

AI → OWSI Upgrade

If you have already completed the **Assistant Instructor (AI)** course, this program allows you to upgrade to **PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor** and complete your professional certification.

The upgrade focuses on refining your teaching ability, strengthening standards knowledge, and preparing you to confidently conduct real PADI courses.

What the Upgrade Covers

- 1 Instructor-level teaching presentations
- 2 Confined & open water teaching assessments
- 3 Risk management & student control
- 4 PADI standards, course structure & professionalism
- 5 Preparation for the PADI Instructor Examination

Training Schedule

Upgrade candidates join during the second week of the IDC, working alongside full IDC candidates while focusing on instructor-level performance and evaluation.

Instructor Examination (IE)

The Instructor Examination takes place immediately after training on official PADI dates. Training is conducted in Khao Lak. Depending on scheduling, the IE may take place in Phuket (approximately 1–2 hours away) or locally in Khao Lak (typically the November examination). Accommodation in Phuket is required for the 2-day exam when applicable.

Prerequisites

- 1 PADI Assistant Instructor certification
- 2 Current EFR Primary & Secondary Care training
- 3 Medical clearance to dive
- 4 Minimum 60 logged dives to attend IE (100 required for certification)

Outcome

Upon successful completion of the Instructor Examination, you will be certified as a **PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor**, allowing you to teach and certify divers worldwide.

What Happens Next

- 1 Your booking confirmation and course details are included with your confirmation email.
- 2 Pre-course preparation guidance will help you arrive ready and confident.
- 3 Guidance on travel, scheduling, and IE logistics will be provided.

Ready to take the final step in your professional diving career? We look forward to training with you.