

MSAC Training & Diving FAQ

**(frequently asked questions from new members
about training and diving with MSAC)**

1. Must I be a good swimmer to take up SCUBA diving?

No an average level of swimming skill is all that is required. In fact you will use very little swimming technique in your diving, but basic swimming skills show us you are safe in the water.

2. What does basic training course consist of?

A Basic OPEN WATER DIVER qualification with MSAC will take about 4 weeks before you are ready to enter the sea. Each of the 6 pool sessions will be from 7pm-9pm, Mondays and Thursdays, at the Kelab Syabas pool in Petaling Jaya. In addition to pool sessions, 10-12 hours of theory lectures will be held over one weekend. You will need to complete a minimum number of qualifying dives (normally over 2 Club trips) before taking your final practical examination in the sea. There is also a written theory test (multiple choice style) before you obtain your MSAC Open Water Diver (CMAS One Star) certification.

3. My friend got his C-card in one week. Why can't I?

The key issue in diving is safety, and safety comes about through knowledge and experience. Since MSAC is a club we do not train a very large number of divers (and our classes are always small) so that we can give maximum attention to your personal standards. We insist on sufficient time given to training and open water work to ensure that you reach a satisfactory level of expertise before giving you your diving qualification. Note also that your qualification is a slightly higher level than the Standard Open Water Diver Qualification that can be obtained from other commercial certifying agencies. If you are interested in 'instant' qualifications, MSAC is not for you.

4. Will my MSAC training be recognised elsewhere?

MSAC qualifies divers under the auspices of the world federation, CMAS. This qualification will allow you to dive anywhere in the world.

5. What does MSAC Membership and Training cost?

1. Club Entrance Fee - RM 45.00
2. Annual Subscription for Membership categories:
 - 2.1. Ordinary Single Membership - RM 100.00
 - 2.2. Ordinary Joint Membership (husband & wife) - RM 110.00
 - 2.3. Outstation Membership - RM 20.00 + postage RM10.00
3. Open Water (CMAS - One Star Certification) Course* :
 - 3.1. Training Fee - RM 300.00
 - 3.2. Training Materials & Pool - RM 200.00
4. Advanced Diver (CMAS Two Star Certification) Course* : RM 150.00
5. Specialty Diver Course* : RM 600.00

* Excludes all open water trips.

6. Does MSAC provide equipment for Open Water Training?

New recruits must have their basic equipment, ie. fins, booties, mask & snorkel. Five sets of equipment - tank, buoyancy compensator (BC) and regulator - are available for training at the pool. Rental of this equipment is at RM30 per set/per session.

7. What do I do if I am already a qualified diver?

Copies of your dive logs must be attached with your application form. This is to be followed up with a pool check-out and to be arranged with the Club's Instructor.

8. How are diving trips organized?

A calendar of diving trips is published in the Club's newsletter, and on this web - [**Dive Programme**](#). All bookings go to Information Officer, who will then turn the names over to the respective Expedition Leaders, one month prior to the trip.

All dive trips are on a first come basis and confirmation will not be provided if member's annual subscriptions are overdue. A RM100 deposit will secure a place on trips and will be forfeited should you decide to pull out within the month prior to the trip.

MSAC does all its diving on a cost sharing basis. Thus expenses vary according to the cost of the boats we hire, accommodation, food, etc.