

# Recognition of PADI and EFR courses in New Zealand

New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) has been established by the New Zealand government to coordinate an accessible and flexible qualification system that meets New Zealand and internationally recognised standards. NZQA manages the accreditation and approval of nationally recognised courses.

PADI Open Water Diver, Advanced Open Water Diver and Rescue Diver certification receive credit towards National Certificate in Diving: Foundation Skills. PADI Divemaster and Open Water Scuba Instructor qualifications may receive credit towards Diploma in Professional Scuba Instruction (level 5) or National Certificate in Diving: Leadership (level 4).

Private Training Establishment (PTE) – This network of education service providers registered and accredited by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) to deliver numerous diving units, from recreational to leadership, from the National Qualification's Framework. Access for PADI divers to the qualifications framework is provided through the Private Training Establishment network.

Student divers enrolling with a PTE are able to access government assistance through the New Zealand student loan scheme. Eligible students are therefore able to fund their professional PADI training with a student loan and are expected to participate, complete the qualification and seek a positive outcome including employment.

Emergency First Response (EFR) Primary & Secondary Care, Care for Children and CPR&AED programs are recognised throughout New Zealand (and accepted as basic first aid training by [Maritime New Zealand](#)) provided the training was conducted at a Private Training Establishment (PTE) and competency assessed meeting OSH/NZQA unit standard 6400, 6401, 6402 (or 6400, 26551, 26522 or equivalent / most recent unit standards).

For further information on available programs, eligibility of government assistance or Private Training Establishment network members, visit NZQA web site: [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz).