



The International Marine
Contractors Association

Dive Technician Training



The International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA) is the international trade association representing offshore, marine and underwater engineering companies.

IMCA promotes improvements in quality, health, safety, environmental and technical standards through the publication of information notes, codes of practice and by other appropriate means.

There are two core committees that relate to all members:

- ◆ Safety, Environment & Legislation
- ◆ Training, Certification & Personnel Competence

The Association is organised through four distinct divisions, each covering a specific area of members' interests: Diving, Marine, Offshore Survey, Remote Systems & ROV.

There are also four regional sections which facilitate work on issues affecting members in their local geographic area – Americas Deepwater, Asia-Pacific, Europe & Africa and Middle East & India.

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Dive Technician Training

It is the responsibility of employers to ensure that personnel are correctly trained in the maintenance and operation of equipment and systems in order to ensure competence.

Two grades of Technician are proposed:

a) Technician

Technicians will normally hold a formal qualification awarded by a recognised national body in one of the following subjects:

- Radio, Television and Electronics Servicing and Mechanics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Hydraulic Engineering
- Electrical Installation
- Motor Vehicle Engineering
- Agricultural Machinery Maintenance and Repair
- Marine Engineering
- Electrical Power Technician
- Plumbing
- Shipbuilding
- Telecommunications

or

hold a University Degree in Engineering

or

have completed a recognised Trade Apprenticeship in a relevant trade.

b.i) Senior Technician (All Systems)

To qualify as a Senior Technician (All Systems), a suitably trained mechanical, electrical or hydraulic (qualified in accordance with a) above) Technician will normally have logged at least 300 days working on diving systems offshore, at least 150 days of which must have been spent working on saturation diving systems.

b.ii) Senior Technician (Surface Supplied Only)

To qualify as a Senior Technician (Surface Supplied Only), a suitably trained mechanical, electrical or hydraulic (qualified in accordance with a) above) Technician will normally have logged at least 300 days working on diving systems offshore, none of which or fewer than 150 days of which will have been spent working on saturation diving systems.

N.B.

All personnel will be required to undergo a suitable period of familiarisation to ensure competence to undertake the work for which he/she will be employed.

The days noted above may be gained anywhere in the world so long as they are properly authenticated by the Equipment manager, Personnel manager or equivalent person from a Signatory Company (or one of their associated companies) in the individual's personal Technician's Log Book.