



Dear Diver,

OPEN WATER REFERRAL COURSE

Many thanks for signing up for your PADI Open Water course with us.

You are one step closer to joining 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.

*** IMPORTANT ***

Please download and complete the [PADI Liability forms, Statement of Safe Diving Practices and PADI Medical Forms](#) and bring them with you on the day. Please note that [if you answer 'yes' to questions 3, 5 or 10, or any of the questions on page 2 of the medical statement then we would need a note from your doctor saying that you are okay to dive.](#) **If you answer 'yes' and do not have a note from your GP or Diving Medic, then your instructor is not allowed to let you dive.** No note is required if you answer 'no'.

There are three parts to completing your course:

1. Theory

You will receive your 'PADI Open Water Digital e-learning', by e-mail directly from PADI within 48 hours of signing up for 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. Each diver must have an account.

Please make sure to upload a photo of yourself at registration, this is required for your certification.

The Open Water eLearning can be completed on a PC, Mac and Tablet. If using a Tablet, an internet connection will be required to submit the scores. You can use a phone but often the screen size means it is more restrictive and therefore not recommended.



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Please complete sections 1-3 before the first pool session. All theories (Knowledge review, Quizzes and Exams) must be completed before your second pool session. Please be aware that the theory can take up to 12 hours to complete but it can be split up into several sessions – don't leave it until the last minute!

Please bring a copy of your "eRecord" to the second pool session and hand it to your instructor (this has all of your scores on it). If you do not have a printer, [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.

2. Pool dives

Timings:

19:00 to 19:30 – Registration at the reception of [Marshall Street Leisure Centre](#)
Please don't change or enter the pool until you have signed in.

19:30 to 20:00 – Pool side briefing and equipment set up. (Week 1 Swim tests)

20:00 to 21:30 – In-water training

21:30 to 22:00 – Log book completion with the instructor (Week 3)

You are automatically enrolled on the 2nd and 3rd pool sessions, please note these sessions start slightly later 7.15 pm, but please confirm with your instructor the week before. If you are unable to complete consecutive Tuesdays, please give us as much advance notice as possible.

If you change your course dates within 3 – 6 working days, you will be charged a £25 rebooking fee. If you provide less than 2 working days' notice, then you will be charged a £50 rebooking fee as we are unable to either cancel your instructor or fill your space.

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 (first week only), e-learning scores (2nd week only), swimwear, towel, a small padlock (these can be purchased from the pool for £3-5) and 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! You can order a mask with prescription lenses at an additional cost, please just get in touch if you would like further details.

3. Open Water Dives

If you have booked the full course with us then you will receive a second booking confirmation by e-mail that will have separate course details for the open water dives.

For Referral Students Only (theory & pool and complete the training dives abroad). Completion dives (Part B) 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 to keep your new dive skills fresh in your memory. Your instructor will give you the referral form inside your logbook at the end of the final pool session. If you would like to complete your course in the UK with Oyster. Please give us a call at 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, we do recommend purchasing a mask, snorkel, boots, and fins. These are available through our [dive shop](#) and can be delivered to your address or any pool or lake session.

We receive many questions about "should I own my own equipment" so to make it easy we have written a [short blog to help you](#).

If you are interested in hearing about any trips we are running, or special offers please like our [Facebook page](#).

Thanks again for booking your course with us and we look forward to 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

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