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**RECREATIONAL DIVING SERVICES - SAFETY  
RELATED MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR  
THE TRAINING OF RECREATIONAL SCUBA  
DIVERS -  
PART 3: LEVEL 3 - DIVE LEADER**

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## **EN 14153-3:2003 (E)**

### **Foreword**

This document (EN 14153-3:2003) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN /TC 329, "Tourism Services", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by May 2004, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by May 2004.

Annex A is informative.

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## **Introduction**

The European Standards relating to recreational diving services, have been prepared by CEN/TC 329/WG 3 "Recreational Diving Services", with the aim of establishing a series of specifications for safety practices and the provision of services. Therefore these standards specify:

- necessary levels of experience and competency of scuba divers and scuba instructors,
- safety practices and requirements for recreational scuba diving service providers appropriate to the different diving levels.

In any case, they cannot substitute for nor impose upon legal requirements, the alteration of which is outside the competence of the CEN/CENELEC members.

The European Standard EN 14153 consists of the following parts:

- EN 14153-1, Recreational diving services - Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba divers - Part 1: Level 1 – "Supervised Diver",
- EN 14153-2, Recreational diving services - Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba divers - Part 2: Level 2 – "Autonomous Diver",
- EN 14153-3, Recreational diving services - Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba divers - Part 3: Level 3 – "Dive Leader".

The requirements specified are minima; they do not preclude the provision of additional training or the assessment by a service provider of additional competencies. The above mentioned European Standards represent a tool for comparison of existing (or future) qualifications of scuba instructors. In no way do they represent a course programme nor do they imply that course programs and scuba instructor certifications issued by different nations or organisations must necessarily correspond to these levels.

## EN 14153-3:2003 (E)

### 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the competencies that a scuba diver has to have achieved in order for a service provider to award the scuba diver certification indicating that he has met or exceeded scuba diver level 3 – “Dive leader” and specifies assessment of these competencies.

It also specifies conditions under which training has to be provided, in addition to the general requirements for recreational diving service provision specified in prEN 14467.

This European Standard applies only to contractual training and certification in recreational scuba diving.

### 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (Including amendments).

EN 250:2000, *Respiratory equipment - Open-circuit self-contained compressed air diving apparatus - Requirements, testing, marking*

EN 12628:1999, *Diving accessories - Combined buoyancy and rescue devices - Functional and safety requirements, test methods*

EN 14153-2, *Recreational diving services - Safety related minimum requirements for the training of recreational scuba divers - Part 2: Level 2 – "Autonomous Diver"*

prEN 14413-2, *Recreational diving services - Safety related minimum requirements for the training of scuba instructors - Part 2: Level 2*

prEN 14467, *Recreational diving services – Requirements for recreational scuba diving service providers*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the terms and definitions of EN 250:2000 and EN 12628:1999 and the following apply:

#### 3.1 training organisation

entity providing recreational scuba diving training systems and certification, and which is responsible for the implementation and quality management of scuba diver training

NOTE Entity may include scuba diving federations and scuba diver training agencies.

#### 3.2 certification

confirmation that a student has completed scuba diver training which fulfils all requirements according to this European Standard, as issued by training organisations

#### 3.3 scuba instructor

individual qualified according to prEN 14413-2

#### 3.4 breathing gas

appropriate mixture of oxygen and nitrogen with no less than 20 % oxygen

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