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**REGULATIONS
CONCERNING THE CONDITIONS FOR CARRYING OUT
DIVING TRAINING AND SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL
DIVING.**

Pursuant to Article 7 Paragraph 2, Article 9 of the Spots Law (OG, no. 111/97 and 13/98), Article 3 Paragraph 2, Article 7 and Article 9 Paragraph 2 of the Technical Culture Law (OG no 76/93 and 11/94) I adopt the

**REGULATIONS
concerning the conditions for carrying out diving training and sporting
and recreational diving.**

Article 1

These regulations govern the conditions that legal and natural entities registered for carrying out the activity of diving training and sporting and recreational diving (below: diving training) must meet to be able to carry out this activity in the Republic of Croatia.

Article 2

Legal and natural entities registered to carry out the activity of diving training must have appropriate premises, equipment and persons professionally qualified to carry out diving training in line with the provisions of these Regulations.

Article 3

Premises in which to carry out the activity of diving training shall be considered appropriate if lectures can be held in them together with other activities of course members as envisaged in the training syllabus.

Article 4

Legal and natural entities registered to carry out the activity of diving training must have at least the following equipment:

- first aid kit
- oxygen (O₂) in a vessel
- means of communication (telephone or VHF or CB or GSM)
- displayed telephone numbers, in the case of accident or emergency, of recompression chambers and DAN,
- a system for the transport of the victims of an incident
- contemporary, working and properly serviced diving equipment
- regularly and properly serviced compressors with a total capacity of at least 180 l/min
- marking equipment (signal buoys, diving flags, flashlights for night diving) according to regulation standards and characteristics.

Legal and natural persons registered to carry out the activity of diving training must, as well as the said equipment, also have available:

1. a classroom or suitable area for the teaching of the course members
2. teaching aids and didactic materials in line with the syllabus.

Article 5

Diving training can be carried out by persons qualified to carry out this matter in line with the educational system of the Republic of Croatia.

Diving training can be carried out by an active and licensed diving instructor who has a professional qualification certificate from the Ministry of Education and Sport.

The Ministry of Education and Sport shall issue the certificate described in the previous paragraph pursuant to a license from the Croatian Diving Federation and the international diving associations stated in the appendix to these Regulations.

A list of international diving associations the identity papers or licences of which are recognised in the Republic of Croatia is appended to these Regulations and is a component part of them.

Article 6

Legal and natural persons registered to carry out the activity of diving training must have syllabuses of training and qualification in the skills of diving in line with the provisions of these Regulations.

Article 7

Diving training can be carried out only according to syllabuses approved by the Ministry of Education and Sport.

The procedure for approving the proposed syllabuses shall be carried out by the Ministry of Education and Sport's Underwater Activities Commission.

Article 8

With the completion of the diving training syllabus, the knowledge, skills and abilities to carry out various complexities are acquired and they are a complement to an educational qualification.

Article 9

A certificate concerning the successfully completed diving training syllabus, professional further training or qualification shall be issued to a person who pursuant to a test of his or her knowledge has completed the syllabus.

The certificate defined in Paragraph 1 of this Article shall be issued by the person in charge of the diving training.

The form for the certificate as defined in Paragraph 1 of this Article is a component part of these Regulations.

Article 10

Legal and natural entities registered to carry out the activity of diving training can start to carry out these activities after the Ministry of Education and Sport has established that they do meet the conditions laid down by the Sports Law and these Regulations.

Article 11

Evidence concerning the fulfilment of the conditions as defined in the Sports Law and these Regulations shall be appended to an application concerning the fulfilment of the conditions to start carrying out the activity of diving training.

The following should be appended to an application as defined in the previous paragraph:

- a ruling concerning registration to carry out an activity

- documents about the professional qualification of the person to carry out the activity of diving training
- evidence about appropriate premises
- a list of the regulation equipment
- the syllabus for training and qualification
- the prescribed state revenue stamps.

As well as those things mentioned in this Article, for foreign citizens, a work permit issued according to the Employment of Foreigners Law, and the diving training and qualification syllabus and the didactic materials for which consent is sought, all translated into Croatian.

Article 12

Supervision of legal and natural persons who carry out diving and sporting and recreational diving shall be carried out by the supervisors of underwater activities.

The supervisors of underwater activities shall be appointed by the Minister of Education and Sport at the recommendation of the Underwater Activities Commission.

A person who has had the title of at least underwater activities instructor and ten years of experience in diving or at least three years of work as an instructor can be appointed supervisor of underwater activities.

A supervisor of underwater activities shall be independent in carrying out his supervision and shall be held responsible if he or she fails to carry out supervision or if he or she oversteps the authorities laid down in the Law or in these Regulations.

Underwater activities supervisors are appointed until they are discharged.

An underwater activities supervisor shall have an identity card with which to prove his official character and authorities. The form of the identity card is appended to these Regulations and is a component part of them.

Article 13

In diving training and the performance of sporting and recreational diving, the following shall in particular be supervised:

- adherence to the training syllabus
- possession of working and properly maintained equipment necessary for diving training or sporting and recreational diving
- the professional and qualified use of the teaching devices, aids and other equipment,
- the professional qualification of the persons who carry out diving training,
- safety measures during diving,

- the meeting of the professional and didactical requirements and criteria in the performance of diving training
- the holding of tests for the acquisition of diving grades.

A person who is responsible for a diving school and a diving instructor whose work is being supervised are duty bound to let the diving supervisor see any documentation required, any other data and information necessary for the work of this supervision, and to make sure to provide other conditions for the unhindered performance of the supervision.

Article 14

The supervisor is duty bound to order the stoppage of diving training or of recreational diving if he determines that the life or health of the diver is endangered in the undertaking of underwater activities, or if the underwater activities are carried out at a site where such activities are forbidden.

A person responsible for the performance of diving training and for recreational diving is bound to act according to the orders of a supervisor.

Article 15

A supervisor of underwater activities shall draw up a report about a professional supervision that has been carried out.

The report defined in a Paragraph 1 of this Article shall contain:

1. a description of the state of affairs established
2. measures that should be undertaken in the diving school or diving centre for the purposes of removing any shortcomings or irregularities determined
3. measures that are proposed to the competent body of the state administration
4. dates by which the measures are to be carried out.

The report has to be clear and written on an appropriate form, which is a component part of these Regulations.

A report shall be written in three copies, one of which is handed to the person responsible for the diving school or the diving instructor, one shall be delivered to the Ministry of Education and Sport, and one shall be retained by the supervisor.

A person responsible for diving or an instructor can make objections to the report of the supervisor of underwater activities.

Article 16

These Regulations shall come into force the eighth day after being published in the Official Gazette (Narodne novine).

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APPENDIX TO THE REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE CONDITIONS FOR CARRYING OUT DIVING TRAINING AND SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL DIVING

List of international diving organisations the identity cards or licenses of which are recognised in the Republic of Croatia.

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Pursuant to Article 5 Paragraph 5 of the Regulations Concerning the Conditions for Carrying Out Diving Training and Sporting and Recreational Diving (Narodne Novine, no. 105/2000) the list of the international diving organisations the identity cards or licenses of which shall be recognised in the Republic of Croatia is established.

2

The international diving organisations the identity cards or licenses of which are recognised in the Republic of Croatia are:

BSAC (The British Sub-Aqua Club)
CMAS (Confederation Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques)
IANTD (International Association of Nitrox and Technical Divers), NAUI (National Association of Underwater Instructors)
PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) and
SSI (Scuba Schools International).

3

The list of international diving organisations the identity card or licenses of which are recognised in the Republic of Croatia is a component part of the Regulations Concerning the Conditions for Carrying Out Diving Training and Sporting and Recreational Diving.

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