

Course Terms and Conditions

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Agreement Overview

This agreement describes the expectations, responsibilities, and conditions relating to dive training provided by West Coast Diving Ltd. Its purpose is to ensure both instructor and student understand the standards required for safe training and certification.

At West Coast Diving Ltd, we remain committed to transparency regarding all fees and charges, ensuring you understand the costs involved in purchasing new dive equipment or enrolling in a course. This schedule has been updated to reflect the latest policies and pricing.

Course Structure and Tuition

Upon enrolling in a course, your fee covers tuition comprising a set number of “Academic” Sessions, “Confined Water” Sessions, and “Open Water” Dives. The quantity of each session is determined by your chosen course or course bundle and will be detailed in your Learning Agreement. All sessions will be scheduled and confirmed with you at the time of enrolment. Please note, failing to attend a session without adequate notice will require you to purchase an additional session to compensate for missed time.

Certification Policy

It’s important to note that your course fee does not guarantee certification. Certification is based on your demonstrated proficiency in the required skills, not solely on time or the number of dives completed. Should you require extra sessions to reach the necessary skill level, these can be purchased as outlined below.

Additional Session Costs

Type of Session	Cost (£)
Academic	75
Confined Water	150
Open Water	150

These charges help us maintain competitive pricing while covering the costs of providing extra training sessions.

Equipment Hire Policy

For the Scuba Diver and Open Water 20 courses, your fee includes hire of all necessary equipment except for your mask, snorkel, hood, and gloves—these are considered essential personal items, especially since the pandemic. For all other courses, equipment hire is not included except for cylinders and weights on Recreational Courses. We expect that you will begin acquiring your own gear and hire only what you still require.

If you enrol in Professional or Technical Courses, you must provide a complete set of appropriate equipment yourself.

Dry Suit Hire and Precautions

When hiring a dry suit, West Coast Diving will replace the wrist and neck seals to ensure a proper fit. We use silicone seals, which are softer and more comfortable but may be susceptible to tearing. Should a seal be damaged—such as by a fingernail—you will be charged for a replacement as follows:

Seal Type	Cost (£)
Neck	25
Wrist	25

Air and Special Gas Fills

Your course fee includes one “Air” fill for each Confined and Open Water session. If your course or personal preference requires diving with Nitrox or Trimix, you will incur an additional charge for these gases, as well as a surcharge for your instructor’s gas usage.

Additional Fees

- **Boat Fees:** Applicable if a boat charter is required.
- **Ferry Fees:** Charged when a ferry is necessary to reach the dive site.

Course Duration

Published course durations represent typical timeframes based on the average student. Individual learning pace or environmental conditions may occasionally require additional time.

Student Responsibilities

- Arrive on time and prepared for all training sessions.
- Maintain appropriate fitness and health suitable for diving.
- Ensure personal equipment is suitable, functional, maintained in accordance with manufacturers requirements.
- Complete required academic study prior to training.
- Follow all safety instructions provided by the instructor.

Failure to meet these responsibilities may delay or prevent course completion.

Equipment Configuration

Some courses require specific equipment configuration for safety and skill development. The instructor may recommend or require adjustments. Basic harness adjustment may be included, while optional custom harness fitting is available as a separate service (2 to 3 hours per student, £45 per person).

Safety and Environmental Conditions

Diving activities depend on environmental conditions. The instructor may postpone, modify, or cancel dives if conditions are unsafe.

Instructor Authority

For safety reasons, the instructor retains final decision on dive planning, skill progression, equipment configuration, and continuation or termination of training.

Professional Conduct

Training must remain respectful and professional. Unsafe, aggressive, or disruptive behavior may result in suspension or termination of the course.

Course Withdrawal

Withdrawing from a course before completion means certification cannot be issued until all standards are met. Continuation training may be arranged separately.

Course Scheduling, Deposits & Payment

A deposit equal to 50% of the total course cost is required at booking to secure your date in both student and instructor calendars. Full course payment is required one week before the scheduled course start date.

Deposit Refund Policy

- Notice of two months or more: full deposit refunded
- Notice of one month or more: 50% of deposit refunded
- Notice less than one month: deposit not refunded

Deposits may not be refundable if flights, accommodation, or other expenses have already been booked in advance for the course.

Multiple Students on a Course

If a course is booked with more than one student and one student cannot attend, the remaining student may continue training. Any expenses related to the course must still be covered for the course to proceed as scheduled.

Additional Costs

Course fees cover instructor training time only. The following costs are not included unless stated: dive site entry/membership fees, transportation, gas fills, cylinder/equipment hire, boat charter fees, food/accommodation. A list of typical site costs can be provided upon request.

Photography and Video Release

Photographs or video recordings taken during training may be used for training review, educational purposes, or promotional material. By signing the agreement, students grant permission for images or video recorded during training to be used by West Coast Diving Ltd for educational or promotional purposes including websites, social media, and marketing.