

## **DEPUTY MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

### **Plan for providing financial support for the certification of recreational scuba diving service providers in Cyprus (2021 – 2022)**

#### **A. GENERAL**

1. Recreational scuba diving service provider: A natural or legal person who provides scuba diving training services according to the certified training program of the Organisation which authorised such person, or organised - guided diving or/and rental of diving equipment. The legal person providing services such as the following:
  - Introductory diving activities;
  - Snorkeling excursions;
  - Provision of training and education;
  - Organized and guided diving for qualified divers;
  - Rental of diving and snorkeling equipment

#### **B. PLAN OBJECTIVES**

1. The objective of the Plan is to encourage recreational scuba diving service providers that operate in the Republic of Cyprus to become certified to international standard ISO 24803, which specifies the general and specific requirements that should be applied by a recreational scuba diving service provider.
2. Applicants that have obtained the certificate (and became beneficiaries of the Plan) shall be featured on the website and all the media of the Deputy Ministry of Tourism and shall be invited in priority to the booths of diving tourism exhibitions, in which the Deputy Ministry of Tourism shall participate.

#### **C. BENEFICIARIES**

Beneficiaries of the plan are the Recreational Scuba Diving Service Providers pursuant to the definition of paragraph A.1.

#### **D. APPLICATION**

1. The final date for submission of applications is set to be the 31<sup>st</sup> of December each year or until the maximum of the appropriations regarding the Incentive Plan of the budget of the Deputy Ministry of Tourism has been reached. All requests should be submitted using the relevant Form 1 “Application for the support of Certification under the standard ISO 24803 which is attached.
2. A letter of a Certification Company which confirms that the applicant has commenced the certification process in line with the standard.
3. A certification of an internationally recognized Organisation, according to the list in Annex 1, attesting that the provider follows the certified scuba diver training program, that was created by that particular organisation.
4. The Articles of Association of the company, certified by the Registrar of Companies, which confirms the nature of the company’s business.
5. The requests may ONLY be submitted via e-mail to the e-mail address [cpapachristodoulou@visitcyprus.com](mailto:cpapachristodoulou@visitcyprus.com). The responsibility for the receipt of the requests rests on the applicant’s shoulders. If you do not receive an answer within a period of three weeks, from the submission date of a duly completed application, please contact Mr. Christodoulos Papachristodoulou, tel. no.: 22691305.

#### **E. THE LEVEL OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

The level of the financial support is fixed at maximum €600 per recreational scuba diving service provider, per year of certification for acquiring the certification in line with the standard ISO 24803, for the first, second and third year of certification, with subject to the available appropriations. Each diving service provider may be granted an aid from this Plan for three years (from the date of acquisition of the certification), while the Deputy Ministry of Tourism is not bound in any way to the continuation of the Plan in question.



## **F. APPLICATION ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

The applications shall be assessed based on the order in which they were submitted to the Deputy Ministry of Tourism and until the maximum of the appropriations has been reached.

## **G. TERMS AND GRANT PAYMENT PROCESS**

1. The beneficiaries should submit the following documents so as to receive payment of the approved amount of support:
  - (1) A tax invoice sent by the beneficiary to the Deputy Ministry of Tourism, which will state the same of the recreational scuba diving service provider and the amount of support that has been approved.
  - (2) A copy of the ISO 24803 certification by the Certification Body.
  - (3) A copy of the receipt of a Certification Body for the amount paid for the acquisition of the certification in line with ISO 24803.

## **H. VALIDITY OF THE PLAN**

The Plan shall be valid on an annual basis until the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of each year or until the maximum of the appropriations has been reached. Unless the Deputy Ministry of Tourism decides otherwise, the Plan shall be automatically renewed for the following year.

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September 2021

## Annex 1

SCUBA SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL	GERMANY
FIAS Federazione Italiana Attività Subacquee	ITALY
International Aquanautic Club GmbH & Co. KG.	GERMANY
Hellenic Federation for Underwater Activities & Sportfishing (EOYDA)	GREECE
TSVÖ Tauchsportverband Österreichs	AUSTRIA
National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI)	UNITED STATES
NADD Global Diving Agency	ITALY
NASE Worldwide Inc.	UNITED STATES
Danish Sports Divers Federation	DENMARK
Deep Sea Technology s.r.l. - DST Academy	ITALY
Irish Underwater Council	IRELAND
Verband Deutscher Tauchlehrer (VDTL) e.V.	GERMANY
National Dive League (NDL)	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
Scuba Diving International (SDI) / Technical Diving International (TDI)	UNITED STATES
RAID AB - RAID International	SWEDEN
TIDF - The Israeli Diving Federation	ISRAEL
Professional, Technical & Recreational Diving, sl./Asociacion Calpe Buceo	SPAIN
International Association for Handicapped Divers (IAHD)	NETHERLANDS
World Organisation of Scuba Diving (WOSD)	NETHERLANDS

International Association of Nitrox Divers Inc. dba IANTD	UNITED STATES
British Sub-Aqua Club (BSAC)	UNITED KINGDOM
Global Underwater Explorers	UNITED STATES
Royal Belgian Diving Federation BEFOS/FEBRAS -	BELGIUM
American Nitrox Divers International (ANDI)	UNITED STATES
Professional Association of Diving Instructors	UNITED STATES
Verband Deutscher Sporttaucher e. V.	GERMANY
ISDA Italia srl - INTERNATIONAL SCUBA DIVING ACADEMY (ISDA)	ITALY



**FORM 1**

**Application for support of Certification under the standard ISO 24803**

1. APPLICANT'S GENERAL DETAILS			
Name of natural/ legal person - applicant:			
Natural Person's Passport/ Identity Card Number – (A copy of the document to be submitted):			
Company Registration Number (A copy of the Company Registration Certificate to be submitted):			
Tax Identification Code (In case of a Natural Person):			
Address:			
Contact person for the Deputy Ministry of Tourism:			
Telephone:	Fax:	Mobile:	E-mail:
Applicant's Website (if any):			
A letter from a Certification Company which confirms that the applicant has commenced the certification process under the standard  (Please attach)			
A certification of an internationally recognised Organisation, according to the list in Annex 1, attesting that the provider follows the certified scuba diver training program, that was created by that particular organisation  (Please attach)			
The Articles of Association of the company, certified by the Registrar of Companies, which confirms the nature of the company's business.  (Please attach if applicable)			
Applicant's Signature: ..... Name: ..... Position (in case of a Legal Person): ..... Date: .....			

**NOTE:**

*The submission of all above data is deemed mandatory for the assessment of application.*