

**University of Hawaii Diving Safety Program**  
**Appendix 1**  
**Application for University of Hawaii Scientific Diver Authorization**  
For University of Hawaii and RCUH Faculty, Staff and Students

**Section 1. Applicant Information**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

BOR Employee: \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty \_\_\_\_\_ APT Staff \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Non-BOR Employee: \_\_\_\_\_ RCUH \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary \_\_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Employee: \_\_\_\_\_ UH Student \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously been as qualified scientific diver under a standard which UH recognizes as equivalent to those specified in the UH Diving Safety Manual (AAUS, AS/NZ2299, etc...)?

**Yes / No** (circle one)

**If YES:**

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ AAUS Member? Yes / No

Diving Safety Officer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

DSO Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Include an official letter from that institution's Diving Officer verifying scientific diver training and qualification, with copies of supporting documentation.**

**Planned Activity Information:**

Describe Proposed Diving under UH auspices: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Initial depth range: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected activities (check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ biology/ecology \_\_\_\_\_ collecting \_\_\_\_\_ engineering \_\_\_\_\_ geology \_\_\_\_\_ oceanography

\_\_\_\_\_ aquaculture \_\_\_\_\_ archaeology \_\_\_\_\_ science edu. \_\_\_\_\_ Equip. placement/monitoring

\_\_\_\_\_ field school attendee (identify course, dates): \_\_\_\_\_

**UH Supervisor Information:**

Sponsoring UH Dept./Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dept. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dept. Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**UH Supervisor Certification:** I certify that this individual has a need to participate in scientific diving activity under University auspices for research or educational purposes, and agree to serve as a contact person and/or coordinator between him/her and the Diving Safety Program, should the need arise.

UH Supervisor Signature: X \_\_\_\_\_

# University of Hawaii Diving Safety Program

## UH SCIENTIFIC DIVER ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER AND RELEASE

For University of Hawaii and RCUH Faculty, Staff and Students  
(Read each paragraph and sign below)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, in consideration of the University of Hawai'i (UH) providing me with the opportunity to engage in scientific diving activities under UH auspices, I agree that:

- ◆ **I fully recognize and appreciate the dangers and hazards inherent in diving to which I may be exposed** during diving, including but not limited to arterial gas embolism, ear and/or sinus barotrauma, decompression sickness, drowning, near-drowning, and/or dysbaric osteonecrosis and other long-term effects, as yet poorly defined, and also during transportation to and from dive locations. I do hereby agree to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding my participation in diving or any independent research or educational activities undertaken as an adjunct thereto;
- ◆ **I understand that diving operations may be conducted at remote locations** at which a recompression chamber is not available, and from which evacuation to such a chamber may be delayed by many hours.
- ◆ **My participation in diving is voluntary**; that I have the right and responsibility to refrain from diving if I feel the activity or conditions are not safe, that my fitness is not adequate for the dive, or for any other reason of safety. I understand I will not be penalized in my employment or academic record for any such refusal.
- ◆ **My authorization to dive is a privilege granted upon compliance with UH requirements.** I will follow the rules and precautions for conducting diving operations that are part of the requirements for my authorization to dive under UH auspices, as set forth in the UH Diving Safety Manual, as well as those procedures explained to me by the UH Diving Officer or his/her agents, and I agree to strictly observe these rules. I understand that failure to comply may result in review, restriction, or revocation of my authorization to dive under University auspices by the UH Diving Control Board.
- ◆ **FURTHER, IF I AM PARTICIPATING IN DIVING ACTIVITIES THAT ARE NOT AN OFFICIAL ACT OF MY UH/RCUH EMPLOYMENT:**
  - **I do for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE** the University of Hawaii, its regents, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, and assigns from and against any and all claims, demands, and actions, or cause of action, on account of damage to personal property, or personal injury or death, which may result from my participation, and which result from causes beyond the control of, and with or without the fault or negligence of the University, its regents, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, and assigns during the period of my participation as aforesaid;
  - **I agree to INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS** the University of Hawaii, its regents, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, and assigns from and against any and all claims, demands, and actions for property damage or personal injury or death which may result from my participation and which result from causes beyond the control of, and with or without the fault or negligence of the University of Hawaii, its regents, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, or assigns, during the period of my participation.

**I affirm that I have read this form and fully understand that by signing this form I may be giving up legal rights and/or remedies regarding any losses I may sustain.** I agree that if any portion is held invalid, the remainder will continue in full force and effect. I agree that I have freely and voluntarily caused this release to be executed this date, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Diver Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian, if Diver is under age 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Diver Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name, Parent or Guardian)

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## UH SCIENTIFIC DIVER MEDICAL CONSENT AND INSURABILITY

For University of Hawaii and RCUH Faculty, Staff and Students

I, \_\_\_\_\_, consent to and authorize any first aid provider, medical professional and others working under their supervision to treat me for any injury or illness occurring during my University of Hawai'i (UH) -affiliated diving activities.

**(Initial one of the following):**

\_\_\_\_\_ **EMPLOYEE:** I am an employee of the University of Hawaii or other compensated affiliate or volunteer and I am authorized to conduct scientific diving as part of my official duties. **Through my employment, I am eligible for worker's compensation coverage** for job-related injury or illness incurred during my authorized diving activities under UH auspices. As evidence of this, **I attach the UH Verification of Employment for Scientific Divers.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **NON-EMPLOYEE:** I am a student, or other uncompensated adjunct/affiliate of the University of Hawaii, who is **not eligible for worker's compensation coverage.** In consideration of being allowed to engage in scientific diving under University auspices, I agree to RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND HOLD HARMLESS the University of Hawaii, its officers, agents, assigns, and employees from and against any liability arising from my participation or any claims or demands arising from or connected with such medical treatment or care. As evidence of insurability, **I attach a copy of my card for the following Divers' Alert Network (DAN) Diving Accident Insurance,** which covers the cost of emergency transport and medical care for diving related injuries or illness. I agree to be responsible for payment of any and all medical expenses, costs and other charges not covered.

DAN Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Coverage Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Minimum: DAN Standard Plan)

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS:**

1st Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any Allergies or Sensitivities that may affect you in the field, or during emergency treatment (antibiotics, bee stings, etc...), of which the Diving Supervisor should be aware:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

With reference to any activities that are not a part of any official duties as a UH employee, **I affirm that I have read this form and fully understand that by signing this form I may be giving up legal rights and/or remedies regarding any losses I may sustain.** , I agree that if any portion is held invalid, the remainder will continue in full force and effect. I agree that I have freely and voluntarily caused this release to be executed this date, \_\_\_\_\_,

(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Diver)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Parent or Guardian, if Diver is under age 18)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Print Diver Name)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Print Name, Parent or Guardian)

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**UH VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT FOR UH SCIENTIFIC DIVERS**  
**For University of Hawaii and RCUH Faculty, Staff and Students**

The \_\_\_\_\_ verifies that  
(UH Campus) (Department)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employee's Name Position Title

is employed in a manner by which he/she is authorized to participate in diving as part of his/her employment and is eligible under state law or other statutory authority for worker's compensation benefits in the event of accident or injury during the conduct of scientific diving activity.

**The Employee is hired as a:**

BOR Faculty     BOR Staff     RCUH Faculty     RCUH Staff     Temporary/Casual Hire  
 Student Employee     Official UH Volunteer     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I am authorized to execute this verification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department Chairperson or Personnel Officer (Date)

Department Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Dept. Phone Dept. Fax

INSTRUCTIONS: This completed form must be submitted with other pertinent applications, waivers and documentation of the divers training and authorization to:

David F. Pence, Diving Safety Officer, University of Hawaii, EHSO, 2040 East-West Rd. Honolulu, HI 97822  
Tel: (808) 956-9643 Fax (808) 956-6952 E-mail: dpence@hawaii.edu