



DIVING SAFETY PROGRAM ADVISORY

UH Scientific Diver Qualification Course Openings

TO: UH Scientific Divers and Interested Parties

FROM: David Pence, Diving Safety Officer (dpence@hawaii.edu)

RE: 2021 Summer and Fall SDQC and Vaccination Requirements

The UH Diving Safety Program will be offering the following Scientific Diver qualification Courses (SDQC) in the remainder of 2021:

HIMB Summer SDQC – Reserved for personnel affiliated with HIMB. Contact Unit Diving Coordinator Jason Jones for dates and availability: jasoncj@hawaii.edu .

UH-Hilo Summer SDQC – Reserved for UH-Hilo Faculty, Staff and Students. Contact Unit Diving Coordinator Clint Collins for dates and availability: clintac@hawaii.edu .

UH-Manoa Fall SDQC – Open to all Oahu UH personnel. Contact: uhdsp@hawaii.edu

Details applying to all SDQC:

1. Enrollment in all SDQC are expected to be competitive due to pandemic-limited training capacity in the past 18 months. All courses have specific enrollment limits due to logistics and capabilities of the sponsoring UH campus. Prioritization for enrollment will be based on the following parameters:
 - Academic Standing and Seniority (Faculty, Staff, PhD Students MS Students, Undergraduate Students by academic year), Volunteers;
 - Immediacy of need for diving to complete essential, defined research or educational objectives, as supported by documentation in the UH Scientific Diver Application.
 - Individuals within the above ranking categories will be prioritized based on the order in which they fully complete Diver-In-Training qualification;
 - Eligibility based on priority rankings will be closed two weeks prior to the start of each SDQC, after which any available spaces will be filled on a first-qualified/first accepted basis of any remaining DIT's.
2. In consideration of the uniquely close personal interactions required for diver training (particularly emergency response, rescue and accident management exercises) and for the safety of all SDQC participants, the UH Diving Control Board has deemed that **presentation of evidence of COVID vaccination completion by every participant at least two weeks prior to the start of the SDQC is required.** If and when available a copy of approved documentation may be attached to the UH Scientific Diver Application or later emailed to uhdsp@hawaii.edu, and will be included in the diver's dive record file.

Further questions may be directed to the Unit Diving Officer in charge of the SDQC. For the UH-Manoa Fall SDQC, Please direct questions to uhdsp@hawaii.edu .

Please forward to all interested UH parties.