
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Diving at Work Regulations 1997

Duties of and restrictions on divers

- 12.**—(1) No diver shall dive in a diving project unless he—
- (a) has, subject to paragraph (2), an approved qualification which is valid for any activity he may reasonably expect to carry out while taking part in the diving project; and
 - (b) has a valid certificate of medical fitness to dive.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) shall not apply to a diver who dives—
- (a) as a part of training which, if successfully completed, would lead to the issue of an approved qualification;
 - (b) only by virtue of entering a chamber in order to provide emergency medical treatment; or
 - (c) as an actor or performer taking part in a live performance or the recording of a performance other than a person whose work normally involves work as a diver.
- (3) Every diver engaged in a diving project shall—
- (a) maintain a daily record of his diving; and
 - (b) keep that record in his possession for at least two years after the date of the last entry in it.
- (4) Paragraphs (1)(a) and (3) shall not apply to a diver, other than a person whose work normally involves work as a diver, who dives for educational purposes in a tank or pool artificially constructed for the purpose of swimming or diving and who uses self-contained underwater breathing apparatus.