



**BS Divers**

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## Frequently asked questions list 2020

### How to get here?

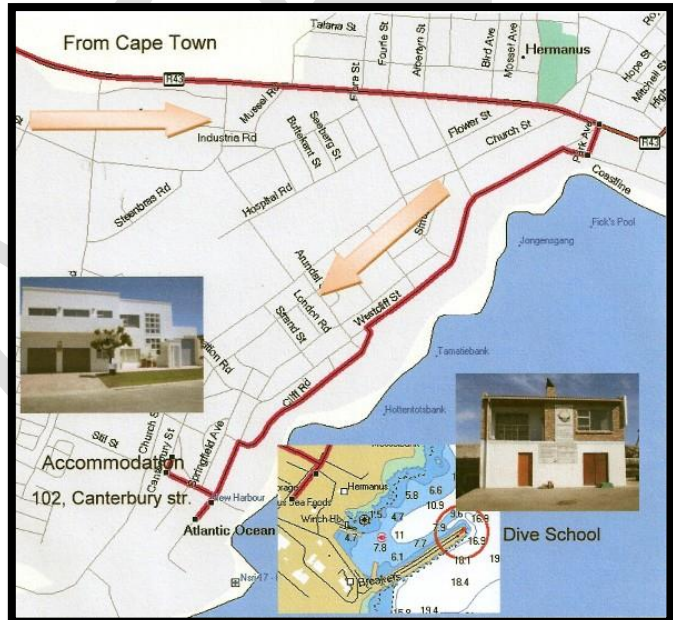
BS Divers is situated in the New Harbour, Hermanus. We are approximately 120 kilometres from Cape Town International Airport, +90 minutes drive. Prior arrangements can be made if students need transport from airport or bus stations. Our training facility overlooks the sea of Walker Bay and literary build 30 cm from the water's edge. Please look at the map as shown underneath.

### What to bring?

- Clothing - Especially something warm.
- Toiletries.
- Sunscreen, cap, etc.
- Swimming trunks and towels.
- Seasick tablets – Stugeron.
- Safety boots.
- Calculator.
- All the learning material we will provide.

You must also bring the following documentation, per course, in order to complete your DOL registration as speedily as possible:

- 1) 2 x recent certified photographs of yourself, A Commissioner of Oaths must sign this at your local police station.
- 2) 2 x copies of your passport or identity document. Commissioner of Oaths must sign this at your local police station.
- 3) 2 x copies of your Diving Medical Certificate signed by a registered "Diving Doctor" / DMO.



### ADDITIONAL DOL DOCUMENTS - FOR CLASS II APPLICATION – (You must bring your log book and Class III ticket and Personal Diving Gear)

- 5) 2 certified copy of your Class III (or equivalent) DOL ticket if you are applying for Class II.
- 6) 2 certified copy of the last page of your current log book (Please ensure you bring your current log book with you on course – (NO LOG BOOK – NO COURSE. All entries must be made, countersigned by your supervisor and have a clear and legible company stamp).



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**I can't find a diving medical officer?**

If there is no DMO nearby, it can be arranged that you do your check up at Hermanus on your first day of course. Remember that if you do not pass this medical, you cannot continue on the course as to be a commercial diver you need pass this every year to be able to dive, but we will reimburse you. The cost for this is +- R2,000.00 above the course fees, and can differ between DMO's.

**What courses do we provide?**

We provide Department of Labour approved Class IV and III – 30m Air Diving tickets as well as Class II – 50m Air Diving ticket. We also provide Class IV, III and II Inshore Supervisor courses, 3 to 4 weeks, if divers have attained the correct time periods, diving hours and needed dives to qualify. Please contact us for more details.

The Class IV – 30m SCUBA course is for four weeks, one-week theory plus first aid and three weeks, 11 hours and 40 minutes bottom time, practical training.

The Class III – 30m SSDE course is for four weeks, one-week theory and three weeks, 13 hours and 20 minutes bottom time, practical training.

The Class II – 50m SSDE Air Diver course is for four weeks, one-week theory and three weeks, 11 hours and 20 minutes bottom time plus 10 hours chamber training, practical training.

The costs are as follows: Class IV – R 20,000.00 Class III – R 30,000.00 Class II – R 40,00.00 Vat included.

Additional courses that can benefit the student on his career path are:

Compressor Operator course:	Duration - 1 week.	Cost - R5,000.00
Decompression Chamber Operator course:	Duration - 1 week.	Cost - R5,000.00

**Are these courses internationally recognised? Could I work overseas with them?**

We provide South African Department of Labour approved commercial diving courses. IMCA and the HSE of the U.K. does recognise Department of Labour approved Class II tickets and with this you can dive in most countries of the world. With the Class IV and III tickets, it is not IMCA approved, yet there has been students that has gone off to work overseas on civil and offshore projects in Africa, Gulf of Mexico and Dubai - to name a few.

TICKET EQUIVALENCY DOL(SA) vs HSE (UK) - (DOL = Department of Labour (South Africa), HSE Health and Safety Executive (United Kingdom), IDSA = International Diving Schools Association)

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| • South African Class IV - Commercial SCUBA               | = HSE Part 4 | = IDSA Level 1 |
| • South African Class III - Commercial Surface supply 30m | = HSE Part 3 | = IDSA Level 2 |
| • South African Class II - Commercial Surface Supply 50m  | = HSE Part 1 | = IDSA Level 3 |

**How do the job prospects look after training? How much can I potentially earn?**

It all depends on your attitude and 24 hr availability. Most of our students do get work and we assist them with a CV compilation and give details of diving firms that employ divers. Building up a career takes time where you first have to start from the bottom, diamond diving and inland civil to work, build up your CV with experience and diving hours, until you reach a level sufficient to be accepted on offshore jobs and this can take years. Companies do approach us with work offers and this we post to the divers. For companies around the world, go and look further at:- [www.longstreath.com](http://www.longstreath.com)



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In South Africa you can expect the following rates:

- As a Class IV diver you can earn R 4,500.00 per month as an Aquarium diver.
- As a Class III diver working "civils" and shipping etc you can earn between R 6,500.00 and R 18,00.00 a month.
- As a Class II diver in the Oil and Gas Industry you can earn between R 20,000.00 and R 70,000.00 a month.

### **What are the requirements to enrol on the course?**

Must be 18 years of age, be able to speak and write in English, be able to do simple math's, be able to swim, and be examined by a Diving Medical doctor Registered with the Department of Labour to obtain a Medical certificate stating that you are fit to dive.

### **Are there any additional costs?**

Your course fees include everything except airport transfers (+-R2,000.00), your medical examination (+- R2,000.00), your basic dive gear (+- R10,000.00), and accommodation (R4,000.00 per course). Basic dive gear can be rented at the school at R1,000.00 per course.

### **Where can I find accommodation?**

We do provide accommodation for the students on the course, and for the rest we can recommend places to suit their pockets. Our accommodation includes: A fully equipped kitchen, Outdoor & Indoor braai, shower/toilet, single bed bedrooms, DSTV, cleaning service once a week, secure parking. Please note that accommodation is excluding food. All accommodation is on a sharing basis with other students on course. The cost is R4,000.00 per course.

### **Where can I obtain the basic dive gear?**

The 7mm wetsuit can be bought in most dive shops but for a custom fit the best place is Coral Wetsuits, Cape Town. Please arrange this one week prior to course as this need to be made. The rest of the gear: mask, snorkel, gloves, booties, fins, knife, weight belt and lead can also be bought in any dive shop or at Hermanus.

### **How do I pay for the training?**

Please provide a R25,000.00 deposit beforehand to assure your place on the course and then pay the outstanding amount before commencement of the first day of the course. The deposit, accommodation and full payment is strictly non-refundable except in the case of a student not passing his medical. All exchange rates and bank fees are for the students account. A 2% interest will be added on any outstanding payments, with no certification will be issued until full payment has been received.

**If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us personally.**

**We believe that you have a choice where to be trained. At BS divers we offer professional training with modern industry equipment as to equip the student with the necessary skills to function effectively in a global industry.**



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