

# Career Development Programs - FAQ

#### What we do?

Octopus Career Development Programs are a unique experience, offering the best possible foundation to the dive industry. The Program is essentially an internship that provides you with a real'hands on' educational experience which ensures that not only do you gain the best training and qualifications but also the confidence and ability to utilise them fully.

We produce experienced instructors who have a complete understanding of the industry. Not only do you get your PADI certifications, we will also guide you through areas including Dive Centre operations, equipment maintenance and repair, operation and maintenance of dive boats and compressors, emergency management, oxygen provision and marine injuries. Not every aspect is wrapped up in a course but as we are a PADI 5 Star IDC Center it all happens here, if you want to be involved then it's available. The more time you put into the program the more you learn.

#### What's an IDC?

The PADI **Instructor Development Course (IDC)** is a 10 day program combining the Assistant Instructor (AI) and Open Water Scuba Instructor (OWSI) syllabus to develop your classroom, confined and open water teaching abilities. The course prepares the candidate for the 2 day Instructor Examination (IE) which follows the IDC.

#### Who we are?

PADI five star dive center and shop on Mallorca's rugged and rocky Tramontana coast, a Unesco World Heritage spot. We dive every day out of the historic Port de Soller in the crystal clear waters where the mountains meet the Mediterranean. We offer dives on walls and reefs, where you can find a wide variety of marine life such as barracudas, octopus, morays, wrasses, amberjacks, groupers, sponges, hard corals, soft corals...

# What do you get?

Leave with an internationally recognised professional qualification backed by real experience, around 100+ amazing dives and great memories of an incredible experience.

# Why should you do it?

Becoming a dive Instructor makes you a desirable asset to any dive shop, opening up a world of travel and employment opportunity.

# What do you do?

You get practical hands on real experience as an instructor. Attain real leadership skills and confidence from the knowledge you can handle real responsibility.

Lead dive and teach PADI programs to student divers. Assist in the retail shop, compressor room and boat operations as required. We start you with Team Teaching with a more experienced Instructor until you are ready to go solo. Most newly qualified instructors stay on with us for several months gaining valuable experience on the whole collection of PADI courses from Discover Scuba Diving to Dive Master.

Instructor phase candidates also have the opportunity to act as both 'Head Instructor' and 'Boat Supervisor' providing management experience whilst learning how to co-ordinate and schedule courses, handle administration and logistics. We also assist with job placement and CV development ensuring that you find the position that suits your new skill set.

# What do you need?

## Equipment

As a dive professional it's time to own the tools of the trade.

Candidates must have their own dive equipment including a Dive Computer, Compass & Lamp.

To assist you we offer brand new Aqualung equipment at unbeatable prices. We also have great deals on ex-rental equipment.

#### What's it Cost?

All Octopus tuition, PADI required materials, accommodation & utilities, profesional diving & liability insurance and dives are INCLUDED.

# PADI Registration Fees NOT INCLUDED (aprox. 1200€)



<sup>\*</sup>This Package allows you to stay an extra 3 months working as Instructor for us, and it's a PAID POSITION.

## **Accommodation**

Is very expensive and difficult to find, but we can assist. We offer twin shared rooms in a private house. Electricity and water are included. You are also free to find your own accommodation.

#### **Finance**

Whilst all your accommodation needs are provided, remember there is no income during this program. Please budget accordingly for meals, transportation and socialising.

#### When does it start?

May 2024 - August 2024

# Do you get any time off?

Experience candidates get one day off every week and the day shifts are usually 8 hours.

## What is next?

We are also frequently asked by other dive centres owners around the world for available instructors trained by us, and we will put you in contact with them before you finish your program.

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