



PADI Open Water Referral Course

Brighton pool session details

Important: please read before your session

This document explains what to complete before you arrive, what to bring, where to go and what happens next.

Dear Diver,

Thank you for booking your PADI Open Water course with Oyster Diving. You are one step closer to exploring the underwater world. Once qualified, you will be able to dive around the world to a maximum depth of 18 metres.

Your pre-course checklist

- Download the PADI App and register for a PADI account.
- Download, print and complete the required PADI forms:
 - Medical Questionnaire
 - Liability Release Form
 - [Safe Diving Practices Form](#)
- Complete your PADI Open Water eLearning before your pool session.
- Bring your eRecord, completed forms, swimwear, towel and water bottle to the pool.

Medical note

If you answer **Yes** to questions 3, 5 or 10 on page 1, or to any question on page 2 of the medical statement, you must bring a signed note from your doctor confirming that you are fit to dive. Without this note, your instructor cannot allow you to dive. If you answer **No** to all questions, no GP note is required.

Need a dive medical? You can find details of dive medics [here](#).

How your course works

There are three parts to the course:



Part	What happens	What you need to do
1. Theory	PADI Open Water Digital eLearning	Complete all sections before your pool session and bring your eRecord.
2. Pool dives (Part A)	Skills training at Prince Regent Swimming Complex, Brighton	Attend the session, complete swim tests and pool skills.
3. Open Water dives (Part B)	Training dives after the pool session	Full-course students receive separate details. Referral students complete Part B at any PADI dive centre worldwide.

1. Theory: PADI eLearning

You will receive your PADI Open Water Digital eLearning by email directly from PADI within 2 working days of signing up. Please check your junk or spam folder before contacting us.

- Register using your own email address – please do not use a parents e-mail address if you have booked for your child! Each diver must have their own PADI account.
- Upload a photo during registration. This is required for certification.
- Complete every eLearning section before your pool session. The theory can take up to 12 hours, but it can be split over multiple sessions. You don't need to do the RDP sections but you might find it useful and interesting if you do.
- Use a PC, Mac or tablet where possible. Phones can be used, but the small screen makes this less practical.
- Bring a copy of your eRecord to the pool session and give it to your instructor.

If you cannot print your eRecord, email it to info@oysterdiving.com before your session and we can print it for you.

For eLearning technical issues, contact **PADI Customer Services on 0117 300 7234**. For help redeeming your online learning, see our [step-by-step guide](#).

2. Pool dives: Part A

Pool address

Brighton Swimming Centre, Eastern Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN2 5JJ.

Time	Activity
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10:00 - 10:15	Registration at reception with an Oyster instructor
10:15 - 11:00	Poolside briefing, equipment set-up and swim tests
11:00 - 15:00	In-water training with a short break
15:00 - 15:30	Logbook completion with your instructor

What to bring to the pool

- Completed PADI forms
- eLearning scores / eRecord
- Swimwear and towel
- Any personal diving equipment you own (Oyster Diving provides all required kit)
- Bottle of water
- Small padlock for the changing-room lockers

Rebooking fees

Notice given	Fee
3-6 working days	£30 rebooking fee
Less than 2 working days	£70 rebooking fee

These fees apply because instructors are scheduled in advance and course spaces are limited.

Contact lenses and prescription masks

Contact lenses can be worn inside your mask. Keep your eyes closed during mask-removal skills. Prescription-lens masks are available at an additional cost.

Please [contact us](#) for details, or view prescription-lens masks in our [dive shop](#).

3. Open Water dives: Part B

If you have booked the full course with Oyster Diving, you will receive a second booking confirmation by email with separate details for your open water dives.

Referral students only

This section applies if you are completing the theory and pool training with Oyster Diving, then completing your training dives abroad or with another PADI dive centre.



- Completion dives can be done at any PADI dive centre worldwide.
- They must be completed within 12 months of your pool session.
- We recommend completing them within 2-3 months while your skills are fresh.
- Your instructor will complete a referral form inside your logbook at the end of the pool session.

Do not lose your logbook with the referral form

The referral form is not stored online. A £25 admin fee applies if we need to recreate it and email a replacement.

To complete your course in the UK with Oyster Diving, call 0800 699 0243 or email info@oysterdiving.com. Our [Travel Centre](#) can also provide a quote for a holiday or short break where you can complete your course.

Recommended equipment

If you have not done so already, we recommend purchasing a mask, snorkel, boots and fins. These can be delivered to your address or brought to a pool or lake session.

Browse the [Oyster Diving Shop](#), or read our short blog: [Should I buy my own diving equipment?](#)

To hear about trips and special offers, follow us on [Facebook](#).

Thank you again for booking your course with Oyster Diving. We look forward to seeing you soon and starting your underwater adventure.

See you soon,
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Brighton Pool Directions



Address:

Brighton Swimming Centre, Eastern Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN2 5JJ.

By Car:

From A23 - Approaching Brighton along the A23 drive south following signs to the City Centre. Pass St. Peter's Church on your right and continue to the traffic lights opposite the Royal Pavilion. Turn left at these lights on to Edward Street. Continue straight on and the road automatically becomes Eastern Road. Pass the Royal Sussex County Hospital Complex and the centre is 200m beyond this point on your left. Access is via Brighton College Pre Prep School's main gate.

From A259 (coast road) – Follow signs for the Royal Sussex County Hospital. If travelling from the West, pass the hospital and the centre is 200m beyond this point on your left. If travelling from the East the centre is 200m before the hospital complex on your right. Access is via Brighton College Pre Prep School's main gate.



Once on the grounds the swimming pool is sign posted.

Parking:

Parking is permitted on-site for swimming lessons from the late afternoon onwards – however this can be limited and we would advise parking on nearby streets first. Please be aware you park at your own risk, we can't be liable for any damage or theft. Parking is also allowed on the entrance road leading up to the swimming pool next to Brighton College on the below days:

Monday, Thursday, Friday: from 16:00

Tuesday: from 16:30

Saturday and Sunday: all day

If you can't find a space, there is on-street parking that is only a £1 for 1 hour. This is reasonable compared to other streets around Brighton. There is also Wilsons avenue in Whitehawk that is free, which is about a 10 minute walk to the centre.

By Train/Bus:

There is a bus stop directly outside the Centre's grounds and a number of services stop there: 1, 1A, 1B, 7, 14B, 14C, 25C, 37, 37B, 40X, 47, 52, 57, 71, 73, 90, 94A, N7, N99. Please be aware these may be subject to change.

The nearest train station to Brighton Swimming Centre is Brighton Station. From the station the number 7 bus stops directly outside the Centre.