

### 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.

		I am a...																		
		Beginner "Try a Dive"	Trainee	Diver *	Club Diver **	Advanced Club Diver	Leading Diver *** National Diver ****	Instructor	Nitrox Diver	Advanced Nitrox Diver	Extended Range Diver									
My buddy is a...	Beginner "Try a Dive"	No Dive						5 M Max (3) 1:1	No Dive unless Instructor 5 M Max (3) 1:1											
	Trainee							10 M Max (3) 1:1	No Dive unless Instructor 10 M Max (3) 1:1											
	Diver *	No Dive		25 M Max (1) 1:2	30 M Max (2) 1:2	30 M Max 1:2	No Dive unless minimum Club Diver 25 M Max (1) 1:2 or minimum Advanced Club Diver 30 M Max (2) 1:2													
	Club Diver **			25 M Max (1) 1:2	30 M Max (1) 1:2	No Dive unless minimum Club Diver 25 M Max (1) 1:2 or minimum Advanced Club Diver 30 M Max (2) 1:2														
	Advanced Club Diver	30 M Max (2) 1:2		30 M Max (1) 1:2	No Dive unless minimum Club Diver 25 M Max (1) 1:2 or minimum Advanced Club Diver 30 M Max (2) 1:2															
	Leading Diver *** National Diver ****	30 M Max (2) 1:2		No Dive unless minimum Club Diver 25 M Max (1) 1:2 or minimum Advanced Club Diver 30 M Max (2) 1:2																
	Instructor	5 M Max (3) 1:1	10 M Max (3) 1:1										30 M Max	No Dive unless minimum Club Diver 25 M Max (1) 1:2 or minimum Advanced Club Diver 30 M Max (2) 1:2						
No Dive unless minimum Club Diver 25 M Max (1) 1:2 or minimum Advanced Club Diver 30 M Max (2) 1:2												30 M Max (5) 1:2								
								30 M Max (2) 1:2		45 M Max (1) 1:2		45 M Max (6) 1:2								

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.

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.

		I am a...					
		Nitrox Diver	Advanced Nitrox Diver	Extended Range Diver	Nitrox Instructor	Advanced Nitrox Instructor	Extended Range Instructor
My buddy is a...	Nitrox Diver	25 M Max (1) 30 M Max (2) 45 M Max (3) 1:2			50 M Max (4) 1:1		
	Advanced Nitrox Diver	45 M Max 1:2		50 M Max (4) 1:1			
	Extended Range Diver			50 M Max 1:1	50 M Max 1:1		
	Nitrox Instructor				50 M Max (4) 1:1		
	Advanced Nitrox Instructor				50 M Max (4) 1:1		
	Extended Range Instructor	50 M Max (4) 1:1		50 M Max 1:1	50 M Max (4) 1:1		50 M Max 1:1

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.