

The CDWS Recognition Agreement

This agreement is between the Chamber of Diving and Water Sports referred to as "CDWS" and hereinafter referred to as "The Training Agency".

Purpose:

This agreement aims to establish a framework for collaboration between the Chamber of diving and water sports and the diving training agencies to enhance the standards, safety, and reputation of the diving industry in Egypt.

Agreement:

Mutual Cooperation:

- The Chamber of diving and water sports and the diving training agencies agree to cooperate in promoting responsible diving practices, environmental conservation, and safety standards within the industry.

Training standards:

- The training agency commits to hold an active membership of (RSTC/ CMAS voting members only) or to hold a valid ISO certification from the Austrian standards organization for the courses to be offered in Egypt and pledges to inform the CDWS as soon as there is any change in this condition. (Not applied to water sports training agencies), also confirms that the agency has an effective quality assurance system. - Upon request, the training agency accepts to submit a copy of its updated general standards and procedures and all the training program's requirements provided by the agency. (Which includes recreational diving, technical diving, snorkeling first aid and CPR, oxygen providers, and any of the water sports programs or trainings). And inform the CDWS regularly 10 working days in advance with the dates, place, instructors, and examiners of the planned instructors level courses.

Communication:

- The training agency and the CDWS agrees to designate a representative from both sides to ensure continuous and effective communication with the CDWS. Also, provide an official email address or a contact for official communications.

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Regulatory Compliance:

- The training agency is committed to conduct professional training courses only in a legal training centers that holds MOT Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities license, Company registrations, VAT and a valid liability insurance.
- Training agencies is aware and accept that all professional training courses and recreational trips for diving or water sports activity individually or without a valid Ministry of Tourism's license is a violation of law No. 8 of 2022 and low No. 27 of 2023, and the ministerial decree No. 444 of 2011 and ministerial decree No. 291 of 2021. Accordingly, no affiliated diving professional or training center, may sell nor conduct any individual training or any other activity through any operation that does not hold a valid up-to-date license granted by the CDWS and the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities.
- **The training agency is to notify the CDWS with professional courses conducted in Egypt by Instructor trainers or instructor evaluators that are not resident in Egypt.**
- **The training agency is to notify the CDWS with the date of mentioned PRO courses or mega cleanups at least one week before the start.**
- **The CDWS understand the obligations of the training agencies toward data protections and privacy laws.**
- The training agencies are to inform their training centers and dive professionals to hold course's training records for the period as described in the agency training standards but no less than seven years.

Quality assurance:

- In case of detection of and proven any violation of ISO standards or the local laws by the agency's representative, the following procedures will be applied:
 - The CDWS will inform the agency of the violation committed by any of the agency's members to take the necessary measures throughout the agency quality assurance procedures.
 - The training agency shall inform the CDWS of the violations that have taken place in Egypt and share any piece of information that might help with any investigation or might turn into evidence.

Dispute Resolution:

- **If ISO standers or local laws violation proven, the CDWS has the right to take any legal action toward the training agency and forbid the training centers and professional from cooperating with the training agency.**

Information sharing:

- The CDWS and the diving training agencies may exchange information and expertise to address emerging issues, trends, such as growth percentages, deographic or geographic segmentations or any challenges within the diving industry.

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Competition:

- The CDWS is to Implement a policy that prohibits favoritism towards any specific training agency by all means of termenologies in the materils, media platform etc..., and ensures equal treatment for all members, regardless of name or their size or market share.

This agreement will be considered invalid if any of the previous requirements are violated. The CDWS has the right to cancel the approval certificate without any notice and reserves the right to blacklist the organization in case of violating local laws or trying to defraud by providing any incorrect data or documents.

The CDWS Representative:

- Name:
- Title:
- Location:
- Date:
- Email Address:
- Phone Number:

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