

Medicals for Scientific Diving



Required medical

Current Occupational Diving Medical to Australian/New Zealand Standard 2299. The recreational dive medical to AS/NZS 4005.1 is NOT acceptable.

Medical practitioner's training

The AS/NZS 2299 medical certificate **MUST** be issued by a doctor who has satisfactorily completed training in diving medicine approved by the Board of Censors of the South Pacific Underwater Medicine Society (SPUMS).

This training comprises only the following courses:

- Royal Adelaide Hospital Basic Course in Diving Medicine or the Advanced Course in Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine.
- Royal Australian Navy Submarine and Underwater Medicine Unit Basic Course, Advanced Course or Medical Officer's Course.
- Diving Medical Centre Medical Examiner Course.
- Fremantle Hospital Medical Assessment of Divers Course.
- Royal New Zealand Navy Basic Course.
- Christchurch Hospital Basic Course.
- Institute of Naval Medicine (UK) Medical Examiner Course.
- United States Navy Diving Medical Officer Course.

Other important information

- LIRS recommends that the AS/NZS 2299 dive medical is obtained in Australia or New Zealand.
- You will not be allowed to dive at LIRS unless your medical is to AS/NZS 2299 and is issued by a doctor who can be verified as having completed training in diving medicine approved by SPUMS.
- Your AS/NZS 2299 dive medical must be current, i.e. it must be less than one year old at the time of your departure.
- A chest x-ray taken within the past five years is *generally* required for this medical. (*Interestingly, some doctors require the medical while others don't!*) If you've had a chest x-ray within the past five years then bring the radiologist's report to the medical centre. (You do not need to bring the chest x-rays, just the report.) If you haven't had a chest x-ray within the past five years then the diving medical doctor may refer you to a place in Cairns for one. You will need to visit the x-ray centre after your consultation with the doctor.

Suggested Diving Medical Centres in Cairns

McLeod Street Medical Centre

67 McLeod St, Cairns

Phone: + 61 7 4052 1583

Email: admin@mcleodstmed.com.au

Ask for Dr Catherine Meehan

The 24 Hour Medical Centre

Cnr Florence & Grafton Streets, Cairns

Phone: + 61 7 4052 1119

Email: 24hour@rightroundtheworld.com

Ask for any doctor qualified for AS2299 dive medicals

Note: Appointments are generally not taken more than one month ahead.