

Frequently Asked Questions

What do I need to do for recertification?

Public Safety Diver

- Complete Annual Watermanship Test within the last 12 months
- Complete Annual SCUBA Skills Review within the last 12 months
- Log at least 18 dives the last 3-year period. (6 dives must be in the last 12 months, and 1 pool dive per year is allowed)
- Purchase recertification, take and pass online exam
- Submit to the DRI records department:
 - Complete PSD Recertification Acknowledgement
 - Proof of logged dives
 - Digital photo / selfie for new wallet card

Dive Rescue Specialist

- Complete Annual Watermanship Test within the last 12 months
- Complete Annual SCUBA Skills Review within the last 12 months
- Log at least 18 dives the last 3-year period. (6 dives must be in the last 12 months, and 1 pool dive per year is allowed)
- Purchase a recertification, take and pass online exam
- Submit to the DRI records department:
 - Complete DRI Recertification Acknowledgement
 - Proof of logged dives

Ice Rescue Trainer

- Teach or co-teach at least one PSD Program within the 3-year certification program
- Purchase a recertification, take and pass online exam
- Submit to the DRI records department:
 - A signed copy of the most current IRT:
 - Standards and Agreements
 - Statement of Understanding
 - Liability Release and Express Assumption of Risk
 - A current Surface Rescue Program Medical Statement
 - Department Sponsorship / Insurance Coverage Letter
 - Proof of current CPR
 - Proof of current First Aid training or EMT or Paramedic certification
 - Any outstanding Student Rosters, EAPs, and Student Record Submission Forms

Swiftwater Rescue Trainer

- Teach or co-teach at least one PSD Program within the 3-year certification program
- Purchase a recertification, take and pass online exam
- Submit to the DRI records department:
 - A signed copy of the most current SWRT:
 - Standards and Agreements
 - Statement of Understanding
 - Liability Release and Express Assumption of Risk
 - A current Surface Rescue Program Medical Statement
 - Department Sponsorship / Insurance Coverage Letter
 - Proof of current CPR
 - Proof of current First Aid training or EMT or Paramedic certification
 - Any outstanding Student Rosters, EAPs, and Student Record Submission Forms

Public Safety Scuba Instructor

- Teach or co-teach at least one PSD Program within the 3-year certification program
- Complete Annual Watermanship Test within the last 12 months
- Complete Annual SCUBA Skills Review within the last 12 months
- Log at least 18 dives the last 3-year period. (6 dives in the last 12 months, and 1 pool dive per year is allowed)
- Purchase a recertification, take and pass online exam
- Submit to the DRI Records Department:
 - Signed copy of the most current PSSI:
 - Standards and Agreements
 - Statement of Understanding
 - Liability Release and Express Assumption of Risk
 - A current RSTC Medical Statement, signed by a physician
 - Department Sponsorship / Insurance Coverage Letter
 - Proof of current CPR
 - Proof of current First Aid Training, or EMT or Paramedic certification
 - Digital photo / selfie for new wallet card
 - Proof of logged dives
 - Any outstanding Student Rosters and EAPs

Dive Rescue One Trainer

- Teach or co-teach at least one PSD Program within the 3-year certification program
- Completed Annual Watermanship Test within the last 12 months
- Completed Annual SCUBA Skills Review within the last 12 months
- Purchase a recertification, take and pass online exam
- Submit to DRI Records Department:
 - Signed copy of the most current DRIT:
 - Standards and Agreements
 - Statement of Understanding
 - Liability Release and Express Assumption of Risk
 - A current RSTC Medical Statement, signed by a physician
 - Department Sponsorship / Insurance Coverage Letter
 - Proof of current CPR
 - Proof of current First Aid Training, or EMT or Paramedic certification
 - Digital photo / selfie for new wallet card
 - Any outstanding Student Rosters and EAPs

How many classes do I need to teach to recertify?

In order to complete a trainer recertification, one class must be taught every three years or since your last recertification. A refresher class would also count towards your recertification. For a refresher class, student kits do not need to be ordered. Each student can use the class material from their original certification. A Class Roster will still need to be turned into Dive Rescue International. Be sure to check “refresher class” at the top of the Class Roster, and please use Dive Rescue international fillable .PDF rosters only.

What paperwork must be submitted to Dive Rescue International after I teach a class?

Within 10 days following completion of training submit:

Diving classes - a Class Roster and Emergency Action Plan.

Ice Rescue - a Student Record Submission Form, Class Roster, and EAP

Refresher classes – an EAP needs to be turned in if there was an in-water portion of the class

Swiftwater - a Student Record Submission Form, Class Roster, and EAP

There are 2 of us (instructors) can we teach the same class/refresher?

Yes, multiple instructors may get credit for teaching a class. Each instructor must be heavily involved in the class and share responsibilities equally. Be sure to put each instructor on the Class Roster before returning it to Dive Rescue International.

How many students can I have in my class?

The number of students varies based on the class and number of Instructors. The Trainer Standards for each class list this information.

People from my neighboring department want to attend. Can they?

Their department must be part of a mutual aid agreement with your department or included in the trainer's department sponsorship letter. In that case, the trainer's department would be responsible to cover their liability insurance. This must be completed and submitted to Dive Rescue International before the class is held.

Can I charge a neighboring department for my time?

No. The only cost for each student to attend a Dive Rescue International Class at your department would be the cost of the Student Kit. If you would like each individual department to pay for their own Student Kits, they will need to contact us directly and be able to give us the Trainer's name for the class.

Can I teach for money or profit? Can I freelance any Dive Rescue International training, or use any Dive Rescue International materials, logo, or my association with them for profit? Can I train individuals at private academies or schools? Can I use Dive Rescue International student materials or recertification materials and make classes of my own? Can I instruct this material to anyone not directly affiliated with a public safety agency?

No. You can't.