



# Diver Medical | Participant Questionnaire

Recreational scuba diving and freediving requires good physical and mental health. There are a few medical conditions which can be hazardous while diving, listed below. Those who have, or are predisposed to, any of these conditions, should be evaluated by a physician. This Diver Medical Participant Questionnaire provides a basis to determine if you should seek out that evaluation. If you have any concerns about your diving fitness not represented on this form, consult with your physician before diving. If you are feeling ill, avoid diving. If you think you may have a contagious disease, protect yourself and others by not participating in dive training and/or dive activities. References to "diving" on this form encompass both recreational scuba diving and freediving. This form is principally designed as an initial medical screen for new divers, but is also appropriate for divers taking continuing education. For your safety, and that of others who may dive with you, answer all questions honestly.

## Directions

**Complete this questionnaire as a prerequisite to a recreational scuba diving or freediving course.**

**Note to women:** If you are pregnant, or attempting to become pregnant, *do not dive*.

1. I have had problems with my lungs/breathing, heart, blood, or have been diagnosed with COVID-19.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Box A	No <input type="checkbox"/>
2. I am over 45 years of age.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Box B	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3. I struggle to perform moderate exercise (for example, walk 1.6 kilometer/one mile in 14 minutes or swim 200 meters/yards without resting), OR I have been unable to participate in a normal physical activity due to fitness or health reasons within the past 12 months.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4. I have had problems with my eyes, ears, or nasal passages/sinuses.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Box C	No <input type="checkbox"/>
5. I have had surgery within the last 12 months, OR I have ongoing problems related to past surgery.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
6. I have lost consciousness, had migraine headaches, seizures, stroke, significant head injury, or suffer from persistent neurologic injury or disease.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Box D	No <input type="checkbox"/>
7. I am currently undergoing treatment (or have required treatment within the last five years) for psychological problems, personality disorder, panic attacks, or an addiction to drugs or alcohol; or, I have been diagnosed with a learning disability.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Box E	No <input type="checkbox"/>
8. I have had back problems, hernia, ulcers, or diabetes.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Box F	No <input type="checkbox"/>
9. I have had stomach or intestine problems, including recent diarrhea.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Box G	No <input type="checkbox"/>
10. I am taking prescription medications (with the exception of birth control or anti-malarial drugs other than mefloquine/Lariam).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>

## Participant Signature

**If you answered NO** to all 10 questions above, a medical evaluation is not required. Please read and agree to the participant statement below by signing and dating it.

**Participant Statement:** I have answered all questions honestly, and understand that I accept responsibility for any consequences resulting from any questions I may have answered inaccurately or for my failure to disclose any existing or past health conditions.

Participant Signature (or, if a minor, participant's parent/guardian signature required.)

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Participant Name (Print)

Birthdate (dd/mm/yyyy)

Instructor Name (Print)

Facility Name (Print)

\* **If you answered YES** to questions 3, 5 or 10 above **OR** to any of the questions on page 2, please read and agree to the statement above by signing and dating it **AND take all three pages of this 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.

Participant Name

(Print)

Birthdate

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

**Diver Medical** | Participant Questionnaire Continued**Box A – I have/have had:**

Chest surgery, heart surgery, heart valve surgery, stent placement, or a pneumothorax (collapsed lung).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Asthma, wheezing, severe allergies, hay fever or congested airways within the last 12 months that limits my physical activity/exercise.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
A problem or illness involving my heart such as: angina, chest pain on exertion, heart failure, Immersion pulmonary edema, heart attack or stroke, OR am taking medication for any heart condition.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Recurrent bronchitis and currently coughing within the past 12 months, OR have been diagnosed with emphysema.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
A diagnosis of COVID-19.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>

**Box B – I am over 45 years of age AND:**

I currently smoke or inhale nicotine by other means.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
I have a high cholesterol level.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
I have high blood pressure.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
I have had a close blood relative die suddenly of cardiac disease or stroke before the age of 50, OR have a family history of heart disease before age 50 (including abnormal heart rhythms, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathy).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>

**Box C – I have/have had:**

Sinus surgery within the last 6 months.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Ear disease or ear surgery, hearing loss, or problems with balance.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Recurrent sinusitis within the past 12 months.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Eye surgery within the past 3 months.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>

**Box D – I have/have had:**

Head injury with loss of consciousness within the past 5 years.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Persistent neurologic injury or disease.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Recurring migraine headaches within the past 12 months, or take medications to prevent them.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Blackouts or fainting (full/partial loss of consciousness) within the last 5 years.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Epilepsy, seizures, or convulsions, OR take medications to prevent them.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>

**Box E – I have/have had:**

Behavioral health, mental or psychological problems requiring medical/psychiatric treatment.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Major depression, suicidal ideation, panic attacks, uncontrolled bipolar disorder requiring medication/psychiatric treatment.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Been diagnosed with a mental health condition or a learning/developmental disorder that requires ongoing care.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
An addiction to drugs or alcohol requiring treatment within the last 5 years.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>

**Box F – I have/have had:**

Recurrent back problems in the last 6 months that limit my everyday activity.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Back or spinal surgery within the last 12 months.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Diabetes, either insulin- or diet-controlled, OR gestational diabetes within the last 12 months.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
An uncorrected hernia that limits my physical abilities.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Active or untreated ulcers, problem wounds, or ulcer surgery within the last 6 months.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>

**Box G – I have had:**

Ostomy surgery and do not have medical clearance to swim or engage in physical activity.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Dehydration requiring medical intervention within the last 7 days.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Active or untreated stomach or intestinal ulcers or ulcer surgery within the last 6 months.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Frequent heartburn, regurgitation, or gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Active or uncontrolled ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Bariatric surgery within the last 12 months.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>

# Diver Medical | Physician's Evaluation Form

Participant Name

(Print)

Birthdate

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

**The above-named person requests your opinion of his/her medical suitability to participate in recreational scuba diving or freediving training or activity. Please visit [uhms.org](http://uhms.org) for medical guidance on medical conditions as they relate to diving. Review the areas relevant to your patient as part of your evaluation.**

## Evaluation Result

- Approved – I find no conditions that I consider incompatible with recreational scuba diving or freediving.
- Not approved – I find conditions that I consider incompatible with recreational scuba diving or freediving.

Physician's Signature

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Physician's Name

(Print)

Specialty

Clinic/Hospital

Address

Phone

Email

Physician/Clinic Stamp (optional)

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**GENERAL TRAINING**

(EU Version)

Please read carefully and fill in all blanks before signing

**Non-Agency Disclosure and Acknowledgment Agreement**

I understand and agree that PADI Members ("Members"), including \_\_\_\_\_ store/resort \_\_\_\_\_ and/or any individual PADI Instructors and Divemasters associated with the program in which I am participating, are licensed to use various PADI Trademarks and to conduct PADI training, but are not agents, employees or franchisees of PADI EMEA Ltd., PADI Americas, Inc., or its parent, subsidiary and affiliated corporations ("PADI"). I further understand that Member business activities are independent, and are neither owned nor operated by PADI, and that while PADI establishes the standards for PADI diver training programs, it is not responsible for, nor does it have the right to control, the operation of the Members' business activities and the day-to-day conduct of PADI programs and supervision of divers by the Members or their associated staff.

**Statement of Risk and Liability**

This is a statement in which you are informed of the risks of skin and scuba diving. The statement also sets out the circumstances in which you participate in the diving programme at your own risk.

Your signature on this statement is required as proof that you have received and read this statement. It is important that you read the contents of this statement before signing it. If you do not understand anything contained in this statement, then please discuss it with your instructor. If you are a minor, this form must also be signed by a parent or guardian.

**Warning**

Skin and scuba diving have inherent risks which may result in serious injury or death.

Diving with compressed air involves certain inherent risks; decompression sickness, embolism or other hyperbaric injury can occur that require treatment in a recompression chamber. Open water diving trips that are necessary for training and for certification, may be conducted at a site that is remote, either by time or distance or both, from such a recompression chamber. Skin and scuba diving are physically strenuous activities and you will be exerting yourself during this diving programme. You must advise truthfully and fully inform the dive professionals and the facility through which this programme is offered of your medical history.

**Acceptance of Risk**

I understand and agree that neither the dive professionals conducting this programme, \_\_\_\_\_ instructor(s) \_\_\_\_\_, nor the facility through which this programme is conducted, \_\_\_\_\_ store/resort \_\_\_\_\_, nor PADI EMEA Ltd., nor PADI Americas, Inc. nor their affiliate or subsidiary corporations, nor any of their respective employees, officers, agents, contractors or assigns accept any responsibility for any death, injury or other loss suffered by me to the extent that it result from my own conduct or any matter or condition under my control that amounts to my own contributory negligence.

In the absence of any negligence or other breach of duty by the dive professionals conducting this programme, \_\_\_\_\_ instructor(s) \_\_\_\_\_, the facility through which this programme is offered, \_\_\_\_\_ store/resort \_\_\_\_\_, PADI EMEA Ltd., PADI Americas, Inc. and all parties referred to above, my participation in this diving programme is entirely at my own risk.

I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS NON-AGENCY DISCLOSURE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT AGREEMENT AND STATEMENT OF RISK AND LIABILITY BY READING BOTH BEFORE SIGNING THESE STATEMENTS.

Participant Name (Please Print)

Participant Signature

Signature of Parent/Guardian (where applicable)

Date (Day/Month/Year)

Date (Day/Month/Year)



## Standard Safe Diving Practices Statement of Understanding

Please read carefully before signing.

This is a statement in which you are informed of the established safe diving practices for skin and scuba diving. These practices have been compiled for your review and acknowledgement and are intended to increase your comfort and safety in diving. Your signature on this statement is required as proof that you are aware of these safe diving practices. Read and discuss the statement prior to signing it. If you are a minor, this form must also be signed by a parent or guardian.

I, , understand that as a diver I should:

1. Maintain good mental and physical fitness for diving. Avoid being under the influence of alcohol or dangerous drugs when diving. Keep proficient in diving skills, striving to increase them through continuing education and reviewing them in controlled conditions after a period of diving inactivity, and refer to my course materials to stay current and refresh myself on important information.
2. Be familiar with my dive sites. If not, obtain a formal diving orientation from a knowledgeable, local source. If diving conditions are worse than those in which I am experienced, postpone diving or select an alternate site with better conditions. Engage only in diving activities consistent with my training and experience. Do not engage in cave or technical diving unless specifically trained to do so.
3. Use complete, well-maintained, reliable equipment with which I am familiar; and inspect it for correct fit and function prior to each dive. Have a buoyancy control device, low-pressure buoyancy control inflation system, submersible pressure gauge and alternate air source and dive planning/monitoring device (dive computer, RDP/dive tables—whichever you are trained to use) when scuba diving. Deny use of my equipment to uncertified divers.
4. Listen carefully to dive briefings and directions and respect the advice of those supervising my diving activities. Recognize that additional training is recommended for participation in specialty diving activities, in other geographic areas and after periods of inactivity that exceed six months.
5. Adhere to the buddy system throughout every dive. Plan dives – including communications, procedures for reuniting in case of separation and emergency procedures – with my buddy.
6. Be proficient in dive planning (dive computer or dive table use). Make all dives no decompression dives and allow a margin of safety. Have a means to monitor depth and time underwater. Limit maximum depth to my level of training and experience. Ascend at a rate of not more than 18 metres/60 feet per minute. Be a **SAFE** diver – **Slowly Ascend From Every** dive. Make a safety stop as an added precaution, usually at 5 metres/15 feet for three minutes or longer.
7. Maintain proper buoyancy. Adjust weighting at the surface for neutral buoyancy with no air in my buoyancy control device. Maintain neutral buoyancy while underwater. Be buoyant for surface swimming and resting. Have weights clear for easy removal, and establish buoyancy when in distress while diving. Carry at least one surface signaling device (such as signal tube, whistle, mirror).
8. Breathe properly for diving. Never breath-hold or skip-breathe when breathing compressed air, and avoid excessive hyperventilation when breath-hold diving. Avoid overexertion while in and underwater and dive within my limitations.
9. Use a boat, float or other surface support station, whenever feasible.
10. Know and obey local dive laws and regulations, including fish and game and dive flag laws.

**I understand the importance and purposes of these established practices. I recognize they are for my own safety and well-being, and that failure to adhere to them can place me in jeopardy when diving.**

Participant's Signature

Date (Day/Month/Year)

Signature of Parent or Guardian (where applicable)

Date (Day/Month/Year)