have conducted at least 50 cave dives in a sidemount configuration, in caves where such configuration is generally preferred over backmount.
- 3.5.1 Qualifications
 - Added text:
 - d. Conduct an instructor requalification
 - e. Conduct instructor upgrades
- Appendix A – GUE Base Equipment Configuration
 - Additional Course-Specific Equipment
 - Added underlined text:
 - b. When drysuit inflation systems are applicable, they should be sized appropriately for the environment; small tanks are placed on the left side of the backplate with larger supplies affixed to the diver’s left back gas tank.