

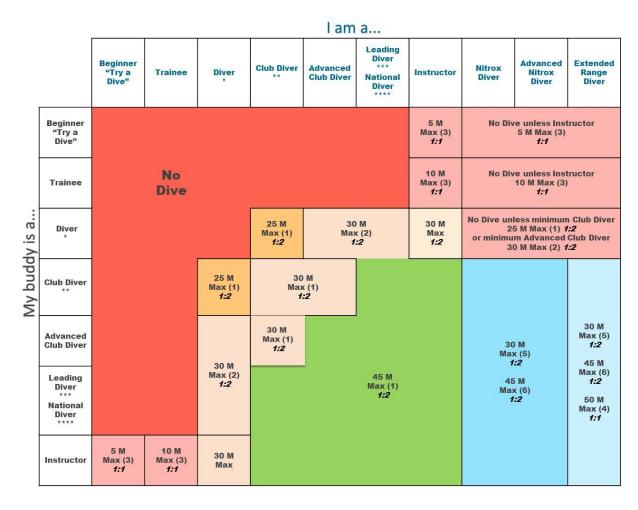
## **DIVE BUDDIES, GRADES AND MAXIMUM DEPTHS**

Please see tables below for minimum grade of your dive buddy to allow you to dive within Diving Ireland. Please note that you must have a buddy to dive.

Read across the top row and select the dive qualification that you have. Then read the first column to select the grade that your buddy is. Where the two qualifications intersect on the grid that is the max depth to which you are permitted to dive.

Example 1: I am a Club diver; my buddy is also a club diver. We can dive together to a max of 30 metres.

Example 2: I am an Instructor and my buddy is a Trainee. We can dive together to a max of 10 Meters.

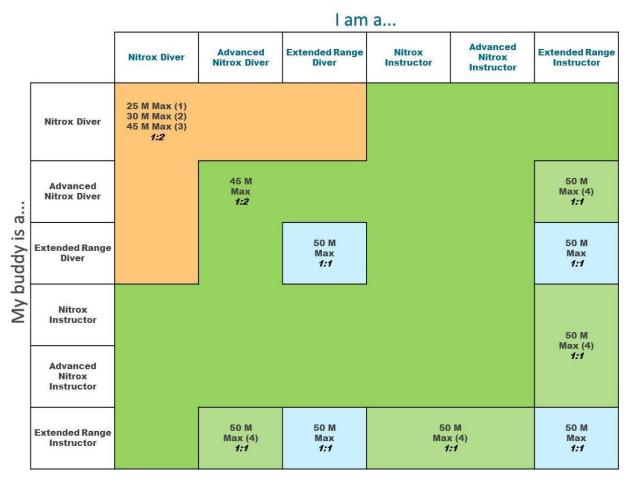


- 1. No element of instruction, pleasure dive only.
- 2. If element of instruction, buddy must be an Instructor (grade and/or speciality)
- 3. If aged between 14 and 18 years old, must be an Instructor who has signed child protection sign-off doc
- 4. Only during Extended Range Diver course and with an Extended Range Instructor
- 5. Club Diver or Advanced Club Diver with Nitrox Specialities
- 6. Leading Diver, National Diver with Nitrox Specialities, or Instructor Nitrox Specialities/Grades



In the case of Nitrox and Technical diving, please see attached grid tables for minimum grade of your dive buddy to allow you to dive within Diving Ireland. Please note that you must have a buddy to dive.

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Example 1: I am a club diver with advanced nitrox qualification, my buddy is an extended range diver. We can dive together to a max of 45 metres.

- 1. 25 metres maximum if one of the diver is a Diver1 \*
- NB: A Nitrox Diver \* cannot dive with another Diver1 \* without supervision of at least a Club Diver \*\*
- 2. 30 metres maximum if one of the diver is a Club Diver \*\* or an Advanced Club Diver \*\*
- 3. 45 metres maximum if all divers are at least Leading Divers
- 4. Only during Extended Range Diver course and with an Extended Range Instructor

Divers with qualifications obtained from other dive training organisations joining Diving Ireland are covered to dive to the depth of their certifying organisations qualification. A maximum depth of 50 meters applies to all grades and qualifications as per the medical commission directive. Suitably qualified technical divers diving to depth greater than 50 metres must make their own separate medical and insurance arrangements. Divers must register their qualifications with Diving Ireland head office.