

APPENDIX B

SUGGESTED SCOPE OF A MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SCREENING CANDIDATES FOR RECREATIONAL SCUBA DIVING

HEALTH STATEMENT FOR PERSONS WISHING TO UNDERTAKE SCUBA-DIVING TRAINING

The provision of inaccurate, incomplete or misleading information, or the withholding of any information is likely to place you at risk and renders any subsequent medical opinion unreliable.

Introduction

This is a medical questionnaire designed to identify any health issues that may increase the risk to you from undertaking SCUBA-diving.

In order to undertake dive training you will be required to sign this form on the understanding that relevant medical details may be passed to your dive trainer.

You will also be informed of some potential risks involved in scuba diving and of the conduct required of you during the scuba training programme. Your signature on this statement is required for you to participate in the scuba training programme offered.

If you are under 18 years of age, you must have this questionnaire signed by a parent or guardian.

Training to be offered by _____ and
 _____ (Instructors) located at (Facility)

Diving is an exciting and demanding activity. When performed correctly, applying correct techniques, it is relatively safe. To scuba dive safely, you should not be extremely overweight or out of condition. Diving can be strenuous under certain conditions. Your lungs, heart and circulation must be in good health. All body air spaces such as the sinuses and middle ears must be normal and healthy. A person with heart disease, a current head cold or lung congestion, epilepsy (fits), any severe medical problem or who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs should not dive. If you have asthma, heart disease, other chronic medical conditions or you are taking medications on a regular basis, you should inform the doctor and the instructor before participating in this programme.

You will also learn from the instructor the important safety rules regarding breathing and ear clearing while scuba diving. Improper use of scuba equipment can result in serious injury. You must be thoroughly instructed in its use under direct supervision of a qualified instructor to use it safely.

If you have any additional questions regarding this Medical Statement or the Medical Questionnaire section, review them with your instructor before signing.

Candidate initials _____

Please read carefully before signing.

Please answer the following questions on your past or present medical history (from question 8 onwards) with a **YES** or **NO**. If you are not sure, answer **YES**.

1. Surname _____ Other Names _____

2. Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy) _____

3. Address _____

 State: _____ Postcode _____

4. Sex Male / Female

5. Telephone (Home) _____

6. Principal Occupation _____

7. Telephone (Work) _____

8. Email (Optional) _____

8. Are you regularly taking any prescription tablets, medicines or drugs?
 List: _____

9. Have you had any reactions to drugs or medicines or foods?
 Details: _____

Have you ever had or do you now have any of the following? Tick Yes or No.

Notes on history

	YES	NO
10. Any continuing eye or visual problems (apart from needing glasses or contact lenses)?		
11. Sinusitis (e.g. hay fever, sinus infections)?		
12. Any other nose or throat problem (apart from previous coughs and colds)?		
13. Dentures or plates that are removable?		
14. Deafness or ringing noises in ear(s)?		

15. Discharging ears or other infections?		
16. Previous ear operation (including as a child)?		
17. Giddiness or loss of balance?		
18. Severe motion sickness?		
19. Any ear problems or severe headaches when flying in aircraft? Details: _____		
20. Severe or frequent headaches, including migraine?		
21. Faints or blackouts?		
22. Convulsions, fits or epilepsy?		
23. Any episodes of unconsciousness?		
25. Depression requiring medical treatment?		
26. Claustrophobia?		
27. Mental illness?		
28. Heart disease?		
29. Awareness of a racing or irregular heart beat?		
30. High blood pressure?		
31. Rheumatic fever?		
32. Discomfort in your chest with exertion?		
33. Very short of breath on exertion (out of proportion to the exercise)?		
34. Bronchitis or pneumonia?		
35. Pleurisy or severe chest pain?		
36. Coughing up phlegm or blood?		
37. Chronic or persistent cough?		
38. Tuberculosis ("TB")?		
39. Pneumothorax ("collapsed lung")?		
40. Frequent chest colds?		
41. Asthma or wheezing?		
42. Use a puffer (medication inhaler for asthma)?		
43. Any other chest complaint?		
44. Operation on chest, lungs, or heart?		
45. Peptic ulcer or acid reflux requiring treatment?		
46. Vomiting blood or passing red or black bowel motions?		
47 Jaundice, hepatitis or liver disease?		
48 Malaria?		
49 Severe loss of weight?		
50 Hernia or rupture?		
51 Major joint or back injury?		
52 Paralysis, muscle weakness or numbness?		
53 Kidney disease?		
54 Diabetes?		
55 Blood disease or bleeding problem?		
56 Could you be pregnant, or are you trying to become pregnant?		
57 Have you ever had a diving accident or decompression illness/sickness?		

Water skills

Previous diving experience? When, and how many dives?

Details: _____

Previous qualifications (if any): _____

Can you swim? _____

Have you ever had any problem during or after swimming or diving?

Details: _____

Do you snorkel dive regularly? _____

Candidate Statement

I certify that the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I hereby authorise (dive training organisation) _____ to pass this information to a diving doctor of my choosing. I also authorise that doctor to obtain or supply medical information regarding me to other doctors as may be necessary for medical purposes in my personal interest.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Note

Any chronic disease, such as hepatitis A, B, C, AIDS or tuberculosis, may increase your risks from diving. If you have a chronic disease please discuss it with the doctor who will then be able to advise you whether you will be at increased risk.