



## TASMANIAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY RECOGNISED FORMAL LEARNING

THE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DIVING INSTRUCTORS (PADI, ASIA-PACIFIC) QUALIFICATION RECOGNISED BY THE TASMANIAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY:

Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) qualification	TQA level of Complexity <sup>1</sup>	Size Value <sup>2</sup>	Robustness category <sup>3</sup>
Open Water Diver	2	5	3

Period of Recognition: **2009 - 2013**

*Recognition by the Tasmanian Qualifications Authority means that a qualification issued by a formal learning provider may be listed on the Qualifications Certificate and contribute to the participation and achievement standard of the Tasmanian Certificate of Education.*

1 A measure of the complexity of a course.

The student is expected to carry out tasks and activities that involve a range of knowledge and skills, including some basic theoretical and/or technical knowledge and skills. Limited judgement is required, such as making an appropriate selection from a range of given rules, guidelines or procedures. TQA level 2 is an approximate match to Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE) level 3/4 courses and VET competencies at this level are often those characteristic of an AQF Certificate II.

2 The size of a course refers to the period of time the majority of student would take to complete the required learning. The TQA assigns a size value to TQA accredited courses, TQA recognised courses, and VET certificates and units of competency. One size rating is assigned per 10 hours of design time. Successful completion of a course gains credit points equal to the size value of the course. Credit points are only allocated if a student achieves at least the required standard in a course. Credit points contribute to the participation and achievement standard of the Tasmanian Certificate of Education.

3 The TQA assigns a robustness rating to TQA accredited courses, TQA recognised courses, and VET certificates and units of competency. A five level system is used to reflect the degree of reliability and validity of results issued in a course. Robustness level 1 is the lowest, level 5 the highest. Courses must have a robustness level of 2 or higher in order to contribute to a student's participation and achievement standard of the Tasmanian Certificate of Education.