

## Physicians Level 1 Medical examiner of divers

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### Course Summary

This course is aimed at any doctor with an interest in diving medicine in the UK or abroad, as well as being one of the required qualifications for becoming a HSE Approved Medical Examiner of Divers (AMED).

### Core Activities

This DMAC Level 1 course provides training to enable doctors to perform the periodic "Fitness to dive assessments" of working and recreational /sports divers and hyperbaric chamber workers. Following successful completion of this course a doctor working in the UK may contact HSE and apply to become an HSE Approved Medical Examiner of Divers (AMED).

### Core Modules: Medical examination of divers

- Diving physics and physiology
- Safety in hyperbaric chambers
- Chamber and diving equipment
- Decompression illness (DCI)
- Fitness to dive regulations and standards (recreational and commercial) for divers and tunnellers
- Fitness to dive discussion and case histories
- Fitness to dive practical assessments and techniques including skills stations
- Fitness to dive after DCI
- Medications under pressure
- Practical training under pressure (pool/chamber)
- Funding, resources and support societies
- Clinical governance and risk assessment
- Management responsibilities

### Course structure

Students who complete the RCSEd (Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh) Online Diving Medicine module prior to attending can complete the course in

2 days. The RCSEd module (100 hours) maximises understanding of diving medicine, and the relationship to fitness to dive.

On completion of the Level 1 course, doctors will be qualified to undertake the Level 2D "Medical management of diving accidents and illnesses" course.

The Level 1 qualification can also be delivered as a 5 day face-to-face course without completing the RCSEd online module.

### Accreditations offered

- DMAC
- EDTCmed
- FoM CPD 13.5 points (2 day course)



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