

The Law Is the Law

It is now mandatory for all and Underwater Guides, Tourism Service Providers, such as Dive Operators, Dive Resorts and Dive Charter Boat Operators, to register

Register initially with your local Tourism board in order to Register with your Provincial Tourism Board

In addition to the registration being mandatory with Tourism KZN, there are a multitude of marketing benefits being offered to all registered members, such as:

- ❑ Free listings in marketing collateral developed by Tourism KZN aimed at national and international consumers.
- ❑ A web page hosted and generated by Tourism KZN.
- ❑ Access to the Zulu Kingdom brand to assist in the promotion of the individual business.

KZN Registrar

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Compliance.

1. The Department of Arts Culture and Tourism (DACT) has taken on the task of ensuring compliance, whereby every service provider, (Dive Resort, Dive Charter Boat Operator), that caters for local or overseas clients, will be checked for compliance. Non compliance is a criminal act with a fine of R10000. Any service provider or guide not registered and is reported to the TKZN Registrar, will be investigated by DACT.
2. The Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAC) has taken on the task of ensuring compliance, whereby every Guide that caters for local or overseas clients, will be checked for compliance. Non compliance is a criminal act with a fine of R2500. Any non registered guide with their Provincial Tourism Board and is reported, its up to the Provincial Registrar to investigate whose controlling body is DEAT.
3. REGISTRATION: *Documents required for REGISTRATION of Charter Boat Company and or Diving resort and or accommodation:*
 - ❑ *Proof of Company registration.*
 - ❑ *Tax Clearance Certificate.*
 - ❑ *Proof of Indemnity Insurance.*
 - ❑ *Proof of Membership with your local Tourism Council.*
 - ❑ *Photograph of Self or your establishment.*
 - ❑ *Registration fee R150, 00 for each facet. I.e. a) Charter Boat operation, b) Dive resort, c) Accommodation.*
 - ❑ *Proof of Accommodation Grading.*
 - ❑ *Proof of Sea worthy Certificate, for each dive boat.*

- *Sign a Tourism Code of Conduct.*
- 4. **STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:** Since 2007, SAQA have set the Statutory minimum for Underwater Guiding to be set at level 4 Adventure Site Guide. This comprises of 3 SAQA numbered unit standards as set by SAQA.
 - **8531 - Conduct a Guided Experience for Customers.**
 - **8532 - Design a Guided Experience for customers.**
 - **8533 - Interpret Guiding for Tourists.**

 - **The minimum entry level to be an Underwater Guide is Divemaster.**
 - **UNIT STANDARD Generic: 12126 – SAQA # for the Generics for Underwater Marine and shark Diving Guides.**

Registration

All qualified Underwater Guides, as Underwater Marine and Shark diving, will be required to submit verified copies of the following, in order to be registered with their Provincial Registrar.

1. An in date Divemasters certificate.
2. The Moderated result of your Assessment as and underwater marine and shark diving guide.
3. Certified copy I/D or SA Residency
4. Proof of indemnity Insurance
5. In date first aid certificate.
6. Signed Tourist guide C of C.
7. Signed Whale shark C of C.
8. Signed diving responsibly with sharks C of C.)
9. Signed Charter Boat C of C.
10. Registration Fee R240.

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