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USE OF COMMERCIAL MOD APPROVED CENTRES (COM MACs)

Reference:

- A. BRd 2806(5) May 2017 version 2.
- B. BRd 1750A

1. Following recent changes to the governance of Joint Service Adventurous Training (JSAT) sub aqua diving, the Royal Navy's role as sponsor has been enhanced with the addition of Training Authority (TA) responsibilities.

2. This letter provides clarification on the policy for use of UK and overseas Commercial MoD Approved Centres (Com MACs). In due course, this will be incorporated in a revised version of Reference A.

3. A number of civilian commercial diving centres in the UK and overseas are certified on an annual basis as MoD approved to deliver diver training courses as part of the JSAT scheme. As well as hosting diving under the supervision of a SADS, they can also be used to deliver approved courses without a SADS being present.

5. In accordance with JSAT policy, these centres are only to be used to gain BSAC qualifications. However, at some overseas centres this is not currently possible so these are authorised to deliver PADI training.

5. The current list of centres that have been approved, following an audit by the Diving Standards Team (DST), is attached at Annex A. This also shows whether they are to be used to gain BSAC or PADI qualifications.

6. The following additional restrictions apply:

a. As laid down in Reference B, all divers are to have a full service sports diving medical.

b. The only courses that can be undertaken are BSAC Ocean Diver, Sports Diver, Dive Leader, Advanced Diver and Skill Development Courses (SDCs). For PADI centres these are PADI Open Water, Advanced Open Water and Rescue Diver.

c. Only dives that form part of the core training syllabus, such as DO1-7 and AO1-2, can be undertaken. Qualifying, experience building, depth progression and continuation dives are not permissible.

d. All dives must be conducted with an instructor employed by the ComMAC.

e. No publicly owned equipment or service instructors are to be used in the delivery of courses conducted by ComMACs.

7. Requests for exemptions to this policy, or for new centres to be included on the list of ComMACs, are to be referred to the secretary of the Joint Service Sub Aqua Diving Policy Advisory Committee (JSSADPAC) on NAVYNPS-JSSADCOIC@mod.gov.uk.

{Signed Electronically}

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LIST OF COMMERCIAL MOD APPROVED CENTRES

Serial	Name	Address	Remarks
1	Euro Divers, Oman	Gulf Divers LLC (Euro Divers Oman) Marina Bander Al Rowdha Dive Center, Sidab, Muscat, Oman Tel: +968 98 19 4444	PADI Courses only
2	Diveshack, Malta	Diveshack Scuba School 14a Qui-Si-Sana Sliema, SLM 3111 Malta Tel: +356 2133 8558	BSAC Courses only
3	Dive Deep Blue, Malta	Dive Deep Blue Malta 9/11, TRIQ Ananija SPB 1320 BUGGIBA St. Paul's Bay, Malta	BSAC Courses only
4	Kembali, Cyprus	Kembali Diving Ltd 57 Mesologiou St. PO Box 59461 4607 Pissouri, Cyprus Tel: +357 999 54 227	BSAC Courses only
5	Scubamaster, Bahrain	Scubamaster PO Box 75636 Hoora Kingdom of Bahrain Tel:+973 17292154	PADI Courses only
6	Safari Diving, Lanzarote	Safari Diving SL Playa De La Barrilla 4 Puerto Del Carmen Lanzarote Canary Islands 35510 Tel: +34 928511992	BSAC Courses only
7	Vobster Quay, UK	Vobster Diving Centre Upper Vobster Radstock BA3 5SD Tel:01373 814666	BSAC Courses only
8	Stoney Cove, UK	Stoney Coves Marine Trials Ltd Stoney Cove Stoney Stanton Leicestershire LE9 4DW	BSAC Courses only
9	Poni Divers	Poni Divers Serasa Watersport Complex Bandar Seri Begawan Brunei Darussalam Tel: +673 277 1778	PADI Courses only

Serial	Name	Address	Remarks
10	Downbelow Marine & Wildlife Adventures Centre	KK Times Square Unit 33 Ground Floor Borneo Tel: +6 088 488 997	PADI Courses only
11	Dive In, Larnaca Cyprus	CM-AE Dive-In Ltd Lordos Seagate Block A Tasos Mitsopoulos Avenue 6028 Larnaca Cyprus Tel: +357 24627469	BSAC Courses only This centre is also cleared for personnel to use Enhanced Learning Credits (ELC).