

Dear Diver,

OPEN WATER REFERRAL COURSE

Many thanks for signing up for your PADI Open Water Referral course with us. You are now one step closer to join an exclusive group of people who can explore the underwater world. Once qualified you will be able to dive anywhere around the world to 18m.

There are three parts to completing your course:

1. Theory

You should receive your 'PADI Open Water Digital e-learning', by e-mail directly from PADI within 48 hours of signing up to your course (please check your Junk Mail if you haven't received it before contacting us). Once received you can register it using your e-mail address.

You can complete the theory either online via the link sent with the code, or you can download the PADI app on your tablet and phone and work on it offline there. Please note that you will need to go online to submit your scores.

Could you ensure that the knowledge reviews at the end of each of the 5 sections of the theory and exam are completed in time for the pool. Please be aware that the theory normally takes around 10-12 hours to complete but it can be split up in to several sessions – don't leave it until the last minute!

Please bring a copy your knowledge development summary to the pool and hand it to your instructor (this has all of your scores on it). If you do not have a printer then e-mail it to us in advance and we can print it out on your behalf. If you have any technical difficulties then PADI customer services will be glad to assist, you can call them on 0117 300 7234.

*** IMPORTANT ***

Please download and complete the **PADI Liability forms**, **safe diving practices and PADI Medical Forms** and bring them with you on the day. Please note that if you answer 'yes' to any of the questions on the medical statement then we would need a note from your doctor saying that you are okay to dive. If you answer YES to questions 3, 5 or 10 above OR to any of the questions on page 2 of the medical statement, take all three pages of the medical form (Participant Questionnaire and the Physician's Evaluation Form) to your physician for a medical evaluation. Participation in a diving course requires your physician's approval and your instructor cannot let you dive without it.

If you answer 'no' to all of the medical questions then **no note** from a Physician is required.









2. Pool dive

Your instructor will meet you at the swimming pool at Bloxham School at 09:30 and aim to be finished by 14:30, please <u>click here</u> for directions. There is plenty of free parking next to the pool.

Bloxham School, Banbury Road, Banbury OX15 4PE.

There is plenty of free parking, just use any of the car parks and follow the path to the pool. The pool session will show you how to set up your equipment, how to use it and how to become a proficient diver.

What to bring to the pool – PADI forms, e-learning scores, swimwear, towel, plus any diving equipment you may own (we will have everything there anyway so don't worry if you don't).

It's also a good idea to bring a bottle of water as diving can make you thirsty. If you wear contact lenses these can be worn inside your mask but just keep your eyes closed when doing the mask skills!

Once you have completed all of the theory and pool skills your instructor will provide you with a log book. Within your log book contains the "Open Water Referral Form", you will need to show this to the dive centre where you aim to complete the open water dives – DON'T FOREGET IT!

3. Open Water Dives

These can be done at any PADI dive centre around the world and must be completed within 12 months of your pool session. We recommend that you do these within 2-3 months though to keep your new dive skills fresh in your memory.

If you would like to complete your course in the UK with us then just give us a call on 0800 699 0243 or e-mail info@oysterdiving.com. Alternatively our Travel Centre would be glad to provide you with a quote for a holiday or short break.

If you haven't done so already then we do recommend purchasing your own mask, snorkel, boots and fins. These are available through our <u>dive shop</u> and can be bought along to your first pool session.

If you are interested in hearing about any trips we are running, special offers or would like to keep in touch then please like our <u>Facebook page</u>.

Thanks again for booking your course with us and we look forward seeing you soon and starting your underwater adventure.

See you soon,
The Team at Oyster Diving

The UK's premier PADI Diving and Travel Centre



T: 0800 699 0243

E: info@oysterdiving.com www.oysterdiving.com www.oysterdivingshop.com

