

If you have an Instructor award from another dive agency, the **SAA** have arrangements to cross such awards over to **SAA** Instructor certification – this is done by the SAA NDO who should be contacted via Head Office for advice. A cross over chart is reproduced here for guidance only. The NDO will assess each application individually and will cross over at the level considered appropriate at the time. It was decided by the Executive Committee that crossovers of Instructor grades will be limited to SAA Open Water Instructor as a maximum. This is to support Clubs and Regions by allowing crossovers at that level without need for any form of Instructor Development Course, whilst preventing crossover candidates from running courses at Regional level without the support of experienced SAA Regional Instructors.

SAA	BSAC	PADI	ScotSAC	CMAS
Club Instructor	Practical Instructor		Branch Instructor + Sport Diver	1*
Open Water Instructor	Open Water Instructor and above	Open Water Instructor and above	Branch Instructor + Master Diver and above	2*
Regional Instructor				3*
National Instructor				

All entry criteria must also be met for all crossovers – i.e. Age, Diver Grade, **SAA** Diver Rescue, and **SAA** Diver First Aid etc. as appropriate and as would be required of an **SAA** candidate as part of their eligibility to apply for the relevant **SAA** Instructor course.

For example:- a PADI MSDT applying for an Instructor cross over would be likely to be awarded **SAA** OWI provided the applicant was at least 18 years old, had crossed over their diver grade to at least **SAA** Dive Leader, and had crossed over any rescue qualification to **SAA** Diver Rescue prior to applying for the cross over.

Any applicant who omitted a relevant and required qualification would likely be crossed over at the highest available grade – e.g. PADI MSDT who had crossed their diver grade over to **SAA** Dive Leader but did not supply a **SAA** Diver Rescue qualification would be crossed over at **SAA** Club Instructor level. Once crossed over at a level then any progression would have to be by attending an **SAA** Instructor course rather than subsequently resubmitting the same qualifications with **SAA** Diver Rescue and expecting an “upgrade”.