

# Malama Na Apapa Scuba Club

## PADI Open Water Scuba Certification

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### Who should take this course?

If you've always wanted to take scuba diving lessons, experience unparalleled adventure and see the world beneath the waves, this is where it starts. Get your scuba diving certification with the PADI Open Water Diver course – the world's most popular and widely recognized scuba course. Millions of people have learned to scuba dive and gone on to discover the wonders of the aquatic world through this course.

To enroll in a PADI Open Water Diver course (or Junior Open Water Diver course), you must be 10 years old or older. You need adequate swimming skills and need to be in good physical health (see the attached medical questionnaire). No prior experience with scuba diving is required.

### What will you learn?

Learning to scuba dive requires both knowledge development (facts, principles, concepts) and dive skills (techniques, methods).

The PADI Open Water Diver course consists of three main phases:

- Knowledge Development. This is the manual books you will study to understand basic principles and safety techniques of scuba diving. This includes watching 5 training videos, reviewing 5 chapters in the dive manual, taking 6 written quizzes and 1 final written test.
- Confined Water Dives (aka shallow water training) with your instructor to learn and develop the basic scuba skills, usually takes one day between 6 to 8 hours.
- Open Water Dives (4 dives) with your PADI instructor to use your skills and explore! This usually takes two days of open water training 5 hours each day.

### What does the course cost?

The Scuba club discounted rate for PADI certification is \$420 plus tax (\$439.79) per person. This includes the in-water training, the manual books required to study, use of all scuba equipment during training, and once you complete the course a PADI e-certification card which is good for life. Most students can finish in 3 days of water training, while some require more.

## What does being certified as a PADI Open water diver mean?

As a PADI Open Water Diver, you will be a certified entry-level diver able to rent dive gear, get air fills and dive anywhere in the world in better or similar conditions to those you've trained in. Your certification is good for life and never expires (although if you don't dive for a long time it is a good idea to do a refresher dive with an instructor.)

## What is the minimum amount of time required to complete the eLearning/bookwork and in-water training to receive my PADI Open Water Scuba Diver Certification?

Below is a general outline of the time investment to complete a thorough high-quality Open Water Scuba Certification course. These estimated times do vary depending on your learning curve.

### **Self-guided book study (12 – 15 hours)**

This is the manual books you will study to understand basic principles and safety techniques of scuba diving. This includes watching 5 training videos, reviewing 5 chapters in the dive manual, taking 6 written quizzes and 1 final written test.

### **Written final exam (20 minutes – 3 hours)**

If you study all the material presented through the eLearning or books you will pass the final exam very easily. As long as you pass the final exam with 75% or higher, we can continue on to practicing the dive skills for certification. If you do not receive 75% or higher, we will need to take some time to remediate the material you missed and you will then retake the final written test again. This remediation usually takes 1 to 3 hours to complete. FYI, if you review your online quizzes or book quizzes and can pass them you will pass the final exam the first time.

### **Confined Water Training (5 - 8 hours) 1 day**

The confined water training involves learning and practicing the dive skills in shallow calmer water. There are many skills to practice and the total amount of in-water training time can take about 6 hours. This time varies greatly depending on how comfortable you are with the skills and in the water. This is normally done in one day and is split up into two 3 hour in-water training sessions. If you are not able to complete the confined water training in one day and need to work on it another day, that is acceptable.

### **Open Water Training. 4 Open water dives (Two days 6 hours each day)**

The Open water training involves performing the same skills you learned in confined water, but in an Open water Environment. We will conduct two open water dives each day. This will take 2 days. If you are not able to complete the Open water training in two days and need more time, this is acceptable.

**In-water Training Schedule (\*\*This is a sample training schedule\*\* some students, take much longer based on their skill level, endurance in the water and their personal schedules\*\* It is ok to take longer than 3 days, it is the same price wether it takes 3 days or 6 days.**

#### Day 1

6 – 8 hours Confined Water Training

#### Day 2

5 – 6 hours Open Water Training

#### Day 3

5 – 6 hours Open Water Training

Final written exam

Congratulations! Now you are a Certified Open Water Scuba Diver!!