

>If you want Additional Commercial Diving Certifications

Legal and Regulatory Perspective on Additional Certifications for Commercial Divers

Once a diver has **completed the mandatory commercial diving training** recognized by government authorities, additional certifications or qualifications may be pursued. These are generally **optional** but can enhance safety, competence, and employability.

1. Core Diver Certification – Legal Requirement

- **Mandatory Proof of Training:** Divers must hold a certificate or accreditation recognized by the relevant authority (examples: CDA(S), ADAS, HSE).
- **Purpose:** Establishes legal eligibility to perform commercial diving operations under occupational safety and maritime regulations.
- **Requirement:** Always maintain a copy of your certificate or diver accreditation card to present to regulators, employers, or inspection authorities.

2. Trade Association Memberships (Optional)

- **Legal Status:** Not a substitute for government-recognized diver certification.
- **Example: CDA(S) Competency Card, Diver Card from CDA(S)**
- **Benefit:** Offers recognition and networking within the commercial diving industry; may be referenced in regulatory audits as evidence of continued professional development.

3. Additional Skills Qualifications (Optional but Often Regulated)

Specialized diving skills may be regulated by occupational health and safety authorities and are usually required by employers for specific operations:

- **Underwater NDT Inspectors** – For inspecting infrastructure while adhering to safety regulations.
- **Underwater Welding** – Must follow government occupational safety standards.
- **Underwater Cutting/Burning** – Compliance with safety protocols is mandatory.

4. Surface Support Qualifications (Optional but Safety-Critical)

Certain roles supporting diving operations may have government-regulated standards:

- **Diver Medic Technicians** – Often required to meet occupational health certifications.
- **Life Support Technicians / Chamber Operators** – Must follow decompression and hyperbaric regulations.
- **Dive Equipment Technician & Dive Helmet Service Technician** – Equipment maintenance may be subject to statutory safety inspections and standards.