

# DAN Training & Education

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## Diving Emergency Specialist

### Provider

Continuing education is an important way for divers to continue to hone their diving skills and improve as divers. DAN understands the importance of being an active and involved diver who takes the time to learn about not just new dive techniques, but techniques to care for yourself and others injured in a dive accident.

To recognise this commitment to dive safety, DAN has created a recognition program called Diving Emergency Specialist (DES). The DES designation is a way to commend divers who have sought out the training they need to be prepared buddies and safer divers.

To earn this recognition, divers must hold current certifications in:

- Oxygen First Aid for Scuba Diving Injuries (or equivalent)

Plus three of the following:

- Advanced Oxygen First Aid for Scuba Diving Injuries (or equivalent)
- First Aid for Hazardous Marine Life Injuries (or equivalent)
- Automated External Defibrillation (AED) (or equivalent)
- On-Site Neurological Assessment for Divers (or equivalent)

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Divers who did a DAN Diving First Responder Provider course, have the needed prerequisites as stated above.

The diver must also hold:

- a rescue-level certification or higher with a dive training agency; and
- current CPR and first aid certifications (for example DAN BLS certification during the last 24 months).

This programme is open to any diver. To receive this recognition, the diver should submit the DES application directly to DAN Training, together with copies of all the required certifications (if not DAN certifications) and payment the application fee.

DES recognition includes:

- Plastic Diving Emergency Specialist certification card;
- DES certificate

## DES Instructor or Trainer Recognition

DAN is interested in recognising divers and dive professionals interested in dive safety. We are also interested in promoting continuing education because better prepared divers make safer divers.

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DAN Instructors are obviously interested in dive safety, but some DAN Trainers and Instructors go above and beyond by teaching all of the DAN classes and stressing dive safety at every opportunity. These Trainers and Instructors can receive the Diving Emergency Specialist (DES) Trainer or Instructor rating with DAN.

To be a DES Instructor you must be an active status DAN Instructor in the following programs:

- Oxygen First Aid for Scuba Diving Injuries

Plus four of the following:

- Advanced Oxygen First Aid for Scuba Diving Injuries
- First Aid for Hazardous Marine Life Injuries
- Automated External Defibrillation
- On-Site Neurological Assessment for Divers (or equivalent)
- Medical Oxygen Rebreather (MO2R)
- Basic Life Support (BLS)

You must have certified at least 10 providers in each of the five qualifying courses or 5 DFR providers and five providers from an additional qualifying course. Trainers must be able to meet DES Instructor requirements and have certified five (5) instructors in each of five qualifying courses.

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To receive this rating, submit an application to DAN Training with your application fee. DAN Training will review the Instructor Trainer/Instructor application to verify that the applicant has submitted course rosters representing the appropriate number of certifications.

Once your teaching credentials have been verified, you will receive a:

- DES Instructor card
- DES certificate

To maintain Active DES Instructor Status, you must maintain Active Teaching Status in each of the five DAN programs included. There are no additional applications or fees once you have received your certification, but you must continue to teach at least one course in each program every 24 months to maintain active status. Moving into Sustaining Status in one program will inactive DES recognition until you regain Active Status in all programs.

## DES Instructor Trainer

The requirements to be a DES Trainer are the same for the DES Instructor, except that you must also have certified at least five Instructors in each of the DAN programs needed for DES Trainer.